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President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Ray Pfahler of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that the March 3, 2008 regular meeting minutes be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller reported there was a committee meeting last Monday (March 10th) after the special meeting for the purpose of a workshop on the final appropriations. We had a good discussion and we vote tonight.

B. Utilities – Mr. Landaw had no report.

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

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

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report.

F. Planning – Mr. Vance had no report.

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

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk reported there has been some interest from several citizens about Orrville becoming affiliated with the Keep America/Keep Ohio Beautiful Organization or Programs. In doing some checking with that there is a fee involved with joining. It is about \$1,150 for a city our size to be a member. It is based on population. This is not budgeted money we have so if we are considering moving ahead with this we will try to collect money possibly from various groups and organizations or individuals that are interested in pursuing this. This is a one-time fee though; it is not a yearly fee. So if we do join, we are good for years to come as far as membership goes. It does involve quite a bit of organization and would open up some avenues for grants that possibly we don't have right now if we qualify for those. Basically for people maybe that are listening, if you are interested or have an interest in seeing Orrville join this group, I would ask that you contact my office and let me know about that. Just a few facts from their website that I thought were pretty interesting that I wanted to read here tonight. Keep Ohio Beautiful affiliates organized 4126 cleanup events with 66,000 volunteers throughout Ohio during the 2006-2007 year. 1217 sites were beautified with flowers, bulbs, and shrubs during the planting events coordinated by Keep Ohio Beautiful during that same year. 10,237 new trees were planted in Ohio due to this program. 67,063 students and youth were reached by

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affiliates conducting in-class room presentations and youth group presentations on litter prevention and recycling. I think this is an area sometimes that we possibly have skipped a generation as far as the litter and that sort of thing. 765,000 adults were reached by 645 community outreach presentations given by the Keep Ohio Beautiful affiliates. During the 2007 Great American Clean Up which is March through May, anytime in that period, the Keep Ohio Beautiful affiliates collected 616,887 illegally dumped tires for proper disposal. And this is all just in Ohio we are talking about. During the 2007 Great American Clean Up Ohio affiliates collected 450,000 lbs. of electronics for recycling. The last one here, over 3,600,000 lbs. of litter was collected by Ohio volunteers during the same time period for the Great American Clean Up. Some of the stuff we are doing. I know Suzie Auble tries to coordinate a clean up week every year. This would go hand-in-hand with that, possibly with this affiliate we could have a little better turn out with people in town. Again, if anyone is interested, just let me know.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Jewell reported the Back Massillon Road project is scheduled to begin on April 7th. We held the preconstruction meeting with the contractor. The contractor is Barbecus Construction out of Fairlawn. They are scheduled to start on April 7th. Their completion date, according to contract, would be May the 20th; however, they believe that their completion date will be two weeks from April 7th so they plan to be done and have the roadway open in two weeks. Then by April 30th they plan to have all the fine grading and seeding completed. During that time, Back Massillon will be closed from Heartland to North Crown Hill Road. The allotment there, the Harvest Hills allotment and the church and various residences will have access on Back Massillon Road from 57, from Main Street. There will be no access during that time from Crown Hill Road. The other thing I would like to report is the snow storm that was on March 7th and 8th, our Street Department knew this was going to be a long storm so as the snow started Mr. Staley decided to work, he worked the entire crew until quitting time and then he split the crew in half and they worked shifts so we could keep snow plows on the road the entire time. At times, especially on Saturday, there were blizzard or near blizzard conditions and we stayed out there the whole time; kept the main roads open and I think they did a very good job. In addition to that, the firefighter auxiliary members came in and they cooked food so we could keep everybody on the road and rotate them in to get something warm and get off the road for just a few minutes. The Orrville Utilities helped us out a couple times. We had some trucks that got stuck and they helped us out with that. They also helped us by providing some drivers. I think everyone pulled together and did an excellent job for the Orrville community. At this time I would like to thank them and make sure they know they did a great job.

Baker: Thank you Mrs. Jewell. I would also like to thank those people. They did an excellent job. I do have a question for you, when we do have a storm like this or any time when on the snow streets the snow exceeds the three inches that is on the sign, do we have a policy for informing people who have their car out there that they need to move them, other than the sign sitting there?

Jewell: What happens when we put the snow parking ban into affect....

On doors asking people to move their vehicles instead of just towing them, they try to notify them first. That is one thing that would really help, if the public would move their vehicles when they know it is a heavy snow storm and then we would not have to knock on doors and ask them to move them off the street.

Peppard: When the Back Massillon Project starts will Crown Hill Road also be closed?

Jewell: Crown Hill Road will be open. If they have to be backing equipment in and out, they will flag traffic so it can still continue.

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C. Utilities Director – Director Preising had no report.

D. Finance Director – Director Leggett reported that prior to the meeting the Fund Balance Report for the period ending 02/29/08 was distributed. Miller moved and Corfman seconded the report be approved subject to audit. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker reported an Agricultural District Renewal Application was received from William Arnold. A public hearing will need to be scheduled for that. Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded for a public hearing on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Peppard: We received renewal of the liquor license applications for Buehlers and Pizza Hut.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION 13-08

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded that Resolution 13-08, a resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts without bidding for architectural services for the renovation and addition to Schmid Hall, be placed on third reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Miller: This is only the architectural services we are approving tonight?

Jewell: That is correct.

Vance: Being relatively new to financing public works like this, I know myself I had a case of sticker shock when it comes to the cost of these kinds of services, especially relative to the entire cost of the project. Mrs. Jewell was very good at explaining why these costs are as high as they are; because they are public funds it makes sure the money is used the way it has been designed to and to protect the public interest in this project. Other than one of us going to architect school I don't know any way around it, but I have been in contact with our State Senator Ron Amstutz and we are going to be pursuing trying to get some kind of threshold in place so that smaller projects like this we don't have to have the whole nine yards of engineering. Of course, can't get anything done in time for this project, but we are going to be looking into some things so perhaps in the future we can try to get these services done at a lower cost for smaller projects like this.

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded that Resolution 13-08 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 14-08

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 14-08, a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for concrete repairs on Crown Hill Road, Hostetler Road and Mineral Spring Street in the City of Orrville, Ohio, be placed on third reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 14-08 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 15-08

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded the Resolution 15-08, a resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Orrville, State of Ohio,

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during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, and declaring an emergency, be placed on second reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leggett: I just wanted to make a couple comments primarily concerning the workshop and just make sure Council remembers things the way at least I thought they were presented. At the workshop most of the discussion about specific funds centered around the Capital Improvement Fund which now has about \$1 million or so in it plus whatever receipts we get through 2008. The way the current appropriations are written, if all those appropriations are expended the estimated balance at the end of 2008 would be \$50,000 which is an extremely low amount. Especially when you consider that that fund is really the backup fund for the General Fund. If the General Fund ever needs money or becomes short it is the Capital Fund where we go to transfer money back. We have put transfers in the appropriation in years past for that very purpose although the money was never, we never got where it had to be used. But we have been at that point before. The reason I think we are at this position where the estimated balance could get to as low as \$50,000 is because a couple years ago when we saw this coming and we looked at the capital projects that need to be done and put an income tax increase on the ballot, it was to avert this type of situation coming about so there would be funds available to do the capital projects that were felt to be needed without running out of funds. However, the income tax increase was defeated and therefore, we are now to the point we predicted we would be two years ago. In light of that, no one – including the members of council or anyone on the administration – feels comfortable with a \$50,000 balance in the General Fund. At the workshop the discussion was since these items, anything over \$15,000, has to come back to Council for approval, what Council would do, along with working with Director Jewell, is make sure these items were prioritized and would review from time to time to make sure that that fund balance did not get to that level even if some items had to be delayed or cut all together and sort of the agreed upon consensus balance or the level that the fund should stay above was somewhere around the \$500,000 level. That is what I remember from the workshop and I think that is primarily what Council agreed to. I did want to explain that so that was clear and especially to the public so they know that a lot of effort is being put into analyzing projects, prioritizing projects, and protecting that Fund balance as best we can with the resources we have.

Miller: Mr. Leggett explained it very well, but the appropriations are just that; it makes the money available and we can monitor these projects and make sure that account does not get to a level we are not comfortable with.

Leathers moved and Miller seconded that Resolution 15-08 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-08

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that Resolution 16-08, a resolution authorizing the Safety-service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract and/or contracts for the installation of street and infrastructure in Industrial Park #2, located in the City of Orrville, Ohio, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leggett: Just to make one comment again for clarification for the public. This money that we have to do this was actually money that was borrowed. When we borrowed money last year, \$1.5 million, to purchase the property and then also to do this infrastructure. This is not really money that was collected yet through taxes, this was borrowed money. Of course, it will have to be paid back. That is where this money came from to do this project.

Landaw: I had commented at our last meeting and I hope we will consider a walking trail or sidewalk possibly through that area. I know we don't require it in other industrial areas, but there have definitely been comments from folks that they would like to see that ability to get out of their workplace and go for a walk close by. I would hope that maybe we could get some

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estimates from an engineer what a walking trail or a sidewalk would be and consider putting it in if possible now and if not maybe it could be done in the future. I don't know if anybody else has heard folks express that, but I have had several people mention it to me.

Jewell: There is no need to pass this on second reading.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 19-08

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 19-08, a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Utilities or his designee to enter into a contract and/or contracts for the purchase of a 42 acre real estate parcel located in Stark County, Ohio, for the purpose of constructing additional water wells, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leathers moved and Corfman 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 Aspiras seconded that Resolution 19-08 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Superintendent Mike Staley presented the Annual Report for the Service Department.

Good of the Order:

Miller: The Orrville Ministerial Association will be putting a community Good Friday service this Friday at 12:15 at the Trinity United Methodist Church so we would like to invite anyone who would like to come. It will be about a 45 minute service.

Corfman moved and Aspiras seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council