

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Monday, April 6, 20 26

Council President Pro Tem Aspiras called the council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Orrville Ministry Network's Rev. Scott Schieber led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Council President Vance entered 7:33 pm and excused Aspiras back to the Council.

Roll call; all present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> was presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Mace seconds; approved.

#### Public Comment

Jeremiah Baumen spoke with regards to allowing chickens within city limits.

#### Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: The City TNR efforts are underway to reduce stray cat population, has a trap neuter return event scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff visited local fire stations to gain ideas for our fire station projects for station two which will become station one.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Compost center is open. Every 5-7 years the city receives an ISO rating from the Insurance Services Office based on our fire department, water supply, communications with WARCOG and is used to determine commercial and well as residential insurance premiums. We are rated a 3; just 2.5 points from a 2.

Finance Director Strimlan: The January and February 2026 Fund Balance reports were distributed in the council packet. Request for approval subject to audit. Carr motioned. Second by Lax. All ayes vote. Motion passes.

President Vance: Heard rumor the property the city is purchasing is for a data center.

Wheeler: Is not in favor of a data center. Feet on the ground is what we are looking for. We plan to maximize that property to bring in industry.

Mayor: Data centers are hot topics right now. We would like the State and Federal guidelines to give us the right to choose to have a data center in our city. It would use a lot of power and water and the treatment of that water. Senator Moreno said they are making stricter rules for data centers and that they are going to need their own power source.

Brediger: We would like to control what goes into the development. We get a couple calls a year for data center developers to see what we have and can provide. The state has put a moratorium on them. Industrial customers will be a good utility addition for us and not put constraints on our utilities.

#### Old Business

**ORDINANCE A-26** Placed on third reading by Squirrell. Second by Davies. Approved by vote. Ordinance A-26. An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map created by Chapter 1101 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to reclassify a parcel of land located on the east side of Ella Street known as the north part of PP #59-01640.000, consisting of a frontage of 25 feet and depth of 153 feet in the City of Orrville, Ohio, from R-4 (Residential) to C-3 (Commercial).

Discussion: A public hearing was held previously. This is a request from Dravenstott's (landowners) to clean up their property parcels that are zoned residential requesting a change to be zoned commercial.

Squirrell moved that **Ordinance A-26** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Approved by vote.

**ORDINANCE B-26** Placed on third reading by Squirrell. Second by Carr. Approved by vote.

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**Ordinance B-26.** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map created by Chapter 1101 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to reclassify parcels of land located on the west side of Sterling Avenue known as Lots No. 965 (PP #59-01254.000), 966 (PP #59-01264.000) and 2377 (PP #59-01258.000), with an approximate total frontage of 164 feet and a depth of 151 feet in the City of Orrville, Ohio, from R-4 (Residential) to C-3 (Commercial).

Discussion: This is the second part of the rezoning request. The house was demolished and is zoned residential. This request is to change the zoning to commercial.

Squirrell moved that **Ordinance B-26** be adopted as read. Mace seconded. Approved by vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-26.** Placed on third reading by Squirrell. Second by Davies. Approved by vote. Resolution 5-26. A Resolution establishing policies for Wayne Street sidewalk installation for the City of Orrville, Ohio.

Discussion: Sames policies we used on previous sidewalk projects including the Phase IV sidewalks. Once approved by council, letters will be sent to residents that they have three years to install the sidewalks.

Squirrell moved that **Resolution 5-26** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Approved by vote.

**RESOLUTION 6-26.** Placed on third reading by Squirrell. Second by Davies. Approved by vote. Resolution 6-26. A Resolution declaring the necessity of constructing sidewalks on certain properties along the west side of Wayne St. from Homestead Pointe Drive to Oak St. in the City of Orrville, Ohio.

Discussion: This is the resolution of necessity as required by Ohio Revised Code. This approves the letters to be sent letting them know when the time begins with constructing the sidewalks.

Squirrell moved that **Resolution 6-26** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Approved by vote.

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION 9-26,** Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Lax seconds. Approved by vote. Resolution 9-26, A Resolution to approve the form and authorize the execution of Bright Mountain Solar schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. and taking of other actions in connection therewith, and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: A memo was sent to council, including a presentation regarding 9-26 and 10-26 purchase power agreements. This will add to our generation assets. This Bright Solor mountain purchase power agreement is a new solar project to be constructed in the next couple of years. We will purchase only energy from this site for the next 25 years at a fixed price. The handout graphs were discussed. This will be a purchase of 4 MW and no ownership. Peak demand is roughly 60 MW. This legislation and the next will add up to about 5% of the total energy we buy. Deadline is the end of next week.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Approved by vote. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 9-26** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Approved by vote.

**RESOLUTION 10-26,** Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Approved by vote. **Resolution 10-26,** A Resolution to approve the form and authorize the execution of the Potomac Energy Center schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. And the taking of other actions in connection therewith, and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: Similar to Resolution 9-26 a purchased power agreement. This one is for purchasing 2.4 MW natural gas for 15 years from an existing plant. Handout graph was discussed. It is a fixed amount. Adding up to about annual savings of about \$100,000/yr.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carr seconded. Approved by vote. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 10-26** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Approved by vote.

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**RESOLUTION 11-26**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Approved by vote. Resolution 11-26, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an Agreement with the Wayne County Emergency Management Agency to provide the City of Orrville, Ohio with emergency management services, and declaring an emergency

Discussion: We have historically utilized the Wayne County Emergency Management Agency to provide disaster-related services. Ohio Revised Code requires cities to have a relationship with the county EMA or create our own. This is a re-statement of what has always been in place to utilize them for disasters like we did for the flash flood of 2024.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Approved by vote. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 11-26** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Approved by vote.

**RESOLUTION 12-26**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Approved by vote. Resolution 12-26, A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2026 for road salt for the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We have participated in the ODOT road salt contract for the past 10 years. Price this year was just under \$60. We typically utilize about 1,000 ton and went over that this year. Our request will be for 1,200 ton. ODOT is always the best price.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Davies seconded. Approved by vote. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 12-26** be adopted as read. Mace seconded. Approved by vote.

**RESOLUTION 13-26**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Approved by vote. **Resolution 13-26**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into Forfeiture Agreement with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to provide the City of Orrville, Ohio with prosecutorial representation for criminal and civil forfeiture matters, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The police department does seize money and/or property during investigations. This legislation allows for us to get some of that money back when the court orders forfeiture of those items. There is currently money out there and this legislation is required in order for us to ask for our portion of that.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carr seconded. Approved by vote. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 13-26** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Approved by vote.

**ORDINANCE C-26** Placed on first reading by Squirrell. Second by Davies. Approved by vote.

Ordinance C-26. An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: An annual ordinance codifying any legislation the city passes as well as any Ohio Revised Code changes that impact our codified ordinance. Significant changes were made in traffic codes in the ORC.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Approved by vote. Squirrell moved that **Ordinance C-26** be adopted as read. Mace seconded. Approved by vote.

**RESOLUTION 14-26**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Carr seconds. Approved by vote. Resolution 14-26, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Safety and Service to enter into a contract to provide for tax abatement for real property for Top Hat LLC, and declaring an Emergency.

Discussion: Top Hat is requesting a 50%, 10 year abatement at 234 W Market Street, formerly known as Pavilion Insurance. Ryan McAllister approached and discussed combining with Brick Street with a connection. Three garage doors will look out on the

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Depot Park. Some live music indoors as well. The train mural will be moved or made smaller to fit the garage doors.

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**Good of the Order**

Vance: Mr. Brediger offered to defer his report until the next meeting April 20th due to the large amount of legislation tonight. Finance Department's annual report then be moved to May 4th.

Lax: Invited everyone to the April 17th grand reopening of the American Legion at 4 pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mayor: Thanked council and administration for the work on the sidewalk legislation for Wayne Street.

Davies motioned to adjourn. Carr seconds. Approved by vote.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 20 at 7:30 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

*Jeanne Gault*  
Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

*April 20*, 2026  
Date

*Paul Vance*  
Paul Vance, President of Council