

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, October 20,

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Council President Vance called the council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Newton Brenneman led prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. All present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on October 6 were presented for approval. Shanklin motioned to approve those minutes; Lax seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Public Comment - None

Committee Reports - None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Employee of the Month is Marcine Seigley from the Utility Department. HR hosted the annual City employee appreciation luncheon to thank them for their hard work. Employees completed fire safety training. Trick or Treat has been changed to November 1st due to the Orrville football team likelihood of being in the playoffs Friday night.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Chief Bishop and Lt. Hostetler were in Wisconsin for final inspection on the fire rescue truck. We expect arrival in the next few weeks. Leaf pick up schedule has been released beginning November 3rd – 14th on the south end. The 17th-26th on the north end. Final citywide pass will be December 1-12. If areas are completed sooner, we will move on to the next section. Projects are moving along smoothly.

Utility Director Brediger: Word was received that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is going to receive the OPWC grant this year. This is for the screw pump project. This was included in the wastewater rate structure scenario.

Finance Director Strimlan: August and September Fund Balance reports had been previously distributed. Motion requested to approve those subject to audit. Lax moved. Carr seconds. All ayes. Motion approved.

Old Business

Administrative Order 1-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on third 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 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: A higher front-end scenario has been requested by council, 5 years at 10% followed by 1 ½% perpetual. The results were not any more favorable than what is presented in this legislation. This can go two more readings if council does not move it forward. Rates will go into effect January 2026.

New Business

Resolution 38-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Lax seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 38-25**; A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into a contract and/or contract(s), without bidding for the design, project management, and purchase of materials related to the removal and installation of new water mains and fire hydrants on Wabash and East Chestnut Streets and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: Previous memo was sent out on the various sections. Old water lines, Chestnut's cast iron line is over 100 years old with more leaks happening. Over 2500 ft of line replaced between the two projects and affecting about 50 customers. Bids will go out November/December. Work to begin March and complete by fall of 2026. The current lines

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are undersized and will be increased. Original lines were cast iron; new lines will be ductile iron.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Shanklin seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 38-25** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Davies: Thanked the wastewater department on their speedy response to a situation and checking manholes.

Squirrell: Reminder to residents of free meal options in Orrville on Monday evening at Orrville Mennonite and on Thursday evenings over here are Friendship Meals (Christ United Church of Christ). Take advantage of a warm meal and fellowship.

Shanklin: Announced his resignation effective November 3rd at the conclusion of that council meeting.

Vance: Thanked Kyle for his service.

Handwerk: The 5th annual Fall Fest is next 6-8 pm Monday the 27th. We are partnering with the Boys and Girls Club. All proceeds from the car show registration will go to the Boys and Girls Club. The high school will also be holding their Haunted Halls at the same time.

Mayor: The final Orrville Farmer's Market of the season will be this Saturday the 25th 1-3 pm. And today we received a tribute certificate from the House of Representatives through Meridith Craig's office commending the City, Council, and the Creating Healthy Habits Communities team for promoting healthy living and community pride with a grant for placement at Orr Park of play structures and additions near the Dog Park and the Farmer's Market. Addressed Councilman Shanklin appreciating his service and representing the city, wishing him well.

Vance: We will announce an appointment process to replace him.

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

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, November 3, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

November 3, 2025
Date



Paul Vance, President of Council