

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, November 3,

20 25

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

Roll call. Davies excused; all others present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on October 20 were presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Carr seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Public Comment - None

Committee Reports

Ordinance & Personnel – Squirrell: No committee meeting. Council has two vacancies to fill; one in Ward 2 and one At-large. The deadline to apply is November 12th and interviews begin on November 13th.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: New Officer Jorian Lehman was sworn in last Monday. Community spirit was shown in the high school parade, bonfire and trip to the playoffs. Trunk or Treat event last Monday and Trick or Treat on Saturday.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Compost center is now closed on Wednesday and is open only on Saturday from 8-noon through November 22nd. Leaf pick up has begun. The new fire heavy rescue truck arrives this week. Heavy rescue 63 is on contract for sale. Depot Park soil stabilization took place. Once the concrete cures they will work on curbs and asphalt. Rails to Trails had some soil issues and the project should be completed this month.

Utility Director Brediger: The Utility Board voted to freeze 3rd quarter electric power cost adjustment factor and anticipate they will be frozen through the end of this year. We have had the same electricity rate since 2017. The question arose of lead in our water. It isn't in our system but can be found in a handful of old homes. We do test them periodically.

Vance: The cat population issue in Orrville was addressed during a meeting with the Humane Society. Essentially the responsibility for controlling the cat population lies with the property owner. The trap neuter release program can help. The City contracts with the Humane Society so if there are kittens, keep with the mama then take to the TNR program or the Humane Society. The city may participate in a TNR this spring. It is being looked into. This is a nationwide issue. Do not feed the cat or it becomes your pet.

Gault: Liquor license transfer request at 1422 W High Street from Par Mar Oil Company to 148 Broadway LLC, located on Pearl Road in Cleveland. No hearing was requested.

Old Business

Administrative Order 1-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on fourth reading. Lax 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: None

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New Business

Resolution 39-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Shanklin seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 39-25**; A Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to enter into any agreements with the State of Ohio (the "State"), through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management ("OBM"), necessary to participate in the Ohio Ambulance Impacted Industry Transportation Program and to ratify any prior action or agreements entered into herein and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: in 2023 the State received ARPA funds under the Ohio Ambulance Transportation grant funding to pay EMS personnel during COVID. In 2024 they released additional ARPA funds which we utilized. During a routine audit they notified us these were two separate grants requiring retroactive legislation authorizing us to receive those grant funds. The money was spent. The title of the grant was changed requiring the new legislation. It also included money for health insurance.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 39-25** be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Squirrell: Thanked Service Superintendent Ryan Immal for a quick response to a resident's concern.

Lax: Commended Handwerk for the Trunk or Treat event. Numbers in attendance were around 1200.

Mayor: Election Day tomorrow. And thanked Shanklin for his dedicated service to City Council.

Shanklin: Thanked everyone for working together and teaching him along the way.

Vance: Thanked him for his good attitude and spirit of service to the community and wished him the best and thanked him for his time and service.

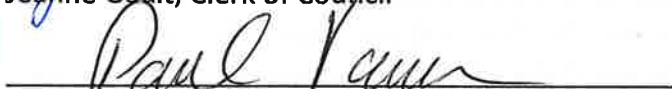
Shanklin moved to adjourn. Carr seconds. Ayes all; motion carried.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.



Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

November 17, 2025
Date



Paul Vance, President of Council