

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, February 2,

20 26

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

Prayer and Pledge. Roll call. All present.

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

Committee Reports None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Remembering Bruce Lab and the important work he did for our city. Flags were lowered to half-staff. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Lab family. He was more than a city employee; he was part of our family. He started working at the power plant at the age of 18. He was a husband, father, son and friend.

Utility Director Brediger: Keep Bruce's family in your prayers in the days, weeks and months to come. The plant has been up and running for the past two weeks, weather related. Expect to see higher electric bills, we've had the same rate since 2017, if your bill is higher, it's because you are using more. Space heaters are inefficient as compared to conventional heating. Last January we burned about the same amount of gas and paid a couple of hundred thousand dollars for that gas. For this year we expect it to be closer to \$1.3 million what is about what was budgeted for all of 2026. Gas markets are high. Normally \$3/mcf. Seeing prices over \$60/mcf. Rate adjustments are not needed at this time. The peak set today by the transmission system will probably result in a saving to customers in excess of \$6 million.

New Business

Placed on first reading by Squirrell. Second by Davies. Approved.

Res. 3-26; A Resolution to approve the adoption of a Cybersecurity Program Policy for the City of Orrville, Ohio in accordance with Ohio House Bill 96 and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: HB96 went into effect in September. We are required to have a cyber security policy. The required training is not available. We would come to council if there were to be any ransomware requirements before we could engage in anything like that. This sets forth a very basic policy and may evolve over time due to requirements and best practices. We currently have programs and unofficial policies in place. The State requires a policy in order to help us out if we should need it. Requested approval tonight.

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 3-26** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

Safety-Service 2025 Annual Report – Director Wheeler

Reviewed the zoning certificates issued. Property maintenance program issues 70 properties in violations, 69 were corrected and closed. Trash/Recycling and landfill 2025 summary, 6.7 million pounds of refuse were collected and recycled 954,000 pounds for a 14.1% recycling rate, slightly below 2024. Orr Pool, park and cemetery expenditures and revenues were shown. Record pool attendance with an average attendance of 285. Other topics include tax abatements, grants, performing arts, and road projects. Full report can be seen on the webpage at www.orrville.com/departments/safety-service-dept scroll down and click on SSD Annual Report.

Good of the Order

Carr: Thanked the City for keeping streets cleared and power plant for keeping the power on (during recent snow event).

Handwerk: Thanked employees at the Orrville Veterinary Clinic regarding organizing a trap, neuter release program. A proposal is coming.

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Mayor: Thanked Mr. Wheeler for his annual report which shows positive trends. These annual reports provide helpful insight for residents.

Lax motioned to adjourn. Carr seconds. Approved

Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 16 at 7:30 pm with the annual report from Police Chief Seiler.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Feb. 16, 2026
Date



Paul Vance, President of Council