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January 3, 2011

President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Brenneman of New Hope Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

(Note: Clerk was absent)

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

Corfman moved and Aspiras seconded that the minutes of the December 20, 2010 regular meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller had no report.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance had no report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman reported that after discussion with the Law Director and Police Chief there will be no further discussion on the dangerous dog ordinance. The Chief has said that with the cooperation we are currently getting with the Dog Warden it is working quite well and we will continue to do that.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras had no report.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report, but scheduled a meeting for Monday, January 10th after the Utility Board meeting (approximately 7pm) to discuss the results of the traffic study recently conducted.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher had no report.

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

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk had no report.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported that Andrew Dalessandro was sworn in today as a full time police officer. He has been a part time officer with the department since 2009 and is an Orrville High School graduate Class of 2003. Andrew also previously served in the Navy and we would like to congratulate Andrew on his appointment. The Shop with a Cop program was a huge success again this year. The program sponsored 25 kids. The day started with a pancake breakfast at the Wadsworth Fire Department sponsored by Bob Evans and each child received a \$100 gift card to spend at Walmart. After shopping presents were wrapped by the Quota Club at the elementary school and pizza was provided. It was a very special event. I want to thank Detective Josh Hunt for all of his work organizing the event; Chief Carrozza; all the police department staff; as well as Chief Ballentine and his volunteers; as well as the Quota Club. That is a tremendous event and a real honor to be a part of every year. Also, just a brief update for you on salt; we used 349 tons of salt in December 2010 as compared to 138 tons of salt in December 2009. Obviously it was a much milder December in '09, but obviously also based on the usage it has been a busy December for our Street Department.

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C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger reminded the Utilities Committee that during the next Utility Board meeting we will be having an update from our legal counsel on some environmental matters. I would also like to invite any members of City Council that would be interested in attending that meeting. We will be holding that informational session in executive session and that will be at Monday's Utility Board meeting.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan had no report.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker reported we are beginning the year 2011 and it has been 10 years since we had a charter review and we are required every ten years to have a charter review. The way this will work is each ward is to provide two people to be on that charter review commission and At-Large is to have one member each. That would be a total of 11 members. What I would like to do is have each of the council people approach or confirm with two people if you are a ward elected person to have two people from your ward. If you are an At-Large to have one person. Bring those names with you to our next meeting. Don't just pick a name and assume that they are going to be willing to serve on that commission. Make sure you call them and they are agreeable to serving on that charter review committee.

Shupp: To try to twist somebody's arm to be in this, how many meetings are there going to be for this? Any idea when it will start?

Baker: The meetings can vary depending on how much discussion is involved, but I will let Mr. Lutz answer that.

Lutz: Last time we did it, 10 years ago, from what I recall there was only a couple meetings and basically we went through the charter and picked out things – like minor things that needed to be changed, but there was nothing of significance that anyone thought needed to be changed so we decided not to recommend any changes because it has to go on the ballot if there are changes. So it just depends. If the administration feels that there should be significant changes there, it could be more meetings, but when it happened last time it was at best two meetings.

Shupp: Do you have a time frame in mind?

Baker: I would think if we can have all of the names here by our next meeting, they should be able to begin meeting in February depending on the people selected for that committee. Do they so select a leader or chairman Mr. Lutz?

Lutz: Last time I kind of headed up as Law Director. I am not sure if that is mandatory. I was just told by my predecessor that is the way it should happen because that is the way he had done it apparently so I also did it that way and that seemed to work okay. I assume the law director can do that again.

Baker: As for how many meetings, it is going to depend on what the discussion brings up.

Miller: May I address the Law Director?

Baker: Yes.

Miller: If there are any changes and they have to go on the ballot, then part of the time frame issue would be when does that have to be filed to go on the ballot?

Lutz: I do not know that off hand, but that is easily accessible through the Board of Elections. You don't want to put it off til the end of the year obviously. I think Mr. President is correct that you want to get started on this in February just in case there is anything of significance that the committee determines that should be changed and makes a recommendation to council to change and then you would have an opportunity to vote on whether to do that or not and then determine.

Miller: I don't recall, but it seems to me issues need to have been filed by around the primary time or something like that.

Lutz: I would just be guessing if I told you. I think that is early. I think it is later in the year.

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Miller: I think you are right. I think it is August or later in the summer.

Handwerk: Council, I might just advise you that when you are talking and asking people to see if they will do this to make sure you let them know it will probably be an evening meeting. We all know our Mondays are pretty well filled up so it might be that you have to meet on an off night such as Wednesday. I would agree I don't think there will be a lot. I know there are a few things that are going to be brought up this time, but it still shouldn't be loads of meetings.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order:

Baker: I will just say happy new year to everyone. Hopefully this year goes as smoothly as last year and maybe a little bit better for us.

Hamsher moved and Aspiras seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council