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Prior to council's regular meeting, a Public Hearing was held regarding first reading of the 2007 Budget. Director Leggett was sworn in. He stated that the budget cannot be passed prior to June 30 but must be passed by July 20. The public hearing was closed.

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

Councilman Dennis Miller offered the prayer.

Purdy moved to appoint Brenda Green as the acting clerk for tonight's meeting. Mr. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all.

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

Leather moved and Baker seconded that the June 5, 2006, minutes be approved. Roll call vote. Miller abstained. Ayes-all others. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller stated that the Finance Committee had been having some meetings discussing the capital fund and the City Income Tax. There will be some informational inserts that will be going into the utility bills starting this billing cycle. This will be very informative to our constituency. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be July 10, after the Utility Board Meeting, as Director Leggett has stated the 2007 Budget has been sent to Council which will be addressed by form of a resolution on first reading tonight. There will be a special meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> after Utility Board for the second reading.

B. Utilities – Mr. Landaw reported that at the last Utility Board Meeting the following items were approved: Upgrade of the Delta V system, a computer program for Electric and Wastewater the estimated cost is \$61,500 for hardware, and \$10,000 for engineering. This is definitely a program that needs upgraded; the Utility Board also has been reviewing the Power Cost Adjustment Factor, previous year's calculations, income and expenses are reviewed and a determination is made. At this time no increase in the Power Cost Adjustment Factor (PCA) is recommended for 2006. The third item mentioned at the Utility Board approved the building of an overflow sewer return to meet new EPA requirements. The estimated cost of that will be \$86,000. A materials and labor list is available if anyone would be interested in reviewing that and either Director Preising or he would be available for questions. Mr. Purdy stated that the PCA Factor should not be confused with the scheduled one percent increase in electric utility rates.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman was excused. There was no report.

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

E. Transportation – Mr. Baker had no report. Mr. Baker requested a Transportation Committee Meeting next Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> after the Finance Workshop.

F. Planning – Mr. Purdy had no report.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report except to request an executive session at the close of tonight's meeting in regards to a personnel matter.

Special Committee Reports: None.

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Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Steiner was excused.

B. Safety Service Director Jewell thanked Leadership Orrville. Many of you probably notice the hanging flower baskets in downtown. That was the project for Leadership Orrville this year. There are many others to thank, but was hesitant to mention names because she did not want to forget someone, but felt it was important to thank the ones that came to mind immediately: Leadership Orrville donated the labor for preparing the baskets and they were the lead on this project; Main Street Orrville provided the funding to make sure this project went forward; the Wilburt Company designed, built, and donated the brackets used for hanging the baskets; Spectrum, the most recently annexed area into the City, donated many of the items in the baskets; and also Buchwalter Greenhouse. This took a lot to pull the project together and it adds a lot of color to the downtown.

Director Jewell reported that she had looked into some changes in the property maintenance code that would escalate the penalty from the first time around being a minor misdemeanor to the second time around going to a first degree misdemeanor. This language is similar to what is in the zoning code. She has discussed it briefly with the Law Director and he believes that the language will be able to be done. At the next meeting it is a possibility that there will be legislation presented addressing this change. Mr. Lutz questioned to why the penalty jumped so quickly from one misdemeanor to another. Mrs. Jewell stated this could be written to "stair step" the process a little more. Mr. Lutz stated that the "stair step" process might be more helpful from the courts enforcement of the legislation. Mr. Handwerk also thanked all those who helped with the hanging basket project. Mr. Handwerk asked about the watering process. Mrs. Jewell replied that Main Street Orrville has contracted with Buchwalter Greenhouse to maintain these throughout the summer.

C. Utilities Director – Director Preising had no report.

D. Finance Director – Director Leggett reported that he had distributed the Fund Reports for the period ending May 31, 2006 and requested a motion to accept these subject to audit. Baker moved. Miller seconded. Roll Call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

E. Law Director – Director Lutz had not report.

F. President of Council – President Dave Handwerk had not report.

Special Committee Reports - None

Old Business

Resolution 32-06

Leathers moved and Purdy seconded that Resolution 32-06, a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to take bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts to affect a cleanup of property pursuant to Section 1327.17 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, be placed on second reading.

Handwerk: This was the property that was discussed at the last meeting.

Jewell: Copy of photographs taken today that were distributed. I would say there has been some progress but very little. The property is much in need of cleanup.

Handwerk: I had driven by the property last night and he agreed that little had been done.

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Purdy: I had also driven by the property, I concur with Mr. Handwerk.

Handwerk: I say pass it tonight.

Landaw: I would prefer to let it go another reading.

Handwerk: So we can let the neighbors watch that stuff for another month or so.

Landaw: I would be interested to see what the Safety-Service Director would recommend.

Handwerk: Okay.

Jewell: My recommendation would be to pass it tonight so that the bid process could begin and the property could be cleaned up by an outside contractor.

Landaw: Then if it did get cleaned up, we obviously would not have to bid it.

Jewell: If we get on-site and the property is cleaned up, there would be nothing to do.

Handwerk: All we do by waiting is waste time.

Leathers moved and Purdy seconded that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate dates be suspended. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Leathers moved and Purdy seconded that Resolution 32-06 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

### New Business

#### Resolution 34-06

Leathers moved and Weaver seconded that Resolution 33-06, a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts without bidding for the purchase of six (6) traffic signal preemption systems, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Handwerk: We had received some information on this from Director Jewell this week. Do you want to comment on anything Mrs. Jewell?

Jewell: The traffic signal preemption systems are the ones that are siren activated so that as an emergency vehicle approaches with their sirens the intersection the light will turn green for them and the side streets would then turn red. We have that on a couple of intersections right now however; the downtown does not have that because of some older signal systems. We had budgeted \$30,000 for this year to do five systems. In pricing them we actually can do six for that amount of money. We are requesting this without bidding due to the fact that this is the only vendor that is out there and Pathmaster is the only representative in this area that sells this system. Our own crew will be doing the installation.

Handwerk: When you say siren activated, we're talking police and fire? What if the Sheriff or State Patrol comes through town, will that work on their systems?

Jewell: Quite possibly it would. When they installed the first one in town, they were required to test every siren we had, every volunteer firefighter, all the police sirens to make sure that they would have the proper frequencies to trip the system. We do know that all of ours will do that. Whether or not someone else's will it's kind of debatable.

Handwerk: It probably would, there can't be that many different systems, could there?

Purdy: Well it sounds like a good system for emergency responders. I'm curious if other communities close by use the same type of system and if other types are available.

Jewell: There other types available and those are light activated. It's the rotating light that will trip the interrupter.

Purdy: Is one system better than the other?

Jewell: In my opinion the reason that we're going with the siren activated system, is it works just fine, and we only have to do our new intersection. Otherwise we would have to change over the intersections we have already done, so just for consistency reasons at this point.

Handwerk: Would the light activated ones work as well during the day on a bright sunny day, it seems that it would be hard to pick up the signal.

Jewell: It will because they sense the strobe part of it.

Miller: Will this complete all of our traffic signals having some preemptive activation?

Jewell: This will do the ones in the downtown. I believe there are still 3 or 4 we still need to do in the outlying areas.

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Miller: This will do the downtown?

Jewell: Yes, this will complete the downtown.

Miller: Great, Great. You say siren activated. Is it a certain frequency or can anyone with a siren activate it?

Jewell: Anybody who has a siren with the right frequency can activate it.

Miller: We don't anticipate any kind of a problem, nor have other communities seen that as a problem?

Jewell: No. It's really not been a problem. If someone, other than law enforcement or emergency responders does trip the signal it's not legal.

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate dates be suspended. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Leathers moved and Purdy seconded that Resolution 34-06 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Resolution 35-06

Leathers moved and Miller seconded that Resolution 35-06, a resolution approving the City of Orrville, Ohio for the calendar year 2007 be placed on first reading, and declaring an emergency. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Good of the Order – Mrs. Jewell stated there was a rezoning request. Mrs. Green recommended that a zoning request from Schantz Organ Company be referred to Planning Commission for review. Handwerk: That will go to them and come back to us for approval.

Leather moved and Baker seconded to proceed to an executive session. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Dave Handwerk, President of Council