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President Handwerk called the meeting to order and the Pledge was recited.

Pastor Brad Dews offered the prayer.

Roll call: Purdy, Miller, Landaw, Baker, Weaver, Corfman, and Leathers were present.

Denny Miller: Changes to minutes: Weaver moved and Landaw seconded that the minutes be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller reported that a Finance Committee meeting was held regarding community improvements funding. Next meeting: May 22, 2006, immediately following Public Utility Board.

B. Utilities – Mr. Landaw had no report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman reported that new firefighters are Craig Hostetler and Matt Staley. Live training would be north of Banner Chevrolet.

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

E. Transportation – Mr. Baker had no report.

F. Planning – Mr. Purdy had no report.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Steiner reminded citizens that the Heartland Point grand opening would be June 2 and June 3.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Jewell reported that the Orrville Police Department will have an open house May 21 from 1 to 4. Five hundred smoke detectors were distributed to firefighters. July 4 festivities are in planning. July 4 parade will be at 4 and fireworks on July 8 at 10:15.

C. Utilities Director – Director Preising reported that the plant power outage is winding down.

D. Finance Director – Director Leggett reported that the fund balance reports for April 30, 2006, were distributed. Miller moved and Corfman seconded that the reports be approved subject to audit.

E. Law Director – Director Lutz reported that he has the telephone number for the trustee of the Pennzoil property bankruptcy matter if anyone wants to get the status.

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F. President of Council – President Dave Handwerk had no report.

Special Committee Reports - None

Old Business

Resolution 25-06

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 25-06, a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the construction of a storm-water detention system and declaring an emergency be placed on third reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Corfman: Met with Matthew Smith and they walked the route. Flood control does not get money but good water quality does. The grant is effective July 1 and we have to start within three months of getting the grant. They recommended we go through and it was well engineered. It will control 50 to 60 percent of the water for a 25-year event. If we have a 50-year event, it will hold back about 20 percent. Other recommendations were made too--flood plain, tail water and other work. Mr. Staley was at the meeting to see what other waterways we have that would improve when it comes through.

Jewell: They concurred with the recommendations of the engineers that the detention basin would be useful in that location and that only the local community can decide about the costs and benefits to the community. Nothing will solve all the problems. If you get a 50 or 100-storm event, you are going to be passing a lot of water through the town and you cannot plan for those types of events. Most of the storm events are going to be less than a 50-year storm and we can start passing that water into it as soon as we want, even for a 5-to 10-year storm event. Streams want to take a natural route and if re-routed, it will start eroding on the opposite side. They felt the detention basin by the cemetery was in a good area. This morning, I walked the stream from Buehlers to the power plant with Nevco representatives, who do a lot of storm water grants, especially new Issue I grants for stream restoration; I had them look at the area and they made some recommendations for a grant. They felt that the detention area by the cemetery would be useful to our system as a whole. They stressed that this should be viewed with a watershed approach and not to isolate a stream or a watershed.

Corfman: They had recommendations for Bell where there is water damage. There is a need to improve the stream bed.

Purdy: There will be a lot of displaced dirt at the detention basin. What are thoughts about what to do with this dirt?

Jewell: Originally, we thought the dirt could be kept on site at the cemetery but when they started to do the calculations, but with the amount of dirt—Do you know how much dirt there will be? (speaking to Staley)

Staley: About 48,000 cubic yards of soil to truck off site.

Jewell: We would need to truck this off site. Anyone who takes the soil would need a permit to fill. We have to know where the contractor plans on disposing of the soil and whether or not they have the proper permitting. It is complicated and driven up the costs.

Purdy: Were any suggestions made on this?

Jewell: It would be up to the contractor bidding it to negotiate with the landowners to see if they could use the soil. We could make some initial contacts but it would be up to the contractor.

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Corfman: Mr. Smith suggested Spectrum may have need for the dirt for the wetlands—but the timing may not be right for them.

Miller: Does the grant agreement expire three months after July 1 or could it be extended if we decided to hold off and use the money for other projects?

Jewell: The grant agreement will be coming to us in July 1 for this detention basin project. Once it is here, we sign it and send it back to Ohio Public Works Commission and then we have authority to proceed with our project. As a part of the grant application, you tell them the grant schedule. If you are ready to proceed within three months of getting the grant agreement, you get additional points and moved you up higher on the list. If not, you have to go back to the Ohio Public Works Commission and ask them to amend your grant.

Miller: It is possible to get the grant amended?

Jewell: It is possible but we get additional points by telling them we are ready to go when we stated.

Handwerk: Do you remember the storm that caused the problem around High Street—was it a 25-year storm?

Jewell: I do not think anyone put a label on what kind of storm it was.

Landaw: Most of the water is from farm runoff. Can anything be done for drainage and redirecting of water?

Jewell: There was discussion about that; the fields were there and the urban areas downstream create the problem. When we build next to the stream and put in pipe, we mess with the watershed trying to redirect it. Eventually, it will all end up in the same spot. We are trying to hold it back at this area and give some relief to the system.

Landaw: From the project we could put money to do something with the field drainage—redirect it and compliment our project.

Jewell: We would be moving the detention further out of town. Eventually, it will end up at the same spot.

Baker: The amount of dirt that has to be moved, the larger amount, could it be reduced?

Jewell: When we first started looking at the project, the detention basin would be in the stream and that reduced the amount of dirt to be hauled away. But the Corps of Engineers suggested we not disturb the stream or wetland areas surrounding the stream so they suggested that we move the detention basin further north. That increased the amount of soil that had to be moved. In January, they said we could lessen the amount of dirt to be moved by making it one detention basin and making the slope steeper. It brought the cost down \$100,000.

Handwerk: How many families did this effect, 10 to 15 or less?

Jewell: I do not know. We had one person come to council and several calls..

Handwerk: A few businesses.

Handwerk: Our portion is \$350,000 and a \$350,000 grant?

Jewell: A little less with a new estimate.

Handwerk: Can we put \$250,000 back and use it to help people (with damages) from a future flood?

Lutz: You are then insuring people, the City acting as an insurer for an act of God, and it is not good.

Corfman: At this point Wayne County does not permit houses to be built that close to the stream. An alternative mentioned was the City buying the houses built too close to the stream and retain the natural stream and it would be more expensive than what we are proposing.

Jewell: People affected by this--High Street, Washington Boulevard, West Market and Pine Street. There are a lot of places where we have flooding and they could be helped by doing this project to the Little Chipp. I do not know how to do a cost value analysis on this. They look at the road closure and put a dollar amount on it.

Mayor Steiner: They convinced me this would be good for our system; our stream beds need work.

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Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 25-06 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes: Purdy, Landaw, Baker, Weaver, Corfman, Leathers. Nay: Miller. Motion carried.

Resolution 28-06

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 28-05 amend the title for clerical corrections: **Delete “unclassified” “replace certifications to “classifications”**.

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 28-06, a resolution to change the pay grade of the Assistant Superintendent as set forth in the unclassified supervisory, management, technical and professional certifications for services of the City of Orrville, Ohio, and repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith be placed on second reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded that the rules, regulations and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Ayes: Landaw, Baker, Weaver, Corfman, Leathers, Purdy. Motion carried. Nay: Miller

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded that Resolution 28-06 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Good of the Order – Leathers commented on how well the Orrville High School musicians represented the City while on recent tours.

Corfman commented that the telephone amendment legislation will be coming at the next meeting.

Leathers moved and Miller seconded that the council meeting adjourn. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Michelle L. Hedberg, Clerk of Council

Date

Dave Handwerk, President of Council