

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Monday, December 15, 20 25

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Radiant Life Church Pastor Anthony Johnson from the Orrville Ministry Network led prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. All present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on December 1 were presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Carr seconds; all ayes; motion passes.

Committee Reports None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: December Employee of the Month is Jay Bucher from the Water Department. Congratulations to Russell Miller in recognition of his 15 years of service on the Public Utility Board. Shop with a First Responder took place Saturday with 20 local children.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Leaf pick up continues this week working on the south side for the final pass through. Congressman Max Miller helped secure appropriations for the Fire Department renovations. That money funnels through the USDA program. We will need to submit a permit application to them which is in progress. Our 2025 Officers of the Year are Dan Sottosanti and Mike Smucker for outstanding service and dedication to the community. A reminder the city ordinance requires every resident and business to keep their sidewalks clear including and especially after a snow event. Please keep the sidewalks clear for kids heading to school.

Utility Director Brediger: The power plant was in service this week to do peak shaving. This is the last week for high school seniors to submit applications to their guidance counselor for the scholarships.

Vance: There will be some committee assignment adjustments coming in a week or two.

Old Business

Resolution 41-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on third 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: Final reading for Temporary Appropriations which allows us to spend money the first three months of the year. Total appropriations are \$76 million: \$10 million for the general fund, \$9 million for the remaining tax supported funds, and \$57 million for the utilities.

Squirrell moved that **Resolution 41-25** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 43-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on second reading. Lax seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 43-25**; 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, 2025 and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: Changes were reviewed at the last meeting. Requested passage this evening. Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 43-25** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Resolution 44-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on second reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 44-25**; A Resolution authorizing the Public Utilities Board of

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Control to enter into contracts, without bidding, each for a one-year period, for various services and supplies required by the Department of Public Utilities, Orrville, Ohio, for year 2026.

Discussion: Routine purchases for goods and purchases the utility makes throughout the year. Same list as in the past several years.

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 44-25** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

New Business

Ordinance F-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Mace seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Ordinance F-25**; An Ordinance amending Section 155.02 of Chapter 155 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio relating to publication requirements and bidding procedures.

Discussion: Ohio law changed negating the need to do publication by newspaper in the Ohio Revised Code. This allows for electronic publication saving us time, money, and efficiency. Requested passage this evening.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Ordinance F-25** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Ordinance G-25, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Ordinance G-25**; An Ordinance amending Section 151.14 of Chapter 151 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, relating to Deferred Compensation to include Roth 457 plans.

Discussion: Employees are offered a variety of options for Deferred Compensation. A Roth 457 is a government employee plan. This is after tax savings. It does not cost the city any money, but we need legislation to approve our offering it to our employees. Voluntary. Payroll deductions. The city does not contribute to these. Fully funded by employees.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Ordinance G-25** be adopted as read. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Mayor: Wished everyone a happy holiday season and happy, healthy New Year. Thanked council, administration, staff and residents for all they do for our community.

Carr motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of purchasing property. Squirrell seconds 7:56pm.

Lax motioned to adjourn Executive Session. Carr seconds. 8:44pm.

Lax motioned to adjourn. Davies seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2026. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Jeanne Gault
Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance
Paul Vance, President of Council