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President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Mr. Lutz swore in re-elected and newly elected council persons Julie Leathers, Dennis Miller, Paul Vance, and Mike Hamsher.

Pastor Brad Dews of Orrville Baptist Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Corfman moved and Aspiras seconded that the minutes of the December 21, 2009 regular meeting be approved as amended. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller had no report.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance advised the Utility Board has not met since Council last met so there was nothing new to report there, but I just want to remind Council we have a workshop next Monday immediately following Utility Board around 7:00pm to discuss possible participation in a hydro electric project. We also have Legislative Day in Columbus on the 19th and we have a conflict with a Council meeting. I am not sure if we have a plan on how we will do that. I think I will plan on attending that so I may not be back in time for the next meeting.

Baker: We just want to make sure that however many people decide to go that we have a quorum so everyone can't decide they are going or we will be in a heap of trouble. Is anyone other than Mr. Vance planning on going? I don't see anyone. One representative from Council, will that do good for us?

Brediger: Yes. Mayor, will you be coming?

Handwerk: Yes, I will be going.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had no report, but welcomed Mr. Hamsher.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras had no report, but also welcomed Mr. Hamsher here today as our newest member and his commitment for the next four years.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report. Also congratulated Mr. Hamsher and wished him good luck.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher had no report. Thanked everyone for their well wishes and thanked Orrville for their support. I look forward to serving with everyone to make Orrville stronger. I also want to thank Mr. Landaw for his 16 years of service.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report. Welcome Mr. Hamsher and I look forward to working with you.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

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A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk welcomed Mike Hamsher and our re-elected council members. Glad to have you back on council. I will not be at the next council meeting due to the Legislative Rally in Columbus.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported recycle bins from J&J were delivered today. Those are the yellow bins that are scattered throughout the city today. Effective this next deliver on Thursday they will be picking up the waste for the city and that pickup will be from High Street south on Thursday and north of High Street on Friday. I would also like to welcome Mr. Hamsher to City Council and I look forward to working with him.

Baker: If someone did not receive one of those bins, who should they contact.

Wheeler: Give us a call and we will make sure they get one.

Lutz: Will the prior contractor pick up their green bins?

Wheeler: They were supposed to have done that already at the last pick up. If you happen to have one, give us a call and we will make sure Waste Management is notified. I am sure they would love to have theirs back.

Vance: This is our big first snow fall. Could you review for us what our procedures are for snow removal. Is there a certain number of inches that fall before we plow?

Wheeler: The approach is similar to how it has been. Honestly, we depend on the dispatchers throughout the night to make the call in regard to notifying our Street Superintendent so he can notify folks as well or they will do the direct on call. There is not a magic number and it is based on the folks in the Street Department as well as the dispatcher who is getting feedback from the Police Department and their word of mouth on how the streets look. It is really a joint effort. If you are out and about and notice the areas that are in need, give us a call or if it is after hours call the dispatcher. It is a team effort.

Hamsher: There is a set level and there is a priority list of streets, correct?

Wheeler: We prioritize the main corridors and the secondary roads that are more heavily trafficked. We do try to get to the side street as well. We like to get the turns and those areas that are safety hazards and the hills.

Shupp: Last year we kind of got a little tough on the no parking ban streets. Are we going to continue that?

Wheeler: That is absolutely our goal is to continue to enforce the no parking ban.

Vance: How many plows do we have and able to have out at one time?

Wheeler: I believe there are four out. There is one truck that has been off and on as well.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger welcomed all the council on board. I am really looking forward to a better year in 2010. Mr. Vance did cover all the upcoming utility related meetings. Again, following the Utility Board meeting next Monday night we will spend a little time reviewing the AMP hydro participation project and I too will not be at the next council meeting as I will be down with the Mayor and Mr. Vance at the Mayor's reception and the monthly board meeting. If you have any questions this week leading up to that workshop and the week following the workshop on that project, please contact me and we will answer any questions.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan had no report, but welcomed Mr. Hamsher.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had no report. Welcome Mike.

F. President of Council – President Baker reported a notification was received from the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank that a donation was made as a holiday gift on behalf of Orrville City

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Council. I would also like to congratulate Mike. Welcome aboard. I don't think it is going to take you long to get your feet wet. If you do have any questions, you have six people that would be glad to help you out.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

ORDINANCE A-10

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that Ordinance A-10, an ordinance amending Section 931.07 of Chapter 931 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This is a correction to the prior ordinance that was done at the last meeting that was my mistake completely. As a result, the numbers reflected are correct and would be charged to the solid waste effective the first of the year. There have been no bills sent with the other rates so this is a fix before anyone is directly affected. As I stated before, I apologize for the mix up. This reflects the \$.40 that the Solid Waste District does reimburse the City on a quarterly basis for our solid waste pickup.

Miller: Would you just remind us what the saving per resident is.

Wheeler: Currently they pay \$12.92 so it is a \$1.14 per household per month for the regular citizen.

For the senior citizen they currently pay \$12.42 and the rate is \$10.88 so it is a savings if \$1.54.

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

Leathers moved and Hamsher seconded that Ordinance A-10 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all, except Shupp. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 1-10

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 1-10, a resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Orrville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Strimlan: I sent a memo to Council outlining this appropriation amendment. Please remember the Solid Waste is a pass through fund. What goes into the fund we collect from the residents and then we pay the waste hauler for the services. We estimate the appropriations every year at the beginning of the year which means we estimate number of customers and any potential increases that might be opposed. I could modify the appropriations every month and bring to you that legislation because the customer base does change from month to month; however, that wouldn't be feasible. So we just reconciled the estimates to the actual and even though the revenue came in we need to modify the appropriations to match the actual anticipated expenditures.

Aspiras: This is clearly coincidental that this happened to come up at the same time A-10?

Strimlan: Yes.

Aspiras: This has nothing to do with the legislation A-10.

Strimlan: This is for 2009 business.

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

Leathers moved and Miller seconded that Resolution 1-10 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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Good of the Order:

Miller: Don't we have to organize ourselves as a Council tonight.

Baker: That is true and I passed out a list before we started this meeting showing. Most people remained where they were on that list with your assignments to committees. Since Mr. Hamsher was a new person his name was added to that list. One that was changed; Mr. Vance moved from Planning to Utilities. We thought it would be best if someone with just a little more experience, not to say you couldn't do it Mike. We just want to make sure someone with a little experience heads for one of those big committees. Does anyone have any questions about what is listed there? If there are none I would like to have a motion to accept. Hamsher moved and Vance seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Peppard: Is the Hispanic Forum still going on this Saturday at 1:00pm at Schmid Hall?

Wheeler: Yes it is at St. Agnes.

Miller: I believe the Charter requires us to appoint the Clerk and a Pro Temp as well. Does it not?

Baker: Pro Temp is on that list and the Clerk is without term, I believe.

Aspiras moved and Leathers seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council