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

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

Corfman moved and Landaw seconded that the minutes of the June 15, 2009 public hearing and regular meeting and the June 22, 2009 special meeting be approved as amended. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Finance – Mr. Miller had no report, but stated we will have the third reading of the 2010 budget this evening. I would like to personally thank everyone who was involved in the successful July 4th celebration last week. It was terrific. I would also like to wish Mr. Wheeler a happy birthday.

B. Utilities – Mr. Landaw had no report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman thanked all the safety forces that made the July 4th celebration a success. As a member of the Utility Committee I would like to welcome our Acting Utility Director, Mr. Brediger.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras congratulated all the workers involved in the 4th of July celebration. It was a great week. I know it was a safe week. Special thanks to the O.F.F.A, Chief Ron Ballentine, Chief Carrozza and his group, all the City workers, utilities, and many others. I actually have a friend that coached one of the girl's softball teams during the tournament and he actually texted me after the fireworks and said this park is excellent and the fireworks were outstanding. I will not be in attendance at the July 20th meeting. I will be in the State of Maine. Mr. Wheeler will talk about the concerts and the movie in the park this week.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report.

F. Planning – Mr. Vance had no report.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report, but echoed everyone's comments regarding the 4th of July celebration. I had some out of town guests with me and they were extremely impressed with the condition of our park, the safety forces presence, and also the fireworks. I also will not be at the next meeting. I will be in Indiana at National Baton Twirling Competition.

**Special Committee Reports:** None.

**Administrative Reports:**

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk reported he had a letter from Mr. Preising and this was a memo to the Public Utility Board and to Council Members, Superintendents and Managers. This is dated June 29th. It says, "effective Wednesday, July 1st, Jeff Brediger will become Acting Director of Utilities. In the capacity he will perform all duties of the Director of Utilities until that position is permanently filled by the Public Utility Board. This temporary appointment has been approved by Mr. Gary Gossard,

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President of the Public Utility Board. Please extend all rights and courtesies to Jeff as he assumes these additional duties.” That is signed by Dan Preising. Also, I would like to thank, as everyone else has here, many people involved with the 4th of July celebration. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes of these types of events; especially when they last a week like it did. Just simple things like getting all the barriers out all over town before the parade and the fireworks and knowing where they are supposed to go and having people to direct traffic and getting the signs out. I also talked to some people from out of town and they were thoroughly impressed not only with the fireworks, but several were involved in the softball tournament. We had people from many different states that were here for that and all of them had a lot of good, good things to say about our park and the way it looked. It was just nice for the ball players to have a lot of things to do. If they weren't playing, they had the carnival there and they had the pool. The pool staff did a great job. Distribution getting the park ready so it is electrically ready for all that carnival stuff out there the week before the carnival starts. Just a whole lot of people involved and we appreciate all the work. Lastly, I want to congratulate Jeanne Gault for being our July Employee of the Month. Jeanne has been with the City since 2006 and along with being Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, she also works with the HR Department. Jeanne's duties involve a long list of responsibilities from handling employee requests for time off; preparing employee annual evaluations; preparing the City newsletter; to taking care of United Way paperwork. Jeanne also does our Green Team minutes and meeting notifications for that group as well. She is also a member of the Design Review Board. A big part of Jeanne's day is answering the many phone calls we get and she has also been a great help my first year and a half in office. We haven't gone out to eat lunch yet, but she has told me we are going to be going to Jerry's.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported the 4th of July festivities went off very well with very little incident. Kudos to the O.F.F.A. for all their hard work and also to the Orrville Police Department, the Orrville Street Department, and the Orrville pool staff for all their hard work as well during the festivities. The Hostetler Road/Congress Road concrete replacement project is continuing. The project is schedule to be completed in the next few weeks. The South Main Street resurfacing project is scheduled to start this week. The project is scheduled to be completed by August 15th. Since we are using the same contractor, Superior Paving, the Bell Street paving project is also scheduled to start the next few weeks as well and will probably tie in to the work on South Main Street. The downtown project is scheduled to start later this week as well or early next week depending on the contractor's schedule. We had our first family movie night two Fridays ago. We estimate the crowd was well over 300 people. The Fire Department went through almost 25 lbs of popcorn. It was just a real success. We got a lot of positive feedback in regards to the show. The next show will be this Friday with Madagascar 2 and that is sponsored by the Orrville Lions Club and then the following Friday on July 17th we will be showing Journey to the Center of the Earth in 3D with 3D glasses provided at the show. That is sponsored by Maibach Ford. The Thursday night concerts are ongoing and the next concert is this Thursday.

Aspiras: Could you tell us what would happen if it would rain on a Friday?

Wheeler: The plan originally was to postpone it to a Sunday date, but we felt like it probably wouldn't have as good of a showing so our plan at this point is just to extend the schedule another week. The movie studios are okay with that and aware of that arrangement and will provide the movies as needed.

C. Utilities Director – Acting Director Brediger reported that in the interim until the Board has made a decision on the Director's position I will have offices both down at the Power Plant generally in the morning and then I will be up at City Hall in the afternoon.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan had no report.

Baker: I do have a question and a comment at the same time. We are going to have our budget reading here shortly and I have had some people that don't quite understand the difference between

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budget and appropriations. They think we are approving appropriations for next year. Could you explain the difference.

Strimlan: Sure. The appropriations are what give the authority to spend the funds. The budget is an estimate of the funds we are going to appropriate come closer to year end. It is the final appropriations that give the authority for the City to expend funds. The budget is just a projection.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker thanked all the departments within the City for a fantastic 4th of July carnival, parade. The parade when you are running along with it is a lot longer then when you are watching it, but I did enjoy that. It was a lot of fun. I don't know when the last time was that I got to watch the parade. I keep volunteering to be in it for one thing or another. Someday I am going to sit along the sidelines and watch one of those parades. Our streets people are seeing now; for a year and half now I have had people say "when are you going to fix South Main Street?" and every year I tell them it is coming and Mr. Wheeler, that is going this week?

Wheeler: That is correct.

Baker: That is great. People will really be happy. Now of course for a short time period they are going to have to make arrangements for a little bit of delay driving through that area. We seem to have a reputation in Orrville of outdoing the other communities in the area and our 4th of July celebration kind of drove that home for a lot of people that came to see it. One thing that a lot of people did not see though and the Mayor mentioned Jeanne Gault's involvement in the Green Team, but the Green Team worked really hard after the parade and all during the week. All those containers and the mess that get created, those things don't clean themselves up and the Green Team worked really hard to get those so congratulations to those people that were part of that.

**Old Business:**

**RESOLUTION 20-09**

Leathers moved and Landaw seconded that Resolution 20-09, a resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2010, and declaring an emergency, be placed on third reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Miller: We did have a workshop on this as well as the second reading last Monday, June 22nd, and I assume Council's questions were answered. Ms. Strimlan just explained the difference between the budget and appropriations so I say let's vote.

Leathers moved and Miller seconded that Resolution 20-09 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION 21-09**

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that Resolution 21-09, a resolution authorizing the Planning & Community Development Manager to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with the Verdin Company, without bidding, and to issue a deposit to same, to purchase two (2) street clocks for the Downtown Revitalization Project, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: I believe this project was brought up to Council in the Fall of last year. Ms. Endsley and I are requesting permission to purchase two street clocks from the Verdin Company without bidding. The expected cost for these clocks is \$10,500 each. We don't have a destination for the two clocks picked out yet. These clocks would add to the old fashion look in the downtown area. Based on past photographs of downtown Orrville in the early 1900s there used to be at least four clocks in downtown Orrville. The money to purchase these clocks would come from CDBG grant funds and County revolving loan funds. These funds are specifically available for downtown projects such as this. The project must be completed by December 31st of this year and there is a ten week order time on the clocks. If at all possible, it would be helpful to pass this resolution as an emergency on first reading to be sure we meet all the grant deadlines.

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Miller: Why are we not bidding this?

Wheeler: It is such a specialized piece of equipment that we found in Kristin's research that one of the few companies out there that did this work was the Verdin Company that could do the type of clock we are looking for.

Miller: There is probably a reason this wouldn't work, but the thought occurred to me that I know that in the old Junior High there is a couple – I know of at least one – very large, very nice clocks that are like the old ornate style that may perhaps from historical perspective would be kind of neat to display at some point maybe downtown. They would probably need to be fixed. I don't know if the funds would cover something like that, but is that a possibility?

Wheeler: We will take a look at that. Kristin would know better than I in regards to how that would fit into the grant, but that is an interesting idea.

Vance: Does the Design Review Board need to review the design of these clocks or the placement of them?

Wheeler: We would submit it to the downtown group to look at it as well as the location.

Vance: Would that be before they are ordered?

Wheeler: Yes.

Lutz: I would just remind Council that if we don't pass this on first reading it will have to go three readings because with two of you not here next time it takes six out of seven to suspend the rules. So there is going to be two missing which means there will only be five.

Baker: I would like to reiterate again that this is grant money that is being used for that. When I got to work this morning, within the first hour and a half I had three different people say "why are you spending \$20,000 when you could use that money for something else?" and people need to understand that block grant money can only be used for certain things. We can't just say we are going to pave the street with it.

Wheeler: That is correct and some of that money is being used for paving, but within that grant application it was included the clocks which was part of the award.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler, Do you know, if anything, what will happen with the digital clock at the corner of Main and Market?

Wheeler: That is the bank's clock. We don't have any plans to tweak anything that they have or ask that they remove anything. We are just trying to add to the décor and bring back sort of the old feel that was here before.

Aspiras: I am just thinking you got this 1800-1900 clock and right across the street is a digital. We haven't picked a destination yet, correct?

Wheeler: Correct.

Aspiras: But I would assume that would be one of the prime areas.

Wheeler: Yes, obviously definitely the focus would be on South Main Street.

Leathers moved and Corfman 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 Corfman seconded that Resolution 21-09 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Good of the Order:** None.

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council