

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, November 17

20 25

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Pastor Dan Hostetler introduced Living Water's Pastor Rick Laine who led prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. Lax excused; all others present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on November 3 were presented for approval. Davies motioned to approve those minutes; Squirrell seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Squirrell motioned to amend to agenda to discuss appointing a replacement for Kyle Shanklin. Carr seconds. All ayes.

Squirrell motioned to approve the appointment of Megan Morgan Mace to Kyle Shanklin's At-Large seat on city council for the remainder of his term ending December 31, 2027. Davies seconds.

Aspiras motioned to abstain from voting due to his absence during the interviews. Handwerk seconds. All ayes.

Voting continued for the appointment. Aspiras abstains, all remaining ayes. Motion passes. Law Director Kirkbride swore in Morgan Mace. Council Member Mace took her seat among council.

#### Committee Reports

Ordinance & Personnel – Squirrell: Committee met to discuss council appointments for the At-Large and for Ward 2.

#### Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Employee of the month is Rick Lockhart from the Utility Department. He joined seven months ago. His son Brandon also serves the City as Water Plant Operator 3. Welcomed Morgan Mace on her appointment to council filling the at-large seat formerly held by Kyle Shanklin for the remainder of his term through December 31, 2027.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Leaf pick up continues. South and North were swept as not many leaves had fallen. Cold weather has arrived which should help them fall. Engine 63, the old, was sold to a department in West Virginia and has left Orrville. New 63 is being equipped and should be ready for service in the next couple of days. Congressman Miller contacted the Mayor to announce we received our \$750,000 Fire Department grant. We expect the funding in 2026/2027.

Vance mentioned that amount of \$750,000 some years has been the entire budget for capital projects. This is significant. Thanked Congressman Miller.

Utility Director Brediger: Utility two scholarship opportunities applications are available at the guidance office of Orrville High School. They are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Director Strimlan: 2026 Temporary Appropriations legislation will be discussed tonight. Requested a motion to approve the October 31st Fund Balance subject to audit. Carr moved. Davies seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.

Vance: Mrs. Mace will chair the Transportation committee through the end of the year. The first of the year, there will be committee reorganization.

Clerk Gault: Presented a request for a new D-5 liquor permit for VFW Post 3446 Col Elmore F Taggart at 430 W Market Street. This would allow for spirituous liquor for on premises consumption, beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original

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sealed containers, until 2:30am. There was no request for a hearing. This will be sent back to the Department of Commerce with no request for a hearing.

#### Old Business

**Administrative Order 1-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on fifth reading. Handwerk 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: Over the five-year period it equates out to about \$2.74/month. The funds will support about \$6.7 million worth of capital improvements at the facility. The \$6.7 million includes a combination of \$1.7 million coming from loans or grants. Of the \$1.7 million, .5 million has been received.

Squirrell moved **Administrative Order 1-25** be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

#### New Business

**Resolution 40-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 40-25**; A Resolution extending the moratorium established by Resolution 44-24 on the issuance and processing of permits allowing retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of adult use marijuana/cannabis for an additional period until December 31, 2026; and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Our third moratorium. The State has not given any additional clarification. This moratorium will give council time to make decisions on how to proceed legislation wise, whether to allow within city limits or not. Health and Safety will set a meeting in the spring.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 40-25** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Resolution 41-25**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 41-25**; A Resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Orrville, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: Under Ohio law municipalities can spend funds the first three months of the year before passing a full 2026 appropriations budget. The temporary appropriations are identical to the budget that council approved on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Total appropriations are \$76 million. \$10 million allocated for the general fund. \$9 million for the remaining tax supported funds. And \$57 million for the utilities.

#### Good of the Order

Mayor: Grateful for the generosity of city employees who contributed \$12,768 to the 2026 United Way campaign. Their willingness to give back truly reflects the caring spirit that makes Orrville such a strong community.

Squirrell motioned to adjourn into executive session to discuss the sale of property. Seconded by Davies. All ayes; motion carried.

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

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

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Jeanne Gault  
Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

December 1, 2025  
Date

Paul Vance  
Paul Vance, President of Council