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President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Newton Brenneman of New Hope Christian Center offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Corfman moved and Hamsher seconded that the minutes of the March 15, 2010 regular meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Finance – Mr. Miller had no report, but the Finance Department Annual Report will be presented by Ms. Strimlan toward the end of the meeting. I also want to congratulate the Orrville Boys Basketball team for being runner up in the State. That is quite an accomplishment. Also, congratulations to all the young men and women who played sports this year over at our schools. We are proud of all of them.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance had no report.

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

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras reported he had a few citizens ask about the dates for the 4th of July celebration. There have been tentative dates set. The parade and carnival will kick off June 30th on Wednesday to start that celebration week. Midway carnival will run all week up til July 4th and July 4th is actually a Sunday this year and that is when the fireworks will be displayed. As usual, keep an eye on the OrrViews, Daily Record, and I know the O.F.F.A. does a good job communicating. I would also like to congratulate the Orrville High School Boys Varsity Basketball team for a fine season and Coach Sly Slaughter in his first year of coaching.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report, but congratulated the basketball team on a great season.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher had no report.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report, but reminded Council of the Ordinance and Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12th, after Utility Board.

**Special Committee Reports:** None.

**Administrative Reports:**

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk was going to congratulate the basketball team, but that has been done pretty well already so I will move on. April 1st was Census Day and I have been getting e-mails daily from the census bureau. So if you have not filled your census information out, please make sure and do so. I thought one of the interesting comments on this e-mail today was that if 100% of the households in our country would fill it out and send it in, which obviously we are not going to get 100%, but if they did that would save our taxpayers \$1.5 billion, just if people would do what they are asking. Just fill it out and send it in so they wouldn't have to send people out later to go door-to-door and find out where people are and see if there are actually people living in houses and so forth. If you haven't done that, please do so. There is a website that you can go to look and see how we are doing compared to other communities. That information isn't all that appealing right now because we are about 50% that we have sent in. Wooster is a little bit ahead of us. Rittman as of last Friday was close to 70%. So if we were in a track race right now, we would be sitting third with the cities. We need to get people to send them in. Our Employee of the Month for April is Mindy Bisesi. Mindy is a graduate of Butler University, which is in the championship tonight. We have had to listen to her all week talk about Butler and we are even going to actually cheer for them with her tonight. She was actually in school when they did the Hoosiers movie and was one of the extras. She started with the City of Orrville in January 2007 in the Utilities Cashier's Office as an Accountant Clerk II. Mindy is an extremely pleasant and hardworking individual and many customers have commented on Mindy's pleasant demeanor and customer service oriented attitude. She has assisted in all functions of the Cashier's Office, as well as Payroll, and is always willing to go above and beyond to ensure the Utility Office runs as efficiently and as effectively as possible. Mindy and her husband, Troy, reside in Orrville and have two children. Mindy chose to eat her lunch at Jerry's and we are actually going to do that this Thursday.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler had no report, but wanted to make sure Council was aware the Chief Carozza will be on the next Council agenda and he will be giving an update on the

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Criminal Nuisance Ordinance. Believe it or not, it has been a full year since it has passed and he is going to update us on its effectiveness and give us some statistical information as well.

Hamsher: Mr. Wheeler, the end of last year, early this year we talked about each department setting aside money for bigger replacements – a savings plan so to speak. How are those plans coming along. Wheeler: Part of that plan of course was to have the city department heads do vehicle replacement plans as well as equipment and computer replacement plans so that we could plan appropriately for the future. The Police Chief and the Fire Chief have both completed theirs recently. The Street Superintendent is working on his and the administrative side is working on theirs as well. So that is coming along nicely. Once we have those plans put together, we will have a better feel for what those needs will be and be able to plan appropriately in future capital years.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger had no report other than to update Council the work on the American Electric Power interconnect line was delayed a week. Instead of starting this week, that will commence next Monday through the following Sunday. During that time we will be resting solely on the Power Generating Plant during that period. We still are prepared for that. We don't anticipate any problem. We have numerous contingency plans in place and we expect pretty much business as usual.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan reported the Fund Balance Report for the period ending 02/28/10 was distributed prior to tonight's meeting and I would ask for a motion to approve it subject to audit. Miller moved and Shupp seconded the Fund Balance 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 congratulated everyone. Hopefully you all had a happy Easter. The weather has really been great for the past week and it looks like it is going to be for a few more days at least. It is spring break for the school kids so be sure you watch out for some of those little tikes that may be running around out there. Even though they may not be paying attention to the traffic, make sure you pay attention to them. Little league baseball is going to be starting pretty soon too. So keep your eyes open.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**  
**ORDINANCE H-10**

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that Ordinance H-10, an ordinance vacating Central Court and Walnut Court in the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: There is a map attached to the ordinance. The alley is located off of Main Street. It is actually adjacent to what was formally the Orrville Bronze Company. The alley was used as access to four houses. Those four houses are no longer there. The J.M. Smucker Company actually is now the owner; purchased both the house and Orrville Bronze as part of their Discovery Building expansion project. They are requesting that we vacate the two alleys. Obviously, The J.M. Smucker Company owns all the adjacent property as well and as the adjacent property owner they do support the vacation. This does not have to be passed on the first reading tonight.

Aspiras: The Planning Commission has approved this?

Wheeler: Yes.

Aspiras: The future plans for this land have been approved also?

Wheeler: The site plan has been approved by the Planning Commission as well, and storm water as well for that project. So that project is scheduled to move forward very soon.

Aspiras: And that is going to be basically a parking lot?

Wheeler: That particular location where the alley is actually will be a parking lot because the Discovery Building is actually going to be expanded into what is currently the parking lot. So they will need to move the parking lot north.

Shupp: Do you have any idea what the time frame is on the tear down of the old foundry building?

Wheeler: From my understanding that was scheduled to occur this week. I would expect over the next few weeks we will see that building disappear.

Shupp: Are they going to use Central Court as their access during that time?

Wheeler: Yes and they are currently.

Leathers moved and Aspiras 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 Corfman seconded that Ordinance H-10 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 10-10**

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Leathers moved and Miller seconded that Resolution 10-10, a resolution urging the Ohio Legislation to reduce the negative impact of a new tax on hospitals, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Baker: Recently Mr. Steiger was here to explain the Hospital's position and to ask us to make this resolution and send it on. Does anyone have any comments, either supporting or against?

Vance: I support the resolution because the amount of money that is being taken out of the community and from the hospital does not come back and the intent of this particular tax is to create a pool from which Medicaid funds can be drawn from from the federal government, but it is disproportionate in our community's case. That is why this tax is not fair and it is not appropriate for our hospital. This resolution is being sent to the Governor and Ohio Representative Ron Amstutz and Ohio Senator Bob Gibbs, as well as, Rod Steiger. Just want the Council to know that Representative Amstutz and Senator Gibb both are strongly disapprove of this tax and have been working to get rid of this tax. It is currently in this year's budget and they will be working on the next bi-annual budget to get this tax removed. That is why we are throwing our opinion in here as well. So I am speaking in support of it.

Leathers moved and Hamsher 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 10-10 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Finance Director, Janet Strimlan presented the Annual Report for the Finance Department.

**Good of the Order:**

Miller: The Orrville Community Theater will be presenting its spring production "Double Trouble" on April 16 & 17 at 7pm and April 18 at 2pm at the North Elementary (the old Orrville Junior High). Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

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

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Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council