

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, January 5,

20 26

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The elected council members were sworn in. They are Beverly Squirrell, Rees Davies, and Rick Aspiras Jr.

Orrville Trinity United Methodist Church Pastor Kristen Buchs from the Orrville Ministry Network led prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. All present.

Motion by Squirrell and seconded by Davies to appoint Jason Lax to the vacant Ward 2 seat. All ayes. Motion passes. Lax was sworn in.

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

Committee Reports

Ordinance and Personnel – Squirrell: Committee met this evening to discuss the naming rights policy.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Announced appointments to the boards and commissions. Board of Zoning Appeals Lauri Besancon and Dale Goff. Utility Board Nathan Amstutz. Civic Service Carol Pleuss. Design Review Board Darin Johnson and Todd Wallace. Shade Tree Gene Pouly. Income Tax Review Steve Knox and Chris Conway. Nuisance Abatement Latia Erb, John Lorson, Ron Dessecker, and Doug McGuire. Depot Park and the Heartland Trail projects to be completed this year. And we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country this year.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: The fire department responded to a record number of calls in 2025 finishing out at 1,337; 120 more than 2024. The police department ended the year at 232 criminal reports; 10 more than 2024 but 54 less than 2023.

Utility Director Brediger: Fire over the weekend at the power plant tool crib. A lithium battery on a bench caught fire. Smoke damage and several thousand dollars of specialty measuring and alignment tools from the heat damage. We appreciate the fire department's quick response. Reintroduced Dave Fillippi, Assistant Utility Director, who will be attending the meetings as Brediger prepares to retire in July.

Finance Director Strimlan: The State Auditor released and approved the 2024 audit and the ACFR which will be posted on the city website.

Council President Vance: New council committee assignments have been posted.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Jeanne Gault
Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

February 2 2026
Date

Paul Vance
Paul Vance, President of Council