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March 5, 2007

President Handwerk called the meeting to order. Pastor Ray Pfahler offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

Handwerk: Thank you Pastor Pfahler. We appreciate the ministers coming down here to open our meetings. We don't say that as often as we should probably. Thank you.

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

Leathers moved and Baker seconded that the February 20, 2007 minutes 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. Landaw reported that the Public Utility Board approved at the last meeting the purchasing of heater plates for Boiler #12. They are going to get those ordered and get them in time for the April outage when they are doing some maintenance work. These are used to preheat the air to the boiler. The estimated cost is about \$37,000.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had no report, but congratulated Sargeant Pauley as being named *Officer of the Year* again.

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

E. Transportation – Mr. Baker had no report

F. Planning – Mr. Purdy reported that council met last Monday night (02/26/07) for a workshop to discuss the Agricultural Designation Request by Mr. Arnold. The Law Director will be speaking on this.

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 had no report, but requested a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss cemetery rates – we need to make adjustments in two different areas of the cemetery rates – and the other part is to discuss the rates that we charge for emergency squad services. Miller and Council agreed to have a meeting after the workshop after the Utility Board meeting on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

C. Utilities Director – Director Preising had no report.

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D. Finance Director – Director Leggett reported the council should have received their booklets for the 2007 Final Appropriations. I ask council to review them and if there were any questions to call him. Hopefully we can get anything answered before we get to the workshop next Monday (03/12/07) evening. So look at those and let me know if there are any question that we can get you information on before the workshop. The other item is that the Safety-Service department received word concerning our ODOT Grant for the alternate truck route which you have been familiar with on the east side of town. The grant amount was for 80% of about a \$550,000 project. That is not the entire project. That is just the traffic study, feasibility study, engineering and all that. As you know this is a large overall project. The reason I mention this is because these numbers – the grant receipts and expenditures – are not in your 2007 Appropriations. At the time these were put together we did not have this final information, but we may have to move fairly quickly on at least making decisions on amending our appropriations. So it is very possible that two weeks from tonight when you approve the final appropriations you may also at that same time have an appropriation amendment to amend the appropriations. That gets a little confusing. We'll explain more of that at the workshop, but just so you know what we know that we have been granted those funds. The ODOT Grant is 80% of the \$550,000 so we will discuss that a little bit at the workshop next Monday night. But just to give you a little heads up so you are not totally surprised when you see an amendment the same night you pass the final appropriations.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz was pleased to report that Mr. Arnold and his wife came into his office on Friday (03/02/07) and signed the easement that the Utilities Department was requesting. So in accordance with our discussions on February 26<sup>th</sup>, if it is council's pleasure, council can move to accept his application and modify the duration of the Agricultural District designation to one year as opposed to five as we discussed. I would like to thank Mr. Arnold for his cooperation and his agreement to render the situation out at his property and I think this is a good compromise to resolve the issue and give him the years time frame to clean up his property and he understands that. Purdy moved that the Modified Agricultural Designation Application be approved with the annual renewal instead of five year renewal. The reason for this to get the property cleaned up. I would also like to thank the Arnolds for their cooperation on this matter. Baker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

F. President of Council – President Handwerk congratulated both high school basketball teams for a fine season. I know both teams planned on going farther than they did in the tournament and that is disappointing for those kids, but they had a fine regular season. Also Jake Strasbaugh and Coach Hostetler's wrestling team as Jake was sixth in the state championships this weekend. Very fine season for him and he is just a sophomore, so he has two more years to go.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

#### **Resolution 13-07**

Leathers moved and Miller seconded that Resolution 13-07, 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, 2007, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Miller: As Mr. Leggett stated, council should have the final appropriations booklets for the Final Appropriations 2007. Tonight is the first reading. It will go three readings. The way that will work is we will have a special meeting next week where it will go second reading and then we will do a workshop on this and then the third reading will be March 19<sup>th</sup>.

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Superintendent, Mr. Mike Staley, presented the 2006 Annual Report for the Service Department.

**Good of the Order:** None.

Lehman moved and Purdy seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried.  
Council was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

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Dave Handwerk, President of Council