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President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Randy Murray of Martin's Mennonite Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Aspiras moved and Shupp seconded that the minutes of the April 18, 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 reminded Council of a couple calendar items. We have a resolution before us tonight on first reading regarding us participating in the purchase of a power plant in Fremont and this is a big decision for us and so I would really urge Council to attend a Board Meeting and a workshop next Monday at 6:30 and we will have a chance to get more information and discuss that some more. If we need to, we can also have a second workshop on the following Monday which would be a council meeting night and that workshop would be at 6:30, our council meeting is at 7:30, where some AMP staff can attend so we can discuss these matters with them – if we need that meeting. That is not a definite meeting, only if we need it. Then we will have the second reading of that ordinance on May 16th and the third reading will be on June 6th. I just wanted Council to mark their calendars for those dates where we will have a chance to discuss this in more detail.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had no report, but advised he will be absent on June 20th for his annual miss a meeting go ride a bike day.

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

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher reported the Planning Committee met last Monday concerning some zoning issues. We discussed the recent sale and how the zoning of the property fits in with the current neighborhood and surrounding area – R4, R3, I2, C1, C2, and so forth. We decided, after much discussion, that we are going to look at the zoning issue and requirements more in-depth through the comprehensive plan and possible future meetings.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report, but also will be absent on June 20th.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk reported that one week after our Cleanup Orrville week which everybody did a very good job we had near 70 MPH winds on trash night last week and while I really expected to see the worst all over town, actually by mid-day most everything I saw was picked up pretty well. So I wanted to thank everyone that got outside and picked up things that probably didn't belong to you in your yard and returned some recycle bins. We still have some people that are missing theirs so if you happen to have somebody's – one person came in today and said their address was written on theirs so I would hope somebody would find that and return that to them, but if not we can get them another one. Thanks to everyone who did help clean things up after last

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week's windy storm. I will also be attending the Fremont plant with Mr. Brediger and I think Ms. Strimlan is going Wednesday to take a look at that plant and see what it looks like.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported Operation Medicine Cabinet was held this past Saturday. We collected 18 lbs. of prescription medicine and 29 lbs. of over-the-counter drugs as part of the operation. A special thank you to Detective Hunt for his time and effort to make the event a success. Also, today we attended a Department of Transportation (DOT) meeting regarding the 2011 DOT road projects. There is just one that is going to affect this area and it is outside of the City limits. They will be resurfacing Route 30 from Kansas Road to the Stark County line this year. They are scheduled to resurface Route 57 outside of the City limits from 30 to 585 next year. Also, this week West Church Street there will be some extensive repairs done. A section of West Church Street may be closed really from Wednesday all the way through the weekend so if you can avoid West Church adjacent to the fire station, I would highly recommend that.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger expanded a little on Councilman Vance's comments on the Fremont/AMP project. There is a tour this Wednesday at 1:00. If any council member is interested in going along with that, let me know and we will get you up there. There are also a couple additional informational webinars that AMP is putting on. One of those is on the 4th of May at 10:30 and the other one is on Friday, May 6th, at 1:30. I will be sending out some information, some call in numbers, dial in numbers, for that. Most of the information on this webinar will be gone over in this workshop the following Monday. There has been a lot of information that has been passed out and some of the stuff you almost need to hear more than one time so this webinar will also give a little bit additional information and background on that particular project. Again, I will send out e-mails on how to get access to that webinar if anybody on Council is interested in that. With that I will just have a few comments on the resolution concerning this project a little bit later on.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan reported the Quarterly Investment Report for the first quarter of 2011 was distributed prior to tonight's meeting. It does not require any action from Council; however, our investment policy does require the distribution of that and the minutes to reflect that it was distributed. I also distributed the Fund Balance Report for March 31, 2011 and I would ask for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Miller moved and Vance seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

E. Law Director - Director VanSickle updated everybody that the Charter Review Commission has finished their work. The Charter Review Commission met twice, once in March and once in April and it was the recommendation of the Charter Review Commission that there be no changes to the City Charter.

F. President of Council – President Baker had no report, but hopes the rain stops soon so he can mow his grass.

Old Business: None

New Business:

RESOLUTION 15-11

Leathers moved and Hamsher seconded that Resolution 15-11, a resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts for Engineering Services for the following 2011 OPWC city paving projects: resurfacing of Church Street, McGill Street, Mohican Avenue, Walnut Street, and Westwood Avenue, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: We did receive word that there will be OPWC funds available this year. We also received notice that we will be awarded those funds when they are released. As a result, I have sort of held

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up on the engineering knowing that we are sort of in limbo in that regard and so we are ready to move forward on the engineering for those projects and I am requesting your approval. It can go three readings if you so chose. The money is funded in the Capital Fund for both the engineering as well as the construction in this current 2011 Budget.

Aspiras: This is obviously in the budget and we got the OPWC grant money. It is declared as an emergency, but you mentioned it can go three readings. Is there any advantage to passing it tonight?

Wheeler: It is absolutely advantageous to us to pass it tonight. Normally once we receive the award letter then they will follow up with the paperwork. It does take a few weeks of course working with the State to get that back, but the quicker we get started on the engineering the quicker we can move forward with the actual bidding of the construction projects and maybe if the rain and weather cooperate we can actually get the project done this summer.

Shupp: On the Church Street listed here you are speaking of East Church?

Wheeler: East Church from Main to Mill.

Handwerk: Same with Walnut Street. It is not the entire street.

Wheeler: Walnut is North Walnut from what would be Water or the base of the bridge to Orr Street.

Leathers moved and Vance 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 15-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-11

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 16-11, a resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to sign an agreement and/or agreements on behalf of the City of Orrville for the purchase of salt from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2011-2012 season, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: The Ohio Department of Transportation is preparing their bid packet for salt for the upcoming winter. We have used them the past two years and it has been very cost effective for us. We have averaged about \$52 per ton. They have also been very good with the customer service and with the delivery within just a few days of the order. I do recommend that we continue with this contract, it has been a success. If you recall three years ago, the tonnage was over \$120 a ton so we have been very pleased not only with the service, but with the price as well. We are guaranteed up to 120% of 1400 tons. We did use 1400 tons this past year with what I would consider a pretty tough winter. We do have brine in our Capital Budget for this year so expect that usage to go down as a result of being able to mix the brine in there. Our Street Superintendent Ron Cross is working on some different ways to purchase that brine. That is not part of this contract. This is strictly for the salt at this point. It does not have to be approved tonight. I would ask that if it is not approved tonight, that it is approved at the next meeting as the State's deadline is the end of the month.

Miller: You are saying that the \$50,000 that we got in the appropriation for brine is going to come down?

Wheeler: The brine is a separate purchase from the salt. I do expect that we won't use the whole \$50,000 in the Capital Budget for brine, but that brine does include the purchase of the brine as well as some different equipment that you have to have in order to use the brine as well. That is why that money is there so we can move forward and that will most likely be something that then we are able to do annually. But the brine reduces our salt usage.

Aspiras: Did you say the brine gets mixed with the salt?

Wheeler: Correct.

Aspiras: And that is typically how it gets mixed up and laid down that way?

Wheeler: Typically they will actually have the brine mixed in the salt as it is being released off the truck. That is how it has been done in other communities and has been very effective.

Leathers moved and Corfman 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.

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Leathers moved and Miller seconded that Resolution 16-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-11

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 17-11, a resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities of the City of Orrville to execute a Power Sales Contract with American Municipal Power, Inc. and taking other actions in connection therewith regarding participation in the AMP Fremont Energy Center, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Brediger: Council is aware the Utility Board is investigating participating in an existing gas-fired plant that is being constructed in Fremont. That project is just about completed. The Board did pass a resolution at its last meeting for an "up to" amount. We have included that in this resolution, but that final number we want to determine over this next upcoming workshop and/or workshops. Again, this is part of our long term power supply plan. This energy generating plant will provide energy to us in the long term for a 30-35 year period. It will replace units that we will have retired in this time period. It is designed to be dispatched to mainly run during the peak demand periods of the day, generally on a Monday through Friday basis. I did mention that this is a natural gas plant and due to its newness and a lot of the efficiencies that are build into this it is a very efficient plant and when it is dispatched it is designed to be operating below market almost 90% of the time and that is one of the several advantages the Board found attractive in this project. Again, I would encourage you to attend the workshop following the Board meeting next week. Please let me know if there are any questions in the volume of materials that have already been passed out to the Boards and Council so far. We have the schedule set up to get it in the queue so if we decide to move forward with the project that this resolution is approved on third reading on June 6th.

Good of the Order:

Miller: Thursday, May 5th, is National Day of Prayer and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be at 7am at Schmid Hall. There are still tickets available for that. That is \$10 for breakfast and prayer time. Then at noon it will continue where we will meet at City Hall and then go over to Christ United Church of Christ for prayer time.

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council