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President Handwerk called the meeting to order. Councilman Denny Miller offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

Roll call: Purdy, Miller, Landaw, Baker, Weaver, Corfman, and Leathers were present.

Corfman moved and Baker seconded that the December 18, 2006 minutes be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller reported had no report. Thanked Council, Administration, and the community for the condolences and support that I received upon my mother's passing. I really appreciated it.

B. Utilities – Mr. Landaw reminded everyone the Public Utility Board meeting will be held Monday, January 8th at 6:30pm.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had no report.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Weaver had no report. Congratulations to Coach Knight on his record breaking for the most wins. It is quite an honor.

E. Transportation – Mr. Baker had no report.

F. Planning – Mr. Purdy had no report.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Steiner had no report.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Jewell reported of the talks with the Council Planning Committee about some amendments that we need to make to our Zoning Code for Chapter 1109, Signs, and Chapter 1131, Design Review. We will be presenting that legislation at the next meeting on first reading. Council would like to hold a public hearing on the second reading. We would need a motion from Council to set a public hearing for February 5th just prior to the 7:30pm meeting. Purdy moved Miller seconded the scheduling of a public hearing on February 5, 2007 regarding Zoning Code amendments to Chapter 1109, Signs, and Chapter 1131, Design Review. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

C. Utilities Director – Director Preising had no report.

D. Finance Director – Director Leggett reported a new employee started today (01/02/07) in the

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Finance Department. Mindy Besesi was a former Customer Service Rep at National City Bank. Mindy fills a vacation in our Cashier's Office which was a domino effect of Tim Neal getting elected to the Clerk of Courts position; made a bunch of promotions within the department and it created an opening at the entry level.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had no report.

F. President of Council – President Handwerk requested a motion be made to appoint Tamra Peppard as Clerk of Council for the year 2007.

Leathers moved and Baker second that Tamra Peppard be appointed Clerk of Council for 2007. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Handwerk also requested a motion to appoint Mr. Lyle Baker as Council President Pro-Tempore for the year 2007.

Weaver moved and Purdy seconded that Lyle Baker be appointed Council President Pro-Tempore for 2007. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Resolution 62-06

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 62-06, a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts for the construction of a salt storage building, be placed on second reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Handwerk: We talked about this several times and at our last meeting. Any other additional questions for Mrs. Jewell on this? Mr. Baker that was your committee wasn't it?

Baker: Yes

Handwerk: It is not a rush item, but I guess if there is no problem with it then there is no sense hanging on to it either.

Jewell: There have been some discussions recently regarding the type of concrete that we can use and the possibility of pouring it early than we thought we could. The other part of that is that Mr. Cross is working with several of the vendors and while some items seem to be going up, some items are also coming down. There seems to be more of a difference now between some of the vendors for the roofing systems, so it may become clear which one we need to go with because the last I heard one was going to be probably about half the cost of the other one. So we can redo it twice and still not have the same amount of money in it. That is the latest I have heard.

Handwerk: We talked about those being cement floors too. Is the fact that you're storing salt in there, is that okay since the salt is supposedly dry?

Jewell: Most of the vendors are recommending that we use concrete walls and asphalt floors.

Handwerk: Okay, so even in the walls I guess

Jewell: Concrete walls, I guess, are okay, but it is the actual storage of the salt on the floor because you have vehicles in and out of there making it wet.

Handwerk: I was just thinking of that the other day; because you always think of salt destroying sidewalks and stuff eventually and driveways. I wondered how that would do with your salt bin too. Any other questions on this?

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate dates be suspended, Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leathers moved and Weaver seconded that Resolution 62-06 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

New Business:

Ordinance A-07

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Leathers moved and Purdy seconded that Ordinance A-07, an ordinance accepting the Dairy Lane Plat in the City of Orrville, County of Wayne, State of Ohio, and confirming the dedication of all streets and utility easements set forth thereon to the public use forever, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Purdy: I have in my possession that I received from the Planning Commission dated December 29, 2006 and it is in regards to a street dedication. At there meeting on December 21, 2006 the Orrville Planning reviewed a request for a dedication for a portion of Dairy Lane. The Commission voted to approve and recommend to Council the dedication of this portion of roadway. So we have the Planning Commission's request.

Handwerk: Anything else? Mrs. Jewell, anything to add to that?

Jewell: Nothing to add.

Purdy: I have a question. I had an opportunity to go out and look at this portion that is now an extension of Dairy Lane as was curious as to whether or not we would require, or at least consider, sidewalks being put in an industrial area.

Jewell: Right now we do not require them in an industrial area, so that is the reason that there aren't any there.

Purdy: Is that something that Council has the capability of changing?

Jewell: Yes.

Purdy: Because it seems to me that when the weather is nice people get out and walk and an industrial park is not any different than a residential area as far as people walking. I wouldn't think we would want them walking in the streets. Just a thought.

Miller: Are there sidewalks in the other industrial park?

Jewell: No.

Handwerk: Okay, you can think on that and discuss that later. Anything else on this one?

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate dates be suspended, Purdy seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded that Ordinance A-07 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Resolution 1-07

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 1-07, a resolution authorizing the establishment of a Water Utility Grant Fund, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Handwerk: Mr. Leggett.

Leggett: I can speak to that sir. I believe you all received a memo from me concerning this fund. The Water Utility has applied for several grants and loans and know for sure we are going to receive one of the grants and one of the loans. They come through the Ohio Public Works Commission and one of the requirements is that we establish a separate fund to receive and payout these monies. We already have a Grants Fund and we could run these grants through there although the grants that we currently have we primarily use for projects out of the Safety-Service Department and so forth and we have activity in that fund anyway. So to just keep it a little cleaner that the Water Utility have its own Grant Fund instead of having a variety of these things pass through there.

Handwerk: So that is something that would remain there so that whenever somebody from the Utility Department would apply for, we already have that set up?

Leggett: Yes, we would designate this as the Water Utilities. So if the Electric and/or the Wastewater would apply, we may want to set up another one for that. The auditors always like it when you segregate these things so it is very visible. They like it because then when you get your booklets and council gets their information these grant monies are identified individuals. We would probably set up some other ones. We don't have any money yet and even if we get it immediately we will put it in the reserve fund until this is established. There is no rush on this. It is totally up to council.

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Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate dates be suspended, Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 1-07 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Resolution 2-07

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded that Resolution 2-07, a resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts for engineering services for various construction projects, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Handwerk: Mrs. Jewell.

Jewell: This is the construction projects for the 2007 summer season. The majority of the work is in the downtown. It is the result of the grant we have, the CBG grant. That would be for the resurfacing of West Market Street and also Depot Street and Liberty Street and the parking lot that is in the vicinity of Depot and Liberty streets as well as some sidewalk work. And the redoing of the small park that is there at the corner of West Market Street and Depot Street. That is all a part of a grant we received and we are doing two other resurfacing projects this year. One of those is West Market Street from just beyond Wabash out to Crown Hill Road. The other one is an asphalt overlay on Smucker Street. Those are the projects. What we are going to try to do is put together a bid package that has all in the same package. Hopefully, we would get a better price since the contractor would only have to mobilize once.

Handwerk: Is West Hill and Sunset going to be in something separate?

Jewell: West Hill and Sunset and Crestview would probably be the next year after that because we don't have quite enough money into that MBL fund yet. There will be enough there to do Smucker Street with some left over and I think that what we have left over, in addition to what we will get the next year, will be enough to do those streets in 2008.

Miller: So money wise we are okay?

Jewell: Yes. These were the planned projects when we did our budget in June.

Landaw: How much are we budgeted for the project of the Veteran's park? How extensive of a redesign is it?

Jewell: It involves removing all of the bricks that are in there, the curbing, the trees, and then putting new fixtures in there.

Landaw: The reason I ask is that over the years there have been some of the veterans groups around town interested in really seeing that improved. I don't know if any of those folks would have money to help make it a nicer veteran's memorial area or what. It would be a time to maybe include those groups.

Jewell: That is a good suggestion. So this is just to start that process. That could be part of the process to have them look at what we are planning to see if that would be what they would want or something different.

Landaw: I think that would be nice. There are a number of veterans and others in the community that are interested in that project and should be given an opportunity to be included.

Jewell: The main push for getting it done is to get rid of all those bricks that are not level and there is a problem with weeds.

Handwerk: Were those set in there by our city employees or the downtown improvement committee?

Jewell: I think that was done by city crews many years ago with leftover paving bricks.

Handwerk: If I am not mistaken, aren't those trees pretty messy.

Jewell: Yes. It is a Sweet Gum tree and it drops a seed pod about this big on the sidewalks. So the type of tree is not really suitable for what we do there. That is one of the reasons we want to get rid of them. They look nice, but it is a constant problem to keep it cleaned up when they are dropping those big seed pods.

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Handwerk: Anything else on this one?

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Leathers moved and Baker seconded that Resolution 2-07 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Good of the Order: None.

Corfman moved and Leathers second that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Dave Handwerk, President of Council