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President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Councilman Denny Miller offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Corfman moved and Shupp seconded that the minutes of the July 6, 2009 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. Landaw reported the Public Utility Board is going into their summer break and the next meeting will be Monday, August 31st, at 6:30pm.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had no report.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras was absent.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report.

F. Planning – Mr. Vance reported that Cornerstone Park was officially dedicated on June 26th. I just wanted to mention that park is not an official park that belongs to the City. Fred Maibach actually purchased that at auction just to protect it and now we have Main Street Orrville participating in the beautification of that corner. The Wayne County Career Center was involved a construction project there and we have seen a transformation of that corner into, I think, a real enhancement of our downtown.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers was absent. Mr. Corfman, in respect to personnel, congratulated Mr. Brediger in being appointed the Director of Utilities.

**Special Committee Reports:** None.

**Administrative Reports:**

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk welcomed Mr. Brediger as the new Utility Director. He was appointed by our Utility Board and Jeff is certainly not new to Orrville, but has been with our Electric Utility for many years.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported we are in the midst of construction season. The top coat of the paving is scheduled for later this week or early next week on South Main Street. The lights will be back to normal for the remainder of the week. They are scheduled to finish up a few things during the rest of this week and they are simultaneously working on the Bell Street paving. They did some repair work at High Street and they are also working on the Sunset Road punch list from the last paving project they were here for. Concrete work is currently being completed by Barbicas for the downtown area and they will be in to pave in the next few weeks as well. Building #15 at the park which is across from Schmid Hall was completely redone in-house by

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our Street Department. They did a great job; actually saved us several thousand dollars by doing it in-house. I just wanted to recognize Jim Ingersoll and Myron Miller as well as quite a few others, but those were the two that were the point people for that project. Also, family movie night we had our 3-D movie. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate early on in the day, but we did still have the movie. It was a chilly night, but it was still well attended. Next week is Charlotte's Web which is sponsored by French Village. Also, this week's concert is "This is TV Lab" at 7pm at the Rehm Pavilion.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger reported the new Stark County well will be placed into service later on this week. This is part of about four water upgrade projects that are included as part of that effort to bring that new well field into our water system. Generator 9, if you recall back in February as part of some preventative testing we discovered some problems with that generator that required an emergency rewind. That work is completed. That generator was placed in service Saturday afternoon and it is in perfect running condition. We will be doing some final testing on that this week. Next month on August 4th I will be heading down to Camelton, Ohio for a groundbreaking on one of our joint projects that we have with AMP Ohio. This is one of four hydro-electric generating stations that are currently under construction for service in 2012 to 2013. We will be meeting with the Governor and some other dignitaries. This is one of three long range power supply obligations that the Utilities made for the future. The other one is the AMP generating station and the other one is a joint action agency effort out in Prairie State coal fire generating plant in Illinois that is currently under construction. This is a pretty exciting effort on behalf of AMP Ohio organization, Orrville has a small percentage of that hydro and that will be our first green generation that we will be bringing into this community somewhere in 2012-2013.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan reported that prior to tonight's meeting she distributed two items to council. The first was the Quarterly Investment Report. It doesn't require any action at this point from Council, but our Investment Policy does require that you receive a copy of it quarterly. I ask that you review the report and if you have any questions, please call my office. The second item was the Fund Balance Report for the period ending June 30th. I would like Council's approval of that report subject to audit. Miller moved and Vance seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz reminded Council that during legislation tonight we cannot suspend the rules because we need six members of Council present to do that.

F. President of Council – President Baker had no report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION 22-09**

Corfman moved and Landaw seconded that Resolution 22-09, a resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts to provide for a job creation income tax credit for the Scotts Company and ITS subsidiaries, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: I am thrilled to be here and present this job creation tax credit resolution to you. Scott's, as many of you know, is in the process of negotiating on the Spectrum building. This agreement would allow for 63 jobs to be created at approximately \$1.9 million in payroll annually, which would create an additional \$19,000 in annual income tax to the City of Orrville. With this 10% tax credit you would see an amount equal to approximately \$1900 a year over a six year period which is part of the tax credit. The six year period is the same as the State agreement and that agreement will go before the Ohio Department of Development Control Board next week, July 27th. The Scott's deal is contingent

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upon both State and Local incentive approval so this is one part of that final process for them to finish up.

Miller: Where is the State with their end of this at this point?

Wheeler: They will be approving their portion a week from today.

Miller: When this all comes to fruition do we have some kind of an idea of the time table when we would expect to see these 63 jobs?

Wheeler: To be honest, we are still working with Scott's in regard to their timing. A portion of that is, of course, the process of closing on the contract as well as the purchase of the equipment. I would be lying to you if I told you a date.

Vance: We just received this agreement before the meeting began, but from what I can see it appears to be a very favorable agreement for the City. Other abatements we have given have been up to 25%. This one is only 10% for six years and I just wanted folks to know there is a provision in this agreement that Scotts agrees to remain in business in Orrville for one additional year for each year the term of this tax credit agreement. Failure to do so may result in Scotts repaying any credit received. There are incentives here for Scotts to make a long term commitment to this community. I have no doubt they will do that. They are one our country's oldest corporations and a worldwide leader in branded yard maintenance products so we are very excited to have this opportunity to be partners with them.

Baker: They do need to have this passed as soon as possible, but since we only have five members this evening we cannot pass this tonight. If anyone has any other questions, I am sure Mr. Wheeler would be willing to entertain those. If not, we will schedule a meeting for next Monday at 7:00pm.

Vance moved and Miller seconded that a special meeting be held Monday, July 27th, at 7:00pm for second reading of Resolution 22-09. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION 23-09

Corfman moved and Landaw seconded that Resolution 23-09, a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for solid waste hauling for a period of not to exceed five (5) years, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This is, of course, our contract with Waste Management is scheduled to expire the end of this year, December 31st. That contract was for a three year period with a two year renewable term and was entered into in 2005. As a result it is time to go back out for bids for potential companies to bid on our solid waste as well as our recycling pickup services.

Vance: Any indication where the market is with this?

Wheeler: Actually the City of Wooster just did theirs. Many cities are actually doing a fuel surcharge, putting that language into the contract, to get the best deal they can knowing that companies that bid on it will bid with the concern that the prices of gas will escalate in the \$4 range again. So far it has been fairly competitive. Waste Management has continued to retain most of, if not all, of the ones I have heard anyway.

### Good of the Order:

Miller: Orrville Community Theater is proud to offer their summer production August 7th & 8th at 7pm and August 9th at 2pm. It is called Sophie's Wedding. It is an adaptation of Momma Mia the musical. Tickets are only \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. If you want to see a little preview of this, tune into the Armstrong A-Channel towards the end of the week and you will be able to catch that. We appreciate everybody who has supported live theater in Orrville.

Vance: I know we mentioned this from time to time, but I just wanted to remind our residents about our trash pickup guidelines. We have an ordinance that you cannot set your trash out for pickup any earlier than 5pm the evening before. I have just noticed we have had a number of properties where the trash has been set out several days ahead of time and some folks have made some comments about that.

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Corfman moved and Vance 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