

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, October 6,

20 25

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gary DeHart led prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. Carr excused, all others present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on September 15th were presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Davies seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Public Comment

Wayne Street sidewalks:

- Jeffrey/Abbie Getz – 726 Homestead Point Dr.
- Vicki Dreher – 720 Homestead Pointe Dr.
- Doug Brown – 711 Homestead Pointe Dr.
- Terry Tucker – 741 Homestead Pointe Dr (corner of Wayne and Homestead)
- Bob Mitchell – 730 Lehman St, over the 3 minutes. Shanklin moved/Lax seconds to extend time by 3 minutes. Approved.

Public comments were requesting the city mandate sidewalks on a portion of Wayne Street between Homestead Pointe and Oak Street; speeding on Wayne Street; residents have signed the petition and are willing to be taxed over time to pay for the sidewalks; speeding on Wayne with the west side in city limits and the east side is not.

President Vance asked for the city's position. Council member Carr is the chair of the Planning Committee and is excused from tonight's meeting. At the meeting, it had been tabled with requesting citizen feedback until November 1st.

Committee Reports - None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Council and staff will discuss possible next steps in the Wayne Street sidewalk issue. Mayor, Director Brediger and others attended an AMP conference in Columbus regarding public power. A Public Power Week proclamation was read.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Compost Center's final Wednesday of the season is October 29th. Will be open on Saturdays through November 22nd. Chief Bishop is flying to Wisconsin for the final inspection on the new rescue truck. The trail project is going well. Waterline was installed at the Depot Park project with base repair this week. Trick or Treat is Friday, October 31st 6-8 pm.

Utility Director Brediger: This is our 108th year of Public Power Week.

Finance Director Strimlan: Memo was previously sent out regarding income tax revenue which looks strong to finish the year. Withholding remains steady. Our net profit collection has increased. Everything is trending in a positive direction. We will have some upcoming meetings regarding the income tax rate after we have staffing considerations for the fire department and firm estimates for the larger upcoming projects in the coming years.

Council President Vance: Regarding feral cats, would like to form a coalition with groups and individuals working in this area making it a city sponsored group. Steve Wheeler mentioned he and the mayor will be meeting with the Wayne County Humane Society soon. There is the TNR (trap neuter release) program which is the recommended route. They discourage feeding and homing them as that encourages them to stay in the area.

Old Business

Administrative Order 1-25, Squirrel moved that it be placed on second reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Administrative Order 1-25**; An Administrative Order authorizing the Public Utilities Board of Orrville, Ohio to increase wastewater rates as follows: By Seven and one-half percent (7.5%) beginning January 1, 2026, with additional annual increases of Seven and one-half percent (7.5%) to take effect on January 1 of each year through January 1, 2030. Beginning

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January 1, 2031, wastewater rates shall increase annually by Two and one-half percent (2.5%) thereafter to provide for ongoing operations and maintenance needs and to establish base funding for future capital improvements of the Orrville Wastewater Plant

Discussion: Handout was given out. Wastewater utility was established in 1907. This is the second plant which was built in 1951. It has had two upgrades, the last in 1989. We treat about 680 million gallons of waste a year, 2 million gallons a day and there are 42 miles of collecting system. Three remote lift stations. About 3500 customers with 11 employees. About \$3.5 million operation a year. This 5-year plan averages out to be about \$2.74 a month or about 9 cents a day increase. The increase will provide just over \$5 million in additional revenues to cover \$6.7 million in capital projects. Referring to the handout from here. This rate plan includes going out to borrow money to address the bigger capital project of the multiple screw pumps. We are waiting on the State to hear about the financing through grants. We should hear from the County this month. Rate options were then discussed. The 2003 State wastewater rate report shows the average sewer bill, we are below the State average. In another chart we are in the middle. In another we are in the middle as well. Calculations were made by entering data and making sure they fall within the threshold taking into account the timeframe for the various projects to be sure the funding was available when needed.

Good of the Order

Davies: Complimented the progress of chip and seal of his street and how fast it was completed.
Mayor: Orrville Farmer's Market continues Saturdays 1-3 for three more weekends at the Depot.
Vance: Requested update on the bike trail opening. No official date but it should be completed in November. OrrVilla has moved a large amount of dirt with their project. Justin Haislip is moving his office downtown. Pavilion Insurance is moving their office. The Depot Park project is going on. The bike shop and the hotel going in. A significant phase of development in the downtown.

Davies moved to adjourn. Squirrell seconds. Ayes all; motion carried.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Jeanne Gault
Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

October 20, 2025
Date

Paul Vance
Paul Vance, President of Council