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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Newton Brenneman of New Hope Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

Roll call: Shupp, Miller, Vance, Hamsher, Aspiras, Corfman and Leathers were present.

Hamsher moved that the minutes of the September 4, 2012, regular meeting be approved as submitted. Vance seconded Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller: No report.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance: No report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman: Health and Safety will have a meeting on October 1, 6:45 before the next council meeting. We will meet downstairs in the conference room.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras: No report.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp: No report.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher: No report.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers: No report.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor Handwerk: I would like to announce that Tim Johnson is our September employee of the month and he is from the Electric Distribution department. Tim has been with Orrville Public Utilities Distribution Department since June 18, 1984. He lives in Dalton with his wife Dee Dee and three children, Logan, Cody, and Kathy, two of which are now in college. Tim enjoys camping and boating with his family and attending tractor pulls. And he spends time working on his cars and tractors at home. Tim has been a dedicated employee through the years in the Distribution Department having worked in many storms here and also on mutual aid to other communities. We congratulate Tim. We'll have lunch together tomorrow. I'm not sure where yet. Also just a message from Chief Ballentine, some of you might have noticed the one light pole at the lower park across from the root beer stand had been laying down for a while, that was being worked on. Our storm siren up there was hit with lightening a few storms ago and so that was being repaired and it is all back replaced now and working. They tested that, I believe, today. And also I just wanted to announce that I was very appreciative of a great cooperative effort between our police department, Wayne County Sheriff's department, and US Marshalls to catch

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an individual over the weekend just outside our city limits. This person was considered heavily armed and dangerous and it's certainly good to have him off of our streets right now.

Wheeler: Mayor, please add Medway to that list as well.

Handwerk: Oh, yes, I'm sorry Medway, thank you very much. And then just one final comment, this Thursday will be our final Comprehensive Plan meeting for those that are interested in attending that.

B. Safety Service Director Wheeler: I did receive a call today from the Wayne County Engineer's office that the resurfacing of Back Orrville Road is scheduled to start tomorrow morning. So expect delays over the next several weeks there. Also the Service Department has been crack sealing the last few weeks. You've seen them out and about. They were on North Main Street primarily today. Mineral Spring Street work continues. Concrete has been poured on the south side from Main to Ella except for the section in front of the Water Department which they are completing this week. Work on Brookwood Court, Cloveridge and Viking continues. Base repairs are nearly complete. Brookwood and Cloveridge are already complete on the base repairs, they are on Viking. And if the weather cooperates they should get done here in the next couple days with the base repairs on Viking as well. They have to do some crack sealing, some other things in preparation for the millings but the milling is scheduled to start next week with resurfacing occurring that first week of October. So that is moving along quite nicely as well. We do appreciate the property owners that have been very patient as the traffic in that area has been one way, one lane for most of the project and there have been a lot of driveways that haven't been accessible for a day or two and everyone has been very cooperative and patient out there so we appreciate that. The Fire Department and Police Department will be holding an open house for the public on Sunday, October 7, from 1-4PM. This is actually sort of part of the kick off for Fire Prevention Week. Light refreshments will be served. But also at the Fire Department at Station 1 at 1:30 PM there will be a retirement party for Bill Earnsberger. We will be celebrating his 52 years of service to the Orrville Fire Department. We encourage everyone to stop out and congratulate Bill on his retirement and thank him for his service. Also, just a note, we have extended our Solid Waste contract with J and J /Kimble for an additional two year period. The current rate will remain the same for 2013 and that's my report for tonight.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler I have a question for you. Do we have any information on how the gas company is coming along?

Wheeler: Gas Company is coming along well. We got them off High Street which is a big accomplishment that was probably the most destructive portion. They've actually done a pretty good job of repair work and with the seed that they've done. I don't know if everyone noticed but the grass is back on Elm, the sidewalks are back in on High and Elm as well. They're actually into Church Road off of High Street and actually the project extends up Church across Crown Hill and then it's done. So they don't have a lot to go so I'm hoping they will be out in the next couple weeks, again weather permitting. They've done a pretty good job of clean up so far and sidewalks have really been very solid as well. It's been a good job for a project that by nature is destructive.

Corfman: I would like to give a "Thank You" to the Street Department on Saturday morning. We had the Apple Butter 5K here in town. It brings in a good 200-250 out-of-towners and the Street Department does a great job, barricades, gets them up, get them down. They run all through a neighborhood and just an outstanding job by the Street Department and Police to help out.

Wheeler: Thank you and we'll pass that on for sure.

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C. Utilities Director Brediger: Just one point of information this past Sunday morning around 9AM we did have a squirrel get into some equipment on the corner of Elm and Hostetler Road. So we did have a couple brief outages resulting in a pretty significant fault that came back and tripped a high voltage circuit breaker into the plant. We did have some customers out in the strip plaza area for about four hours while four crews were in repairing the damage to some wire and switches and some surge arrestors. I will speak to the resolution under new business later on then.

D. Finance Director Strimlan: No report.

E. Law Director Kirkbride: No report.

F. Council President Baker: The Mayor had mentioned that our next Comprehensive Plan meeting is this Thursday, that's at 6:30PM at Schmid Hall if anyone would like to attend that. We have no old business so we will move to new business.

New Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 30-12 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 30-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD TO INTEGRATE THE POWER COST ADJUSTMENT (PCA) FACTOR INTO THE EXISTING RATE SCHEDULE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF ORRVILLE.

Brediger: Just some background on this, the purpose of this resolution is to zero out the current power cost adjustment factor since it has become a large percentage of the bill and it is kind of distorting what the cost of energy is. Basically what this amounts to is resetting that power cost adjustment factor to zero and rolling the current power cost adjustment factor into the existing rate schedules. This resolution was approved by the Utility Board on Sept. 11. Since the integration is not exact due to rounding it is prudent to bring this to City Council just to be on the safe side because it could result in some slight minor rate changes. We've tested a number of cases and typically these rates are going to vary anywhere from a few cents to a few dollars depending on what rate class you are. And it's our goal to try to keep it in the formulas as neutral as possible and where we can we will err to the side of it being a negative number but just due to the complexity of our rate schedules and the fact that they're a combination of how much energy you use and the amount of energy you use, the math just doesn't work down to the exact dollar and cents for every customer. The power cost adjustment factor will still be evaluated and adjusted as necessary by the board on a quarterly basis. I kind of categorize this resolution as kind of like a house keeping item and nothing really at the end of the day changes. The changes are so minor that we're going three places past on the right side of the decimal point but the fact that they do change the rates; we're bringing this in front of the board. If it was a straight power cost adjustment factor the Utility Board would just dispense with that as

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part of their normal business. I would be happy to answer any kind of questions or kind of clarify what is going on with that but it's a relatively simple process. We lasted this last time we had a rate increase in 2004 we zeroed out the power cost adjustment factor, reset it to zero, rolled it into the rate structures and kind of went from there. This is the same thing.

Corfman: Just to clarify a little bit on what Mr. Brediger said at least in the Utility Board when he says pennies, this is pennies on a monthly bill not per kilowatt hours. A monthly bill of just a penny or two and large commercial users it may affect them a dollar or two so total is very minimal, microscopic change.

Vance: Just want to know if you can give me an annual number of the increase in utilities costs for residential and commercial customers is that a number you can come up with off the top of your head. Our last rate increase was 2004 and now we're 8 years later.

Brediger: No I can't tell you that. Because the power cost adjustment factor gets looks at on a quarterly basis our rates change on a quarterly basis, they go up, they go down. It'd be easy enough to go back and see what those annual rates are. I can't tell you off the top, right off the top of my head but there's some of the quarterly changes can amount to an effective rate change of maybe 6-8% but then we have seen that turned back around the following quarter or two quarters after that. But yes if you'd like I could bring what those annual effective rates have been since 2006. Actually last rate increase was a 3-year increase that started in 2004 where we zeroed the power cost adjustment factor out and then there was an incremental across the board increase in '05 and '06. But I can bring you what those annual netted out increases have been since that rate increase. I'll bring those to the next council meeting.

Aspiras: This legislation has no bearing on up or down, its just the way we are cleaning up the math from the last 8 year or so.

Brediger: That's exact, right. And we have a little bit of room on the formulas if we can err a little bit to the side where we are collecting a little bit less that's the route we're going to go. The goal is trying to keep them as neutral, it's impossible to keep the bills exactly the same if we hadn't zeroed it out. So we'll work it so its, if it can't be neutral, if we're going to err, if there's going to be a change in a monthly bill, we'll make that so it's as slightly negative as possible if not neutral. But there may be some cases out there where it may be a little bit more. But it's going to be so close to where it's at right now I think 99% of the people aren't going to notice it. The fact that it does change, the rates do change, that brings the formality of bringing the resolution to City Council.

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring a reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 30-12 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leathers: That concludes tonight's new business, sir.

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Good of the Order:

Miller: I just wanted to mention that the Orrville Ministerial Association is going to be sponsoring an event called "Hope for the Heart Health Fair". It's going to be Saturday September 29 at the Orrville Middle School from 10AM-2PM. The idea being to help meet human needs in the name of Christ there will be free services offered such as medical screenings, vision screenings, chiropractic, massage, haircuts, prayer and spiritual counseling, and family portraits. All of these services are free of charge. There will be lots of information tables as well and we hope that anyone that comes will find something of value for their time to show up, help meet some of their needs. So that is Saturday, September 29, Orrville Middle School 10-2.

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council