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President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Nathan Poole of the First Baptist Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Aspiras moved and Hamsher seconded that the minutes of the January 3, 2011 regular meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Baker: We have one item of business before we start with our reports. We need to renew our Clerk this evening. Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Tamra Peppard be re-appointed as Clerk of Council. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller reported Council should have received the 2011 Final Appropriations calendar this evening. You will see that it is very similar to what we have done in the past. There will be three readings and there will be a second reading on Marcy 14th which will be a special meeting of council and a workshop afterwards. Miller moved and Vance seconded the special meeting be held on March 14th for the purposes of the second reading and workshop. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance had no report.

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

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras had no report, but welcomed Mr. VanSickle to the City of Orrville.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp was absent. Ms. Leathers reported the Transportation Committee met last Monday evening and Mr. Sheldon Schlabach from Engineering Associates was with us. The main subject of the meeting was the traffic study done on four intersections within the City. Crown Hill Road and Hostetler Road, Market Street and Maple Street, Crown Hill Road and High Street, Oak Street and South Vine Street. After reviewing the findings from Engineering Associates and having some discussion, all intersections will remain the same with the exception of one at this point. That would be Oak Street and South Vine Street. We are looking to take the stop signs away from the Oak Street side and move them a couple blocks down. We are not sure exactly where that is going to land right now, but we feel there is a safety issue on that street with so many children in the neighborhoods and a lot of pedestrian traffic and that is warranted. the information was very helpful to us in future planning and as for now that is where things stand, but that could change based on traffic patterns, safety issues, etc.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher had no report, but echoed Mr. Aspiras' welcome to Mr. VanSickle.

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

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

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A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk reported he had several items tonight. Number one since we are welcoming Mr. VanSickle we will make him official here. I will ask here in a minute for the approval of Council for the appointment of Mr. Tim VanSickle to the position of Law Director for the City of Orrville. We are very fortunate to have someone from the same firm who is ready and willing to step in to that position. Mr. Kropf and Mr. Wagner have also served the City in that capacity in former years and we certainly want to express our thanks and congratulations to Dan Lutz who served in that position for the past ten years. We wish him the best in his new job as Wayne County Prosecutor. At this time if I could have the approval of Council.

Leathers moved and Vance seconded that Tim VanSickle be appointed Law Director for the City of Orrville. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Handwerk: I also have some other requests for approval for Council here tonight too. I would like to request Council's approval for the following: Board of Zoning Appeals – Darin Johnston and Lauri Besancon both terms expire December 31, 2010 so we need to get those two removed.

Leathers moved and Hamsher seconded the request. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Handwerk: I would also like to ask Council's approval for the following re-appointments to the Design Review Board - Todd Wallace and Darin Johnson whose terms expired December 31st and also Steve Snyder and Mike Hamsher whose terms do not expire until May 16th, but we wanted to go ahead and ask them about serving again so that when Karen does the booklet everything is up-to-date. So those four would be returning to the Design Review Board.

Leathers moved and Vance seconded the request. Roll call vote. Ayes all, except Hamsher abstained. Motion carried.

Handwerk: Some other appointments that did not need Council's approval, but I just wanted to let you know for your information who will be serving on the Planning Commission – Bob Snyder and Norm Hibinger are both being re-appointed to that committee. Street Tree Commission – Esther Leggett, Sue Vernon are coming back on that commission and Gene Pouly will be coming on. He has kind of served the last couple years as sort of a guest with us, but one of our other members has stepped off and so Gene will be officially on that commission now. Nuisance Abatement Committee – Mike Smith, Troy Bisesi, Alicia McDonald, Rich Corfman all served on that last year. I don't think we met. We didn't have to have any meetings, but we do have to have that committee in case there is a reason for that and everyone agreed to serve on that again. Also, the Income Tax Review Committee which was something that just started last year – Steve Knox and Chris Conway will serve on that again. I don't believe they had to meet last year either, maybe once. Two other things, I would just like to let you know the Service Department has selected Amber Buchwalter to be the Employee of the Month for January. Amber came to our department from the J.M. Smucker Company in June 2008 and she has a degree from the Moody Bible Institute in Education Ministries focusing on music. Ron Cross, our interim Street Superintendent, says "Amber is our only Administrative Assistant and is involved in every aspect of our department. Many of the duties performed by Amber are above and beyond her job description. She is always willing to pitch in on any project or problem that we encounter. Amber also served the public in a manner that reflects positively for the City. We owe Amber a great deal of respect and gratitude for keeping the Service Department organized and are grateful she is on our team. So thanks Red for all you do and congratulations on receiving this recognition." Amber has chosen to eat at Senor Panchos. Lastly, I just wanted to bring to anyone's attention that might be watching or that would read about this, but if anyone received any information from the Ohio Natural Gas Company last week it was about signing up for gas rates, which is perfectly find, but I just noticed on there they had their sign up dollar figure as \$.699 per CCF. We always see everything in MCF so when you look at that \$.699 you think oh my goodness that is so cheap I can't wait to sign up for that. That is really \$6.99 per MCF and right now our gas aggregation is \$5.88 per MCF.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler had no report.

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C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger reported that you may have read last week that the EPA and the Department of Health and Human Services announced the study to review the fluoridation levels in drinking water. Currently the range is .7 to 1.2 parts per billion. Orrville has been fluoridating it's water since 1958. Just a couple little factoids there. We have maintained a level about right in the middle which up until recently the EPA and the Department has felt is recognized that as the optimal dosage level. So we will continue to kind of monitor that with the EPA. We don't have any concerns or haven't had any concerns with the levels that we have fluoridated the water at in the community in close to 60 years that we have been doing this. If they lower the standards a little bit, we are more then capable of doing that with no real cost savings to us. That did catch a lot of headline out there. The last item of interest, we are in the process of negotiating a contract to demolish the two Rosemont buildings. It is our intention to have both of those buildings down within about a two month period. At the end of the day we will just be converting that to green space for right now.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan had no report.

Aspiras: It is tax time again. I wonder if you could just give us a minute to explain what is going on this year,. if there are any differences from last year.

Strimlan: No. We will be doing the same universal filing that we have in the past. Everyone is required to file a return. In fact, the returns will be mailed I believe this week. If you have any questions, feel free to call Dave Nussbaum, our Income Tax Administrator. He should be able to walk you through any questions you might have.

Aspiras: Everybody is required to file this year?

Strimlan: Yes.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker reported we have our Charter Review Commission for 2011. It has been ten years since this has been done. This is required every ten years. I am going to read the names of the people submitted to me and Mr. VanSickle I have a question for you. The last time Mr. Lutz chaired that commission to try to keep everyone in order so that there was no need to call the Police Chief. Would you be willing to do that again?

VanSickle: Yes sir.

Baker: The people that our council people have given to me are:

Ward 1	-	George Koladin John Morris
Ward 2	-	Diana Morris Deborah Garrett
Ward 3	-	Dan Lorson Denny Steiner
Ward 4	-	Mike Musyt David Shrader
At-Large	-	Brad Strasbaugh Tom Purdy Andy Vernon

Do we need to officially except these people, Mayor?

VanSickle: Actually according to Charter they are to be appointed by ordinance.

Baker: So we will need to have an ordinance prepared. Will that be available for our next meeting?

VanSickle: Yes it will be.

Baker: I will make sure you have these names.

Old Business: None.

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New Business: None.

Good of the Order:

Leathers moved and Hamsher seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council