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

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

Miller moved and Aspiras seconded that the minutes of the July 7, 2008 regular meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Finance – Mr. Miller reported the Finance Committee met this evening to begin discussions about the Capital Fund account and we will continue those discussion in meetings that we will schedule after our break.

B. Utilities – Mr. Landaw reported at the last meeting of the Public Utility Board they voted to purchase some variable frequency drives for the cooling towers for several of the cooling towers. This will improve the efficiency of the motors and probably keep them running better, longer. The estimated cost of that is \$67,000. Public Utility Board is going on their summer break. Their next meeting will be Monday, August 25th, at 6:30pm. One other item; at that meeting Director Preising reported that the new water well is drilled and they have gotten good flow from that well. They will be doing some other tests and at this point probably moving ahead with improving the property putting in a driveway and some other things. Things are progressing very good with that.

Baker: If my memory is correct, those switches or drives, the \$67,000 should have a payback within a year or less. That is something I am glad to hear.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman reported that Councilman Vance joined him in organizing the Bicycle Commuter and Errand Meeting at Heartland Point. About ten people showed. We had a good round table discussion. There was a lot of ideas and information shared. You can definitely get around town and do a lot of your work on bicycles and not have to spend \$4 a gallon on gas. We do feel that any improvements to making businesses more bicycle-friendly would be definitely welcome as well.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met last Monday, July 14th. The City of Orrville was approached by the 501C3 organization to help support through a financial donation the construction of the Ohio Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Park located in Clinton, Ohio. The park is to commemorate the service and sacrifice of all Ohio men and women of the Armed Forces in the United States and provide a source of solace to their families. Among those the park will serve are educators, students, veterans, organizations, and people from all walks of life who wish to pay homage to our fallen heroes. The construction is well on its way as the groundbreaking was done in August 2007. The Park and Recreation Committee, all of Council, and the Mayor believe this to be an honorable and worthy project. The City of Orrville currently does not have funding available; therefore, we have decided to bring this to the citizens of Orrville. Depending on our donation size, Orrville would be thanked

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and recognized by a monument placed in this new park ranging from a personalized brick up to an engraved granite park bench. Currently the local "A" channel (Channel 4) is running a video presentation several times a day explaining the entire park project with additional information on how you can give your support. Secondly, Director Jewell had shared with us that a generous donation was received for the renovation and upgrade of the High School baseball field. This field is located on the South side of Schmid Hall and to the East of the Orr Park basketball courts. The committee did see some of the details of the plan and the work has already started which will include new dugouts, a grass infield, a track, and a removable outfield fence. The plan is to have this completed within the next two months. It's great we live in a community with such kind and giving people. Thank you. I will say that this should turn out to be one of the finest ball fields in this area. Finally, Director Jewell had informed me that the open bidding for the renovation of the Orr Park basketball courts will start next month on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report, but scheduled a meeting for the Transportation Committee for July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to discuss some erosion of a waterway off of North Elm Street and meet with some of the property owners there.

F. Planning – Mr. Vance reported the Design Review Board met recently and the major item on the agenda was some new recommendations or guidelines for the Design Review District. Kristin Endsley has been compiling those and those guidelines will be beneficial to existing businesses and especially to new businesses looking to build some new construction to help them design their buildings in a way that would be complimentary to the historical nature of the downtown area or the Design Review area. Those are being worked on right now and we should have some of those guidelines hopefully later this fall for Council to approve.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers was absent – no report.

**Special Committee Reports:** None.

**Administrative Reports:**

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk mentioned that as far as the Vietnam Veteran's Park, that is about a \$1.7 million project and at this point they feel that they have a little over 40% of that money in hand. So it is a project that has been started. Construction was actually started last year. We are hoping that our City can purchase one of the granite benches and those are \$3,500. The bench obviously doesn't cost that much, but the idea is the money is to go towards the project. I believe they are going to have 32 of those benches in all in the complex and they are holding one of those in our name for the next month and a half or so and hopefully the citizens of Orrville and community groups or whoever wants to donate; we can raise that money and get that sent up there. It is a very, very worthwhile project. If you have seen the video on the "A" channel, if you can watch that without shedding a tear then there is something wrong. It is very meaningful and a good project. I thank David Jones for getting that on there for us. Also, it is on our City's website. If you go to our City's website and click on the icon, it is right there. You can actually watch the whole video tour on your computer. Thanks to Karen Flinner for the getting that on the website too. Recycling for GOBA and the Relay for Life weekend and 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we had said before that it really wasn't as successful as we hoped and it wasn't. We are certainly going to be able to do better by next year for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. But we did get a call from Bill Sigler from Waste Management this past week and said that we did get 1180 lbs. of recyclables collected that week. When you figure most of that was all plastic, that is quite a bit actually. It is a good start. It is a beginning and we will continue. Our employee of the month for July came

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from our Water Department. That was Mr. Jeff Yungen. He is a Maintenance Worker 2 with over 29 years of experience. Jeff works mainly in the water distribution system maintaining, installing, or repairing water mains, valves, and hydrants. Mr. McGrew said Jeff is a hard worker and very dedicated and not afraid to take on any project and always comes up with good ideas for completing the job. This past year Jeff has had the additional responsibility of training a new maintenance worker in all areas of the water distribution system and Jeff's experience and work ethic are a great asset to our Water Department. He actually, I think, is planning on retiring within the next year. We certainly appreciate all the years Jeff has given to the City of Orrville. We had lunch at Bishops last week.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Jewell had no report.

C. Utilities Director – Director Preising had no report

D. Finance Director – Director Leggett reported that prior to the meeting he distributed the Fund Balance Report for the period ending 06/30/08 and would like Council's approval of that report subject to audit. Miller moved and Vance seconded that the Fund Balance Report for the period ending 06/30/08 be approved subject to audit. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Ayes all.

Landaw: I just wanted to confirm with Director Leggett that the Audit Exit meeting is tomorrow at 9:00am.

Leggett: Yes, in the main conference room downstairs.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had not report.

F. President of Council – President Baker congratulated the City of Orrville. We seem to have a way of presenting ourselves. I know at the last meeting I said something about a person that had commented about the flowers around town. I deal with people from out of town frequently in the business that I am in; I have visitors that come in. Constantly comments are made about the City of Orrville. This time it was a person that was visiting and they had been around town and the comment that was made was "that for a town your size, you guys have a fantastic park system" and I think that is something we don't often hear. We frequently say that somebody will complain about something, but I think the people that take care of our parks should understand that we really appreciate what they do. People do notice. We, the people here in town, may drive by every day and may not always notice, but someone from out of town when they make a comment like that, they are comparing to somewhere else and we look good that way.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION 42-08**

Landaw moved and Aspiras seconded that Resolution 42-08, a resolution to accept the recommendations of the Wayne County Tax Incentive Review Council regarding tax abatements for companies located in the City of Orrville, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Jewell: I would like to explain this resolution. We pass a resolution every year to accept the recommendations of the TIRC (Tax Incentive Review Council). We have the TIRC for Wayne County and we also have a TIRC for the Orrville abatements. The particular resolution we have here is the one for the abatements that run through the Wayne County Commissioners – Smith Dairy Products, Beakert, The Quality Castings Company, Americasteel Bright Bar, Refrotec,

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and RCT Land Company. They were all reviewed by the TIRC. They took tours if it was time to do a tour and every one of them was reviewed to be sure they are in compliance with the agreement they signed originally for tax abatement. In this case the TIRC is recommending that all of these are continued. That recommendation comes to Council then Council takes formal action on it and then this report is then sent to the State. That is the piece of legislation before you this evening. This is first reading. It does not need to be passed this evening. The purpose is just to pass the recommendations of TIRC on to the State so they are sure we are in compliance. When they receive a tax, abatement they sign an agreement and that agreement says what investment they will be making. It also says how many jobs they will be creating. Every year they fill out a report. That report is filed electronically with the State and then it is followed up with the tours and meetings and then the recommendation from City Council. I think that the State and the City and the County to a very good job of making sure that everyone is abiding by those agreements. That is the purpose of this.

**Good of the Order:**

Miller: I am delighted to report that the Orrville Community Theater Company will present its inaugural production August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm at the old Junior High School, which will be North Elementary this coming year, and it is called "Over the Rainbow" adapted from the story the Wizard of Oz so it will be great for the whole family to see. I guarantee if you come you won't be disappointed.

Vance: Just a reminder to residents that you might be called upon if you are within certain precincts. There might be someone coming by collecting signatures. There is a petition drive going on right now to put "wine by the glass" on the ballot. It is to correct an oversight made in 1937 when Orrville repealed prohibition they allowed liquor back into Orrville, but left off the provision to have a glass of wine with dinner. That is what these petitions are all about and if you see someone walking around with a clipboard, don't close your door and run away and hide from them.

Corfman moved and Landaw seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7.50 p.m.

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Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council