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President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Brad Dews 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.

Aspiras moved and Miller seconded that the minutes of the September 6, 2011 regular meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all, except Leathers abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller had no report.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance wanted to let people know to be watching out for OrrViews. There will be an article about the new rate for natural gas aggregation for the City of Orrville. There is a five percent decrease in the rate. The rate will go from the current rate of \$5.88 to \$5.59. If you are already a member of our aggregation program which is through IGS, you don't have to do anything and there will be more details in the OrrViews article about how to switch. Again, there was someone who came to my door a few weeks ago saying they had a lower rate, but if you go onto the Public Utility Commission of Ohio's website, PUCO, then there you can actually to the apples to apples comparison and you will find it is very difficult, I don't think there are any rates that are lower than the City of Orrville's right now through IGS. Make sure to check that out if someone tries to tell you something differently. Those details will be in the upcoming issue of OrrViews.

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

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras reminded a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for October 3rd at 6:30pm just prior to our regular council meeting. I will refer to Mr. Wheeler during his regular report to give us an update on the dog park.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher had no reported

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk reported in spite of our lovely weather today, Miss Ohio did make it to Orrville and we had a group of our cycle club, thanks to Mr. Corfman for arranging that for us, met Miss Ohio down in Mt. Eaton and road all the back into Orrville with her and actually helped get her on some better roads than what they were planning to come on themselves. They came about 12:30 down at Dairy Queen, soaking wet, right during the heavy, heavy rain we had this morning. They got some food there at Dairy Queen and then at 1:00 we had the students from the elementary school come over. There were 28, one from each classroom that were chosen by the teachers and staff there. They came over, got to meet Miss Ohio, and Miss Ohio signed a picture for each one to take back to their classroom to keep in their class. The students themselves have been collecting change

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since school started and they brought in a whopping total of \$310, which I thought was fantastic. A lot of parents in town probably have empty change drawers and ashtrays in their cars now, but we certainly appreciate the work of the students for collecting that money for the Children's Miracle Network, which is the charity that Miss Ohio was riding the bike for across the State of Ohio. Certainly want to thank Jim and Chris Davis from Dairy Queen for helping sponsor that little visit today. They gave all the kids a small blizzard and also fed Miss Ohio at lunch time. Also, Jenni Reusser came down with a basket full of goodies from different Orrville businesses so that was very nice too. One other thing that I wanted to mention and that was Orrville's pride was certainly showing Saturday afternoon about 5:00. There was a special ceremony for Sgt. First Class Harry D. McMorrow with about 90 family members gathered. He was given a Purple Heart for heroic efforts that he had in 1968 in the Vietnam War. He was actually in a helicopter that was shot down, very seriously injured, and even though he was burned, broken bones, lost teeth, had been shot, was still able to rescue two other crew members and get them to safety in a very heavily infested Vietnam area with enemy there. Just a very, very nice ceremony. Senator Sherrod Brown was there to help put the Silver Star on Mr. McMorrow and we also had a Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart there to present him with the Purple Heart. It was a very moving ceremony and certainly something that family and all of Orrville can be proud of. If you read the article about that whole incident that is truly something you could make a movie about. I asked him who he wanted to play his part and he wasn't sure yet.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported our resurfacing projects are under way. The intermediate course should be completed in the next couple days on all the resurfacings. We do expect the final overlays by next week weathering permitting. Those roads are McGill, Ella, North Walnut, Church, Westwood, and Mohican. Phase 3 sidewalk construction actually started late last week. We are still working with the Salvation Army with the coordination of their storm water installation adjacent to our dog park. The dog park fence installation should begin next week, as well as the pouring of the concrete. So that will really get going next week and hopefully be finished up first week of October with the majority if not all. We are also in the middle of a new deck construction as part of our cemetery administration building. That is an AVA compliant deck and walkway. That is currently under construction and will hopefully be done in the next few weeks as well. It should be a nice addition for folks coming out to look at potential purchases of cemetery lots. Also, a reminder that our next Comp Plan steering committee meeting is October 13th at 6:30pm at Schmid Hall.

Corfman: I would like to compliment the City and Administration for that Apple Butter Run that zigzagged back and forth across southeast Orrville and they did a fantastic job of getting it ready. It was part of the Subway series so it does have a lot of attendance. Kyle and I rode the bike as the escort for the front runner, who happens to be an engineer for the very roads that he ran on. John Rice won it with 17:14, an outstanding time. Of course, they got to run over the overpass which is a challenge. I thought the City did a great job. It really shined.

Aspiras: Can you share a little bit of detail on the citywide garage sales? I believe that is coming up.

Handwerk: That is more of a Chamber event than a City event.

Wheeler: It is October 1st and for information you can go to the Chamber. You do not need a city permit for that event. That is an exempt event for the City permit.

Vance: You can register for with the Chamber for \$5 to get on their map.

Handwerk: Yes, if you want to be on their list of places to stop, register with the Chamber.

Aspiras: No permit fee? That is waived?

Wheeler: That is correct. We actually do not charge a fee for our garage sale permits anyway.

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C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger was absent.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan had no report.

E. Law Director - Director VanSickle had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker reported if you have been by going down High Street, between Treasures and Time and the Bell Stores, the Salvation Army's new building is under construction. It has risen up from the ground and now stands taller than the building that it is attached to. This is a fine thing for Orrville because this was all local money that was raised. It was not anything to do with taxes and nothing came from outside of Orrville. That is a great thing for us to be happening here. Also, on October 8th there is going to be two events in Orrville and everyone is invited to go to one or the other. Main Street Orrville is having their Dining with the Stars. If you would enjoy a nice evening out where you can have a meal and some fun with the servers, this Dining With the Stars will be a lot of fun for you. If that is not up your alley and sports is more what you desire, the Orrville Hall of Fame Sports Induction will also be on that night. Either one of those, there are still tickets available. Make sure you get your tickets and show up to one or the other. The Mayor reminded me there is an Ohio State game that night too. There is a lot going on that night. So everyone in Orrville should be having fun on October 8th. One other thing, a lot of time our sports people seem to dominate in the newspapers and we don't always hear about the choirs, but the Orrville Choir this year has been invited to go to Carnegie Hall in New York City. They will be singing in front of thousands of people, but this is not something that is going to be inexpensive. Each one of those people in the choir will need approximately \$1500. If you can donate to this project, give a call to the high school. Mrs. Lauby is who you need to talk to. A very fine thing for our young people to be doing. They will have fun and guaranteed they will be tired when they come home.

Old 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 second reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: Hopefully everyone received all the information at the last meeting. I did send out an e-mail earlier today just with a little clarification that the idea behind this purchase, besides it being a budgeted purchase, was the goal of trying to purchase a Crown Vic which is going to become the old police interceptor model. Historically those vehicles have cost us as recently as 2009 in the \$23,000 range without any trade-in. We do expect the Ford Taurus, which is going to be the new police interceptor, 2012 to come in around \$34,000. So one of the goals here is to try to purchase the cheaper police interceptor.

Miller: Along with that in your narrative too, Mr. Wheeler, I think it is important to point out that the \$34,000 that we would have spent on the Taurus next year is in the budget and we would be saving some of that money by getting into the Crown Vic.

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Wheeler: That is correct. The goal here is if we were to be able to purchase this interceptor this year would be to not purchase any vehicle in 2012.

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 Corfman seconded that Resolution 26-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

New Business:

ORDINANCE G-11

Leathers moved and Hamsher moved that Ordinance G-11, an ordinance amending Codified Ordinance 1131.04 Section C of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Hamsher: This just cleans up some language. The Design Review Board is required by code to meet every three months regardless. What has been happening is that there hasn't been any action, so to speak, so this withdraws that requirement to meet every three months and the Design Review Board will meet when there is an application to be considered and special meetings will still be held as deemed necessary, but it avoid the two minute meetings where there is nothing to do. It just streamlines the process.

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 Corfman seconded that Ordinance G-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 29-11

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 29-11, a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program for grant funds and/or agreements as required to obtain said funds, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: It is the time again to apply for Ohio Public Work Commission grant dollars. The goal this year is to apply for a 50% matching grant from the OPWC to complete, I am going to call it reconstruction of Mineral Springs. The engineer's estimate on this project is \$944,000. The grant application will be for 50% or \$472,000. This item is in our 2012 capital budget. Also, keep in mind we also set aside \$225,000 of our required 50% in 2011 capital budget. I am requesting approval of this at tonight's meeting.

Shupp: I know we have been planning on that Mineral Springs project. Are we looking at 2013 to go ahead with the replacement of that street?

Wheeler: We are going to coordinate that effort with the superintendent of schools in regards to what will work best. It really depends on when they will release the dollars. Historically, they have released the dollars July or August. Two years ago they actually released it early and we were able to get projects done. So it is going to be a phase. We may need to have to phase in some portions, depending on the time of year, in order to get it done. It very well could be done in the summer of 2012 or the spring of 2013.

Shupp: Would we have to do it before they are completed with the high school project?

Wheeler: I believe our deadline to use those dollars would be the spring of 2013.

Shupp: So if we get the grant we have to go ahead and use it?

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Wheeler: Correct and the goal of that is to then move forward with Ella and complete Ella once the school is done. The timeline for that sort of works out to where Mineral Springs would be done before. Then if we do Mineral Springs and are able to get the grant, we will coordinate with the high school to try to keep the construction trucks off of Mineral Springs at that point.

Hamsher: I think at that point, Mr. Wheeler, the building should be finishing and looking to get in the school. So by large the construction will be done.

Wheeler: That is the goal.

Aspiras: So what happens if the school system does not meet that goal? Because I mean the whole reason Mineral Springs is in such tough shape is because of the trucks going up and down. It was just a ways of trying to repair it at this time.

Wheeler: The road is aged and has actually had a pretty good life for us as well. But our goal will be to keep the truck traffic off of Mineral Springs during the construction.

Aspiras: But like Mr. Shupp asked, we would have to use this funding by spring of 2013.

Wheeler: Correct.

Aspiras: We all want the school to work on schedule. We hope everything goes fine, but I am just asking the question what if it gets delayed and doesn't get done until September or the end of the summer.

Wheeler: Our goal will be to work with the superintendent to divert traffic off of Mineral Springs during their construction once our road is complete.

Handwerk: The other thing you have to remember too is that we are going to have trucks on Mineral Springs anyway cause we have coal trucks coming down to the power plant by the dozens every day. So truck traffic is still going to be on that street. As Mr. Wheeler said, that street has given us good life. It is probably close to 40 years old, if not more. So it wasn't necessarily the construction of those two elementary schools that put it in the condition it is now. It has been getting that way for a while and there has been lots of patchwork done on it. It has just reached its point where it is unable to be fixed very well any more.

Wheeler: Keep in mind too that Mineral Springs really doesn't have what I would call up-to-date drainage system in place. So as a result we have a lot of water that will sit in certain locations and it doesn't help with the life of the road itself. Part of this project is actually installation of some new storm water in there as well.

Shupp: I think we can probably do that in two sections anyways. From the four-way stop east and then the other section the following year or whichever. We can work the truck traffic on the section for that last year we don't do that year. I think a lot of the deterioration on that street came the years that we were replacing Main Street and widening it. We did a lot of detour traffic of trucks and stuff on Mineral Springs for about a year and a half there. It has probably been a dozen years ago, but it took a real beating at that time too and it really started to deteriorate. A lot of that section from the power plant to Main Street is much thicker.

Wheeler: Correct.

Shupp: In fact, I think it is about 13 inches thick where the coal trucks are coming through and from there west it is probably about 6-8 inches thick so that is why it is broken down much worse from there west.

Leathers moved and Vance 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 29-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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Good of the Order:

Corfman: After today, adding on to the Mayor's report about Miss Ohio, I think we can safely say she is not a casual cyclist. She has definitely earned her wheels today. They did get a very creative and scenic ride and yes it rained.

Hamsher moved and Leathers seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council