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Council President elect Paul Vance called the January 6th regular meeting to order.

Law Director Kirkbride swore in Paul Vance as the new Council President.

Law Director Kirkbride swore in new council members Lisa Widmer, CJ Handwerk, Darrell Mosley and Dino Carozza.

Pastor Newton Brenneman led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call: Handwerk, Aspiras, Lorson, Mosley, Carozza, Widmer and Wilson were all present.

Council minutes of the special meeting held December 16, 2019, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to read those minutes aloud, Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson read the minutes of the December 16, 2019 Special meeting.

Mosley motioned to approve; Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; Widmer abstained; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Council minutes of regular meeting held December 16, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve the minutes; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; Widmer abstained; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee appointments were presented by Council President Vance as follows:

Ward 1, CJ Handwerk will be the Parks & Recreation Committee chair. And he will also represent council at a special committee being formed to discuss the new Orr Park entrance project.

Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. No report. Very excited and looking forward to this opportunity.

Ward 2, John Lorson, he will remain the chair of the Ordinance & Personnel Committee. His committee has been one of the busiest the past several weeks. We have been reviewing rules of council and have identified a few items we will hear about in the coming weeks, keeping John busy.

Lorson: Thank you Mr. President. No report.

Ward 3, Dino Carozza, will chair the Health & Safety Committee. He retired from public service as Orrville's Chief of Police. He was an important part in the WARCOG dispatch center planning. He will be our representative on the WARCOG board as well.

Carozza: Thank you Mr. President. No report. Thank you to Ward 3 for electing me. I will give 110% effort to them and all the citizens of Orrville.

Ward 4, Travis Wilson, will head the Finance Committee. We have a \$60 M budget for him to keep on top of and keep him busy. He will handle the calendar for the budget process, temporary appropriations and final appropriations.

Wilson: Thank you Mr. President. No report. Looking forward to working with Mrs. Strimlan.

At-Large, Rick Aspiras, had served on Health & Safety but with Dino coming on board we are moving him over to Utilities Committee which is looking at a new inter-connect for the power plant. This will be one of the biggest projects our city has taken on in a long time.

Aspiras: Thank you Mr. President. No report.

At-Large, Darrell Mosley, will chair the Transportation Committee. Darrell has been involved in helping to improve communication with council and the community. This seems like a natural

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choice as he has been responsive to people's requests already. Behind safety, our streets and transportation are the next biggest priority in the city.

Mosley: Thank you Mr. President. No report. Will have a meeting with Wayne College in regards to public transportation for the disabled between Wooster and Orrville.

At-Large, Lisa Widmer, was appointed out of a field of 7 candidates. She has already been putting in hard work for this and is ready to go. She will chair the Planning Committee which requires a number of meetings outside of council. The Design Review Board meets once a month. Tax Abatement Review Committee. Community Reinvestment reviews. These are good connection points with business owners.

Widmer: No report. Thankful to be here and look forward to serving with the fellow council members.

We appreciate these members who have a heart for serving the community regardless of the negative aspects that come with the position. They have stepped up to serve our community and make us strong. We owe you our appreciation. Thank you very much for your service.

There were no committee reports.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: The Christmas decorations around town were taken down by our Service Department while weather was cooperative. Some residents still have leaves sitting at their curb. Leaves need to be bagged and put out for your local trash pickup. Welcome council, new and those that are returning.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: We have used 250 ton of salt so far. Another 250 being delivered this week. Historically we use about 1,000 ton. Welcome new council and those here before. I look forward to working with you all.

Utilities Director Brediger: The power plant is online. AEP, our inner connection to the grid, is doing network testing this week. It can put our deliverability at risk. And they are working on the substation on Back Massillon which definitely puts us at risk for power supply. We are not expecting any problems. Effective the beginning of the year, Jeff Vogelhuber is our new Distribution Superintendent. Dick Smith retired from that position on December 31 after 30 years as our Distribution Superintendent. Jeff has been in a supervisory role, part of our personnel succession plan, for a number of year. Welcome all the new members, old members, new committee assignments. Our office is always open for questions. Some get-to-know-us materials will be sent out over the next couple weeks.

Finance Director Strimlan: Finance Department is working to close the 2019 year and prepare for the state audit. We are beginning the 2020 Final Appropriation process that you will be involved in. The council and citizens will be pleased with our ending financial position for the city. The Mayor will discuss it briefly in his annual report and I will review in detail in our annual report in April. At the next meeting we will have a tentative final appropriation calendar for you to review. Also, an annual resolution for the state audit expense, for your approval. Welcome council members and committee assignments and look forward to working with you. Feel free to call with you questions or concerns.

Law Director Kirkbride: Welcome aboard to all the new members and welcome back to the current members.

President Vance: We have a request to transfer a liquor license. We have the option of conducting a public hearing whenever we talk about a liquor license. We would need to hold that in Wooster if you want to have one.

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Clerk Gault: A request to transfer ownership of a liquor license for Gary's Drive Thru. Changing from David J. Corbett, Joni L. Corbett, Renee A. Collins and Jeffery L. Collins to Corbett Coots. If there are no objections or request for hearing, it will be submitted. There were none.

President Vance: He thanked his predecessor Lyle Baker, having been in the chair for 12 years and before that on council for 8 years. That's 20 years of service. He's an example to all of Orrville of a life of service to the community. Thank you. Council President and administration have put together a presentation for a council orientation workshop. Two 1 1/2 hour workshop sessions to be held Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 immediately following the Utility Board meetings, approximately 7 pm. And to propose a vision meeting workshop was proposed for a later date. These are public meetings.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Order:

Lorson: Welcomed new colleagues and old colleagues back. Thank you directors and encourage new members to ask the directors questions. They are very forthcoming with information. He encouraged the public to continue to attend the council meetings.

Adjournment

Wilson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. We are adjourned until January 21st, 2020. Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council