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President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Randy Gehres of the Christ United Church of Christ offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Corfman moved and Aspiras seconded that the April 7, 2008 regular meeting minutes be approved as amended. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Corfman moved and Landaw seconded that the March 31, 2008 special meeting minutes be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller was absent.

B. Utilities – Mr. Landaw had no report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had no report, but is going to the Rails to Trails meeting on Wednesday. Also stated he would not be present for the second meeting in June.

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 reminded the community this week is the Orrville Community Clean Up Week. Talking with folks at the Chamber last week there were not a lot of people signed up as of last week. Hopefully some more people will have gotten involved since then and will do some cleaning up around town this week. There are some spots that definitely need it.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Jewell reported we received an application last week for a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) from the CVS Company. This would be a request for 50% for 12 years. This will be for the new store they will be building on Main Street at High Street. They are requesting an abatement of taxes of 50% for 12 years. Keep in mind that the abatement would only apply to any increase in value of this property.

Leathers: Does that increase come from what they would pay to purchase those properties? Is that the baseline?

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Jewell: No. It is strictly the tax value. We will be getting information out to you between now and the next City Council meeting, but representatives from CVS will be here at that meeting. We were notified verbally on April 7th and then just last week we received our official notification that the Holmes/Wayne Transportation as of April 30th will no longer be transporting the citizens of Orrville. We have a contract with them. As you know, the Holmes/Wayne Transportation Alliance was dissolved. Holmes County is now running transportation on their own. At first they had indicated to us that they might be interested in continuing our contract and then they notified us that was not the case and as of April 30th we would no longer have transportation for our citizens. We have spent quite a bit of time over the last couple weeks looking for other alternatives. I just wanted to let council know that if you talk with anybody, we are meeting this week with two different companies who have an interest in providing that transportation for us. We are hoping that we will have a solution before that April 30th deadline. This would be the transportation that we have in Orrville for the senior citizens that run two days a week and they pick the person up at their home and then they make the loop around town to the various grocery stores, drug stores, library, wherever people need to go; the doctor's office. That is two days per week and one day a week they take them to Wooster so they can do their errands in Wooster. We feel that service is necessary so we are trying to find someone. This coming Saturday is work day at the Hilltop Park. This will be the installation of the playground equipment. Mr. Staley says he plans to start at 8:30 a.m. and anyone who wants to volunteer all you have to do is show up with work clothes on. You can stay as long as you want. He said he will be there until it is finished and that may be dark. It just depends on how it goes and how all the pieces go together. If you want to go to Hilltop Park, the best thing to do is enter from Joseph Blvd. and go back the water tower access road and you can park right there and then it is just a short walk. Another report I have is on the progress at Back Massillon Road. Originally we had reported that it would have been completed by last Friday. However, in the newly excavated areas they encountered soft soils so we had to take a step back and do some additional work on the stabilization of the base there. That work was completed last week and they did pour the curbs and they should be on schedule to finish it by this Friday. I have received several calls people asking about the turning radius at Back Massillon. Before it was at an angle and was just pretty much an open intersection. Now it is a standard intersection and I think that when you look at that you tend to say ooh what happened here. The standard recommendation for the turning radius where you have buses and trucks would be a 40 foot turning radius and this is at a 50 foot. This is larger than what would be recommended by the engineering standards for that intersection, but it does look quite a bit different because it is constructed as a standard intersection rather than being just a wide open intersection. At the next council meeting I would like to request to have around 20 minutes to present the information that we have gathered as far as strategic planning in the Safety Service Department. I know there has been a lot of discussion about where we are headed and what the needs are of the department. I have gathered all the information from the various different department heads and would like to request 20 minutes at your next meeting to make a presentation at that time.

Baker: Has there been a date set for the next truck route meeting?

Jewell: No. That has not been set. We are still waiting on some clearances of some of the reports that have been submitted to date so we can absolute okay to move to the next step.

C. Utilities Director – Director Preising was absent.

D. Finance Director – Director Leggett reported that prior to the meeting Fund Balance Report

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for the period ending March 31, 2008 was distributed. Leathers moved and Vance seconded that 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 he received an e-mail from Mr. Duxbury, Earth Science teacher at Orrville High School, and the Earth Science Club has some items coming up. Some the general public can participate in and some that will be for the kids at school. On May 3rd there will be a newspaper and computer recycling at the High School from 9:00 to 12:00. There will also be a park cleanup that same day at the wetlands from 12:00 to 2:00. On May 17th there will be a Fear Factor in Orrville. It is going to be three events in the lower park. On May 21st there will be a Trail Day for the high school seniors. There will also be a frog jumping contest.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Order:

Corfman: The chair of Main Street Orrville deserves credit for getting a nice Letter to the Editor written.

Baker: It was concerning the flowers downtown and the clean up week.

Corfman moved and Leathers seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council