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

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

Corfman moved and Vance seconded that the minutes of the March 21, 2011 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 was absent.

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

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras reported he has asked Mr. Wheeler to give a quick update tonight during his report on the dog park progress.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report.

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 reminded people that April 18-23 will be our annual clean-up Orrville week and would like to encourage you – this is something Suzie Auble organized years ago and groups have been doing this every year since, but try to get some volunteers together if you can and go out and either pick a street to help clean up litter or pick an area and get Orrville cleaned up. That would be April 18-23. If you are going to do that, it also helps if you would call the Chamber and let them know what street you would like to do. That way they know who will be responsible for what area. There are also gloves and trash bags available at the Chamber office and I think Buehlers has those too that are supplied by different businesses in the community. If you have any other questions, you can call Suzie Auble too. Earth Day is also Friday the 22nd so it is that same week so it makes it a good week to clean things up. Just a reminder for people, and I think most people are doing a good job of this, but we still have some problems with this every week and that is with trash. We all either get our trash picked up on Thursday or Friday, depending on where we live, and we would like to see the trash out the evening before not two or three days before and also after it is picked up please remember to take the containers, especially the recycle containers and trash cans, back to your house or garage so they are not sitting up at the street for the rest of the week. Also, a bit of information from the Arbor Day Foundation and I would like to read a letter I got from them just this week. "Orrville, Ohio was recognized by the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. Orrville has earned this national designation for 30 years. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. Orrville has met the four

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standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA communities must have a Tree Board or a department, a Tree Care Ordinance, a Comprehensive Community Forestry Program, and an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.” We do these things every year. This year the proclamation and observance will be with our second graders at the Orrville Elementary School. This is something we haven’t done before and so we will be planting a tree over at the school on April 29th about 10:00 a.m. “We commend Orrville’s elected officials, volunteers, and citizens for providing bio-care for its urban forest” says John Rosenhow, Chief Executive and Founder of Arbor Day Foundation. “Tree provide numerous environmental, economical, and health benefits to millions of people each day and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority.” One last thing, I got another reminder from Goodwill Industries that anyone who is looking to purchase a new computer and don’t know what to do with your old one Goodwill is recycling those. That used to be something you really didn’t know what to do with a computer when you are done with it so any parts or components with computers, keyboards, monitors, all that sort of thing can be taken directly down to the Goodwill store and they will recycle that. Again, that not only recycles that material and keeps it out of the landfill, but it is also helping people stay employed with the Goodwill Industries.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported the engineering is currently being completed on the dog park and that is required by the State as a condition of our Nature Works Grant. Once the engineering is complete, which it should be wrapped up in the next few weeks, then we have to submit those plans to the State for their approval prior to beginning bidding and construction. Hopefully once we have timely approval from the State, we will be able to go out for bids and can begin construction in late May or early June. Just a reminder for some folks that may not be aware, this is proposed on the Blackwell Williams property which is actually behind Pizazzio’s pizza on Ella. It is primarily funded through an Ohio Nature Works Grant. I would be glad to answer any questions on that. If anyone has any questions out in the public, I would be glad to answer those as well if they give me a call.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger updated on the outage Sunday night. I did pass out to Council a photograph of the cable that faulted on us. The Daily Record did a nice job on the article that kind of described the event and those of you who may have heard the event. To give you an update, those repairs to that cable were made early Friday morning. We do have plans on replacing all nine cables that go from the intertie transformer into the main buss into the plant. We are not completely satisfied with the way those cables were installed back in the 1970s so we are going to replace those in the very near future. Also, I distributed the Utilities Annual Report. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call on that.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan had no report.

E. Law Director - Director VanSickle had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker had no report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

RESOLUTION 6-11

Leathers moved and Hamsher seconded that Resolution 9-11, 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, 2011, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Strimlan: As we discussed in the workshop, the only change in this – this is an amendment to the

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original appropriations – the only change that is being made is a transfer from the Electric Revenue Fund into the Precipitator Improvement Fund to pay off the note that is due April 21st. This does not have to be approved this evening; however, I would request that it could be approved at the next meeting.

Leathers moved and Shupp 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 9-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Director of Finance, Janet Strimlan presented the Finance Department's annual report.

Good of the Order:

Baker: At the Ohio Technology Education Association Conference this weekend projects made by students of the OHS Industrial Technology Department were awarded three first place awards, six second place awards, and 27 Awards of Merit. The students are taught by William E. Peters. Students competed in such categories as Computer Generated Technology, Technical Drawings, Construction & Architecture, Manufacturing, and Engineering. The photo shows the entry for the Manufacturing Class for their Toys for Tots project which won a first place award. Also, good luck to the OHS choir. They recently qualified for State competition which will be held next month.

Corfman moved and Aspiras seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council