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

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

Corfman moved and Aspiras seconded that the minutes of the July 18 2011 regular meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all, except Leathers abstained. Motion carried.

Aspiras moved and Miller seconded that the minutes of the July 27, 2011 special meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all, except Vance abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller had no report.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance had no report.

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

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras reported a committee meeting has been scheduled for October 3rd prior to the regular council meeting. There are three items currently on the agenda and that would be reconfiguration of the volleyball court in the Rehm Pavilion area; we will look at the pavilion, pool, and Schmid Hall fees; along with potential dog park rules. I will kindly ask Mr. Wheeler during his report to give us an update on the dog park progress.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher had no reported

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers was absent.

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Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk mentioned, and some of you might have already seen this in the OrrViews, but in case you have not, we will have a visit from Miss Ohio on September 19th. This is Ellen Bryan and she will be here with us on the 19th. She is biking across Ohio and will be traveling from the Dover area that day. She is raising money and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network. To help with this effort the Orrville Elementary students will be collecting monetary donations from the beginning of school up until the 19th and they will donate those to the Children's Miracle Network, Miss Ohio's charity. As part of the Character Education week that begins on Friday, September 16th, each classroom at Orrville Elementary School will select one student who demonstrates good character to represent the school. Those students will attend a meeting at the Orrville Dairy Queen with Miss Ohio on Monday, September 19th – probably around 1:00. Dairy Queen has always been a proud sponsor of the Children's Miracle Network so there is a good connection there. We certainly appreciate the Davis' and their willingness to help us out and donate some ice cream treats to the elementary kids that day. The Orrville elementary students will walk or ride, weather permitting, to Dairy Queen; again arriving about 1:15 and they will enjoy a small ice cream treat with Miss Ohio and present her with the donation they are giving. If anyone else would like to donate to the project, whether it is individual or business, please contact my office and we will make sure we get that donation to the schools so they can present that. Another part of that which is going to be a nice feature is the fact that since she is bicycling across Ohio, I talked to Mr. Corfman and he talked to some of the members of the Orrville Cycling Club and arranged to meet her around Mt. Eaton someplace and ride here with her. So that will be nice, she will get an escort into town from our bicycling club. We have two employees of the month since we were off last month. Our August Employee of the Month came from the Cashier's Office and the Finance Department. Sherry McGrew was selected by Finance Director Janet Strimlan. Sherry has been with the Cashier's Office since February 2009. Her job involves accepting payments for utility bills and during the year those in that office greet over 10,000 visitors and take about 3500 phone calls. Those visitors could be dropping off payments, signing up for utilities, or working out problems with their bill. Sherry has a marketing degree from Ashland University and is presently an Account Clerk II for the City and she is a 2010-2011 Leadership Orrville graduate and lives with her husband Eric here in town. Sherry shares the same feelings I do in that any time of the day is a good time for breakfast and so she chose to eat lunch at Buehlers where we both ordered breakfast. So congratulations to Sherry. Our September Employee of the Month is Mike Rath from the Distribution Department, from our Utilities. Mike lives outside Orrville with his wife, Loretta who is also a 2007-2008 Leadership Orrville graduate. They have a son, Steven, and daughter, Makayla. Mike started his line worker career in Beach City and moved to Orrville in January 1999. Mike is always willing to pitch in and help with anything that comes up at work or at home. He enjoys Nascar and bowling and Mike is a great asset to the crew and enjoys coming to work each day. We have not even had a chance to get together and decide where we are eating lunch yet.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported the Smucker's 5K Apple Butter Run will be held Saturday, September 17th. They have actually requested use of the overpass so the overpass will be closed from 8:45am to 10:00am for the run. Also, the contractor is on site for our resurfacing projects this year. They have begun the ramp work and will begin milling at Mohican, Westwood, Ella, and Walnut next week. The dog park work is continuing. The concrete walkway and fencing bids are in and have been approved. The drinking fountain is here. We are coordinating with the Salvation Army on the storm water line installation so that we can move forward on our side with the concrete walkway and the fence. The chip and seal project on Schrock Road has been completed. It came out very nice. We also can our first comp plan update steering committee meeting last Thursday. We had 15 members of the committee attend. It was a good first meeting, more of an

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introductory meeting. All committee members left with a homework assignment. The next meeting is October 13th at Schmid Hall. Finally, just a reminder trash pickup is delayed one day this week due to the Labor Day holiday. The normal Thursday pickup will be Friday and then the normal Friday pickup will be Saturday.

Aspiras: What time will that comp meeting be?

Wheeler: It is at 6:30.

Vance: Any estimate on the completion for the dog park?

Wheeler: My goal is to have it done by the end of the month. The Salvation Army is moving forward really well with their project so we are hoping they will have storm water line in very soon. In the meantime, we are going to try to piece meal together what we can do prior to them getting that installed. The fencing has been ordered so once that comes in we will allow them to get started as well.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger reported a handful of updates. To update Council on the Fremont project, the commissioning of that plant is in progress. That plant is scheduled to be going commercial shortly after the first of the year. I did send out an announcement that they are having a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 27th. If anybody is interested in attending that at 10:30, just contact our office. There will be a handful of us going up there. Our hydro projects are coming along real good. All four of those hydro projects are progressing pretty well despite some road blocks that the Army Corps of Engineers keeps throwing at us that ends up delaying and costing a little bit of money on that. Prairie State Energy Campus in Illinois is progressing real well. That first unit is scheduled to come on line in the mid-January 2012. Ms. Strimlan and I will be going out to that job site as well as two of the hydros later on in October. While you were away the EPA continues doing what the EPA does best, still writing rules. Last Friday, however, I did send out a letter stating that President Obama did call back one of the rules that was scheduled to come out later this Fall, dealing with ozone. This rule making mainly impacted the larger utilities. It wouldn't have any direct impact on us, but would have a lot of implications on our utility going forward. This is the first of many rules that are coming out later on this year that Washington seems to finally be getting the message a little bit. They are still falling a little short of getting their arms around the big picture yet, but it is encouraging at least that there is some recognition that some of these rule makings have some pretty devastating economic impacts. Also, I wanted to make a note that this coming Friday at noon there is a Water Committee meeting. We are going to review a water rates study and bring some recommendations up at the next Utility Board meeting. You are all welcome to attend that. The water main replacement along Burton City Road we have about 3500 water main that is starting to be replaced today. That project will continue through November 1st. That project is being done by Ranshaw Excavating and this is part of about a 75% grant-funded project. Just an update on our energy efficiency program; we received our first formal report from VBIC. We have 17 businesses and industries that have some type of program in the queue; anywhere from lighting upgrades to energy efficiency motors being looking at. We have had 32 energy star washers and refrigerators purchased. Those come with a rebate. We have had 15 refrigerators and freezers retired, part of the round up program. That is where you can receive a \$50 check and this company will come in there and remove that refrigerator or freezer from your house regardless of where it is at. There were some mailings sent out for some CFL coupons. There will be some more rebates coming out over the next month. You will be able to purchase CFLs through the use of the coupons versus the online store that is there. This will make it a little bit more attractive for you. I will remind Council and our community that this is probably a good time be looking at purchasing those because beginning in 2012 the government starts phasing out the 100 watt incandescent light bulbs. In 2013 the 75 watt bulbs are on the radar scope and then 2013 the 60 and 40 watt are on the hit list. This is a good time. The prices are low and before demand starts going up. I urge all of our customers to take a look at our website to see some of the other energy efficiency opportunities that are out there. The last item is with cold weather we are all starting to shift from air conditioning to heat. Probably at the

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next City Council meeting we will have some information on the City's natural gas aggregation program. It is looking like those rates are going to be a little bit lower than they were this past year. Currently they are at \$5.88/MCF and we are projecting those to maybe be in the 4-6% lower range. Currently on the Public Utilities Commission website the best prices are in the \$6.50 range so it looks like our aggregation program again for next year should be a pretty good bargain for people who are participating in that, but we will have those rates out here probably mid-month to the end of this month, certainly before the time that customers have to take a position on making a choice for that.

Vance: There is a representative from...the name just left me...another natural gas aggregate supplier that was going door-to-door in Orrville a week or two ago, but was not honest. In my view, was not forth coming about what their true rate was. I could only find it out when I went on the PUCO website and found out and in fact their rate was not competitive with what we had. Plus there was a five year contract, \$200 early termination fee. So just want to caution people that because someone comes up to your door and says something doesn't not necessarily mean you are getting the whole picture and I would encourage anybody to check with the Utilities Department first before you fill out the application or sign a contract with another company because it is pretty tough to beat the program that we have.

Brediger: The website that is on the State's site is very thorough and very detailed. It will list the rate, the exit fees, the term of the contract, and things along that line. That is a great resource. There was a good article in the Akron Beacon Journal over the weekend that basically replicated that website. Those prices change sometimes on a daily basis so you need to be checking that every day up until the time that you make that choice. That is a good point that you need to read the fine print.

Hamsher: Mr. Brediger, regarding Burton City work, will it be closed intermittently or through November 1st for that work to be done?

Brediger: No. There will always be a lane open. There may be periodic, brief closures as we are moving trucks in and out, but that road will remain open during that entire period. The county was out doing work earlier this month and had it closed for some period of time, a few days last week or maybe the week before that, but there will be at least one lane of traffic kept open at all times.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan reported the Fund Balance Report for the period ending July 2011 was distributed prior to tonight's meeting and asked for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Miller moved and Shupp seconded per Ms. Strimlan's request. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Also, I do have some legislation on the agenda this evening, but I will address that when it comes up.

E. Law Director - Director VanSickle had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker reported the Clerk has two items.

Peppard: We have two applications that need to be referred by City Council to the Planning Commission for review. The first one is a request from Orrville Mennonite Church for an alley vacation which runs between Cherry and Orchard. The second is a request from Connie Lehman on Linden for a zoning amendment to change her property from C-3 to R-3. So those will be referred to the Planning Commission.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler did mention that we had our first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan and something that felt good to me sitting there as I listened to a lot of people talk, the lady that is from out of town and is leading this thing made a comment on how pleased she with the way the city of Orrville looked, especially our sidewalks. Every so often we get those complaints about someone who doesn't think our sidewalk ordinance may have been the best thing and for them, but when someone from out of town notices it and notices it is available for all of our residence it is a nice thing to have here.

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Old Business: None.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 26-11

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 26-11, a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with the State of Ohio Purchasing Cooperative to purchase one (1) police cruiser, or in the alternative, to advertise for bids and enter into an agreement and/or agreements for the purchase of one (1) police cruiser, which meets the specifications of the City of Orrville, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This vehicle replaces a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria that has over 115,000 miles on it. We budgeted \$34,000 in our capital budget for a new cruiser. As you are aware, we did purchase a used cruiser that became available so that we wouldn't have to purchase a cruiser in 2012 and now we are just planning to do the purchase for 2011 as we budgeted. As a result of those purchases we do not plan to purchase any other police vehicles until 2013. Normally, as I think everyone is aware, we go out for bids on the cruisers and then if they are not able to beat the state purchasing contract, then we move forward to state purchasing, but to be honest with you during my time here they have always beat the state purchasing so that is our hope again, to get competitive bids in and do it within the budgeted amount of \$34,000 be able to purchase both vehicles.

Miller: The used vehicle we purchased this year, remind me how much did we pay for that?

Wheeler: It was just under \$10,000.

Miller: And I might be confused, but I thought the 2011 budget we budgeted \$26,000 and 2012 \$34,000.

Wheeler: It was \$34,000 in 2011 as well as 2012. The original budget for 2011 was \$26,000, but when we went to final appropriations it was \$34,000. The reason being is because the idea was to buy one of the new Ford Taurus Interceptors, but those have been delayed for several months now and as a result we feel like it is in our best interest, not only financially but as for the fleet, to go ahead and see if there are any 2011 Crown Vics still out there that are available. We think there will be, but until we go out for bid I guess it is hard to tell if there will.

Miller: Are you looking for this on first reading?

Wheeler: No rush. It is up to you guys when you decide to approve it. We are fortunate enough that there isn't any broken down vehicles that we are waiting on to replace. They are aging vehicles, but other than that we are in good shape.

Hamsher: This question is maybe for the Chief. Is 115,000 miles in five years high, low, medium? Where is that?

Carozza: We typically run about 25,000 miles per year per vehicle. If the vehicle is used as a supervisor vehicle, which means it runs 24/7, we will even run higher mileage. We usually keep a cruise for about five years typically.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler. If I read this memo you sent out correctly, assuming this legislation goes through and we purchase this vehicle, you got a note in here that we will not purchase a vehicle in 2012?

Wheeler: That is correct. The used vehicle that we purchased was with the idea of purchasing it so we did not have to purchase a police cruiser in 2012. So if council decides to pass this legislation allowing us to purchase the new vehicle, we will not purchase another police cruiser until 2013 at the earliest.

Leathers: We will let that go for second reading.

RESOLUTION 27-11

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 27-11, a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts with other political subdivisions to provide

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police dispatch services to said political subdivisions, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This contract is providing dispatch services to the Village of Dalton. We have been providing dispatch services to Village of Dalton since 1988. The current annual fee of \$3000 has been in place since 1997. I am proposing an increase for year one in the contract for \$3250 and to \$3500 in year two. The Dalton Village Council and Mayor Cox have already approved those numbers and I bring it before you tonight for your approval.

Corfman: As the Director noted this is an annual ordinance that is passed year after year and we are getting an increase.

Leathers moved and Aspiras 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 Hamsher seconded that Resolution 27-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 28-11

Leathers moved and Miller seconded that Resolution 28-11, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Strimlan: After council approved the 2012 budget in June I did present the budget to the Budget Commission in August. Each year all entities in the county must present their respective budget to the commission. After those hearings are done the county sends out their own legislative form for property tax collection which is why the legislation in front of you looks a little different than the form that you are accustomed to seeing. This is the legislation that the county auditor needs returned to her in order to collect taxes for us. It doesn't need to be passed tonight; however, we do need to return this to the county by the 30th of September so if it is not passed this evening, I would ask that you pass it at your next meeting.

Leathers moved and Hamsher 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 Aspiras seconded that Resolution 28-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Good of the Order: None.

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council