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Prior to council's regular meeting, public hearing was held regarding The J.M. Smucker Company's application for street/alley vacation. Baker swore in all attendees who desired to speak during the public hearing.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler would you like to describe what this is about.

Wheeler: This is a public hearing on a request from The J.M. Smucker Company for the City of Orrville to abandon a few different streets and alleys. Those include a portion of Clark Street which is from Main to Walnut; a portion of Walnut Street from Clark Street to Arch Street; a portion of Arch Street from Walnut Street to what is referred to as "no name alley"; and a portion of Strawberry Lane from Mill Street to what would be considered like the Minerals Springs Road if it were to extend. Also included is a small alley between Clark and Arch; as well as another alley off of Mill Street. Mr. Al Yeagley is here from The J.M. Smucker Company in case you have any questions specific that he may need to answer.

Baker: Members of Council, does anyone have any questions?

Shupp: I have got a little bit of a reservation on closing Strawberry Lane. Basically because I know with our truck route study one of the options that we are looking at with that project is extending East High Street over into Orr Street and if we do that it is going to shut down Orr Street during construction and if Smucker's is going to close this portion of Strawberry Lane there is really no way for a truck driver to get in and out of Trucking & Grading and even into Smuckers if you close this. Are you going to keep this open so it could be used for temporary truck routing if possible or are we going to run into a problem down the road having no other alternative to get traffic in and out of Orr Street?

Yeagley: We have looked at that and again the timing of our construction, again the purpose of this is to build a new corporate building there, and that won't be for some time yet, probably in the fall, but I don't know the timing of the closing of the truck route so potentially there could be a conflict though because there will be construction going in that part between our two corporate buildings. You will still be able to go through on Mill Street. Mill Street will still remain open.

Shupp: Trucking & Grading won't if the tie in is East of Mill Street, which it will be. There will be no truck route if you close Strawberry Lane there will be no access for Trucking & Grading to come up and use Strawberry Lane while Orr Street is closed. There will be virtually, unless they want to go all the way to Burton City and around.

Yeagley: That is true.

Shupp: So you are planning to close Strawberry Lane. You are not just planning to have it there and accessible for your own traffic or even trucks going in and out of Smuckers? Your intention is to close it.

Yeagley: It will be closed. There will be construction going on.

Shupp: How long do you think it will be before our Engineering study is done and we start moving forward with the truck route?

Handwerk: The truck route is still so preliminary. We have not had any type of discussion as far as road closings or whether they will keep access. Sometimes they can do that where they keep a lane open and people can still get through. We are not near that far yet in that process.

Shupp: I am just a little concerned about what that will do down the road and it would definitely be after your building is probably completed when the road is closed.

Yeagley: I can tell you we are looking at other options to the North of our property for access to Route 57, but there is nothing final there or confirmed there. I don't have a definitive answer for you.

Shupp: Do you (Wheeler) have any input on this?

Wheeler: Not to go too far into what Mr. Yeagley mentioned, but there is an alternate plan being

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looked at as well in relation to their project that would help with truck traffic both for Smuckers and the others in that area as well.

Baker: Anyone else have any questions? Mr. Yeagley, do you have any statement you wish to make?

Yeagley: No, other than we really appreciate the City and working with them on this whole expansion project. We try to keep them in the loop and they have kept us in the loop helping us. It has been a very cooperative effort and we are fortunate we are able to grow and we think that is certainly a benefit to this community.

Shupp: Do you (Wheeler) think in the future if we have to close Orr Street can we still keep traffic available for Trucking & Grading to get in and out?

Wheeler: Yes and in fact what we are doing is the engineer has been involved in these talks as well with the Smucker Company in regards to those types of issues so that we are all on the same page when we are partnering on the truck route project with the knowledge of what is planned over here as well. It is a cooperative effort and I feel like we are going to be able to work through it with the engineer to come up with a good plan so truck traffic can keep flowing during the construction.

Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Brad Dews of Orrville Baptist Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Aspiras moved and Miller seconded that the minutes of the April 6, 2009 public hearing and regular meeting be approved as amended. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Finance – Mr. Miller reported Mrs. Strimlan distributed to Council this evening the 2010 Budgeting Schedule. You will see the schedule itself is very similar to other years that we have done this. June 15th will be the first reading where we will also having a public hearing. Second reading will be June 22 where we will have a workshop and special meeting for the second reading and July 6th will be the third reading on that. I believe I need to make a couple motions to schedule these special meetings.

Miller moved and Vance seconded that a Public Hearing be held on June 15th prior to Council on the 2010 Budget. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Aspiras seconded that a Special Meeting be held on June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for the second reading of the 2010 Budget. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

B. Utilities – Mr. Landaw had no report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had no report, but advised Council he would not make the June 22nd special meeting.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras reported that on Friday May 29th the Orr Park opens for the season. The 4th of July celebration week will begin June 30th on Tuesday, opening up with the carnival and parade and will end on Saturday, July 4th, with the fireworks. There is additional information on the City website.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report.

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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 citizens of the unveiling and dedication of the Ohio Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and the Gold Star Mother's Statue on Sunday, May 17th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ohio Veterans Memorial Park at 8005 Cleveland Massillon Road, Clinton, Ohio. There is a website if you want to get on there and look for information on that. It is

[www.ohiovietnammemorialpark.org](http://www.ohiovietnammemorialpark.org). Our Employee of the Month for May is also the Firefighter and EMT of the Year for Wayne County and that is Rich Nester. Rich has been a firefighter for 29 years and an EMT for 25 years. He is also a Certified Safety Inspector and Arson Investigator. Rich also has extensive knowledge as a vehicle extrication specialist. Rich's day job is at the OSU Wooster Campus where he is a Police Sergeant. Rich has been with the City of Orrville's Fire Department since July 1989. Congratulations to Rich Nester both for being Employee of the Month and also his recognition as Wayne County Firefighter and EMT of the Year. Mayor Handwerk read a proclamation as May is Mental Health Month.

Corfman: Mr. Mayor, I think you deserve a special thank you for representing the City and Council last Thursday and Friday. It is not often we have two dedications or two ceremonies like that back to back. The City has a lot of pride and a lot of growth going on right now.

Handwerk: I was glad to do that. It was also the night of the ground breaking for the Wayne County Career Center on Thursday night too, so that was before the ground breaking of the multi-purpose room. There is a lot of good things going on in our area right now in spite of the hard times.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported that bids were opened this past Friday on the concrete replacement project on Hostetler Road at the intersection of Congress. The Engineer is currently reviewing those bids. They did come in at the Engineer's estimate so it appears we will be able to award them once a recommendation is made by the Engineer. The Friday before that bids were opened for a storm water tile repair project under the railroad which is adjacent to Imhoff Construction. Unfortunately, the bids came in significantly higher than the Engineer's estimate and the Engineer did recommend that we reject those bids which the Board of Control has done. Now we are discussing with the Engineer whether or not to go ahead and look at possibly increasing the Engineer's estimate or postponing that project knowing there is not a whole lot of extra dollars in the Capital Fund if the bids do come in as high as they did previously. Those are projects we are working on currently. There will be a bid opening this Friday for Bell Avenue paving. The Friday after that will be some downtown bid openings. There are a lot of projects going on.

C. Utilities Director – Director Preising had no report.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan had no report.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz was absent.

F. President of Council – President Baker reminded everybody that tomorrow is election day. We seem to forget about it when it is not one of those big elections that we are going to elect the President or some Senator or Congressman, but it is important for our local election so please those of you who are registered voters go out and let us know that you do care about what goes on in your community. On last thing, at our last meeting we had a discussion about how our council people are to vote and afterwards I found out that I had made a mistake when I said that it was okay for Mr. Landaw to abstain from voting. The only way a council member may abstain from voting is if Council

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votes on that abstention before the vote. In this case it would not have made a difference in the outcome of the vote. It still would have passed so we are not going to take a second vote, but just so everyone knows, if you do plan on abstaining from a vote, Council must vote on that before our regular vote is taken.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION 19-09**

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 19-09, a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the resurfacing of North Vine Street, from high Street to Mineral Spring Street, and West Water Street, from Vine Street to its terminus, in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This project is a direct result of receiving grant funds of \$50,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission, as well as \$35,000 from the CDBG formula grant money which is requiring a \$20,000 match from the City which was budgeted in the Capital Funds for this current fiscal year. Normally the OPWC doesn't award until in the Fall and they appear to be ahead of schedule this year and actually awarding in May. As a result we are hoping to get this project done this current construction season rather than having to wait until Spring 2010 construction season which is typically the way it is done on these OPWC grants due to timing. What you have before you is a request to move forward on this project.

Handwerk: Just to go along with what Mr. Wheeler was say, we have had a lot comments about the area right where the mail boxes are to drop off letters. It is really pretty pitted and potholed right now. That from the way it is explained to us, is caused because at the edge of the street the chip and seal have been built up for years when they ground that down last year it was pretty thin so there was not as much area there at the edge of street and of course you get a lot of traffic right at the edge where you normally don't on a street because of people dropping off letters. So we are aware of that. We are going to try to temporarily fix those potholes just for now and then do a better, probably a cut out and repair the base, before that does get asphalted. If it does indeed look like the project is going to be done this summer, there will be a permanent repair underneath that spot first, but for now it will be repaired the best we can with filling the potholes in.

Vance: I just had a comment. Mr. Wheeler alluded to it, but I just wanted to emphasize again the role of grant money in this project. The City is only paying 19% of the cost of this work to be done. Again our hats off to the Administration/Safety-Service Department for all the work necessary to secure this grant funding.

Wheeler: I wouldn't be doing Kristen justice if I didn't mention that it was due to Kristen's hard work on those grants. She continues to plug away and get the City money that really otherwise we wouldn't be able to do these projects.

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 Landaw seconded that Resolution 19-09 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Good of the Order:** None.

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council