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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 Hamsher seconded that the minutes of the September 19 2011 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. Vance shared a few updates from Mr. Brediger who is out of town tonight. He wanted to pass along that the Burton City water upgrade is progressing well and some work is being done on a boiler at the power plant. Boiler 13 is going to be out of commission for about three weeks as annual maintenance is under way there and then a major inspection of turbine generator 11 began last week. That is expected to take three months. Also, I want to remind people to take advantage of our natural gas aggregation program. Natural gas rates are down 5% coming up here this month with the new contract, down to \$5.59. I believe it was \$5.88 last year. That is the lowest price you can get and so we encourage you to take part of the City's natural gas aggregation program. That would be through IGS and the phone number there, if you would like to switch to IGS, is 800-280-4474. If you are already part of the program, there is no need to do anything but if you would like to switch you can call that 800 number and get on that program.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman congratulated the City on a wet but successful garage sale weekend.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras reported the committee held a meeting earlier this evening. There were several items on the agenda for discussion. We discussed the rules and regulations for the upcoming Orrville dog park. We benchmarked with several communities including Akron, Medina, and Massillon so I think we got something on paper here and we should see some signs here in the very near future. As far as the dog park, Mr. Wheeler will give us an update, but weather has hampered some of the construction. We do hope to get it up and running before snow fall. A lot of it is weather dependent. The fence is up. We need to pour concrete for the walkway, the water fountain, and the signage and also install the gates. Mr. Wheeler will fill us in a little bit more on that during his report. Some of the other things we discussed were the rates at Schmid Hall and also the pool rates and the committee has decided at this point no need to change anything. We will stay with those rates although the committee did request additional information as far as percentages of Schmid Hall rentals residents versus non-residents. So we will take a closer look at that, but at this point in time the committee has decided no changes. The last item that we talked about was some preliminary work we looked at in Orr Park, particularly the volleyball court, the horseshoe rink, and also the sandbox area on the upper side of the park. One of the things we are looking at is potentially moving the volleyball courts from the lower park to the upper park just to the side of the Orr pool. We are also looking at reconfiguring the hill in front of Rehm Pavilion so it is more user friendly for putting seats for the concerts and the movies. Those are some of the things we discussed, more to come.

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E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report, but hoped to get an update from Mr. Wheeler on the progress of our paving projects.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher reported the committee will have a meeting on Monday, October 17th at 6:45pm, just prior to the City Council meeting. We will discuss some alleys we may be vacating.

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

**Special Committee Reports:** None.

**Administrative Reports:**

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk reported we were contacted about a month ago by Medway organization about possibly putting some information about their levy coming up in our utility bill stuffer. Our administration met together and we felt that was certainly something that we support. Medway is extremely important, not only for our whole community but in helping our police departments. Also, our utilities do offer assistance to Medway program from time to time anyway so we are going to be doing that. A flyer will be in our mailer October 19th and also November 3rd. We are not encouraging people to do anything one way or another just trying to get that information out so people can make a well informed decision when it is time to go to the voting polls. Secondly, this is public power week and because of that I have a proclamation that I would like to read concerning Public Power Week. Whereas we the citizens of Orrville place high value on local control over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, locally controlled, not for profit electric utility and as consumers and owners of our electric utility have a direct say in utility operations and policies. And whereas the City of Orrville utilities provides our homes, businesses, farms, social service, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost effective electricity, employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not for profit rates, and whereas the City of Orrville Utilities is a valuable community asset that contributes substantially to the wellbeing of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness, and whereas the City of Orrville Utilities Department is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place in which to work and live. Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Orrville Utilities will continue to work to bring lower cost, safe, reliable electricity to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1917, the year in which the utility was created to serve all citizens of Orrville. And be it further resolved that our community joins hands with about 2000 other public power systems in the United States that through consumer ownership ensure cost cutting service for electric customers. Therefore I, David T. Handwerk, Mayor of the City of Orrville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2nd to the 8th, 2011 as Public Power Week in order to honor the City Utility Department for its contribution to the community and to make its consumer owners, policy makers, and employees more aware of Orrville Utilities' overall contributions to their wellbeing.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, October 13th, at 6:30pm at Schmid Hall. The resurfacing projects are complete. We do have few minor checklist items yet to complete with the contractor. The Orrville Police Department will be participating in the national Drug Take Back

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Program. The Police Department will be accepting prescription drugs with no questions asked in the lobby of City Hall from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, October 29th. The dog park, as Mr. Aspiras mentioned, is moving along. Unfortunately, the weather has not been kind to us over the last couple weeks. The fencing is complete except for the entrance gate. The entrance gate is actually waiting on a concrete pad to be installed which of course the weather has not allowed us to do at this point. Once the concrete pad is installed the gate will be finished up and the walkway will be installed as well during that time. It is still hopeful that with the weather looking up for us over the next week or so that we will be able to put it in in the next seven to ten days at the latest.

Baker: Our Utilities Director and Finance Director are both out of town visiting one of the power plants that we have an interest in. They will be back for our next meeting and I am sure they will have a good report for us.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger was absent.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan was absent.

E. Law Director - Director VanSickle had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker reported last week I got a chance to go and visit another one of those power plants that Orrville has an interest in and it was impressive. I went to Fremont and that plant is brand new and is supposed to be fired up this week. That is a natural gas power plant and it is quite impressive when you get to see what is there, especially if you understand what's inside and what has to happen with some of those things. I was amazed when he told me that that gas turbine runs at over 2600 degrees. I work at Quality Castings and I know iron melts before that so the blades inside that turbine are unique. He said that the metal for that was developed by NASA. I want to go back again sometime when I can ask more questions. There were a lot of us there on that particular day, but quite impressive. I think we have made a good investment there.

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

#### **RESOLUTION 30-11**

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that Resolution 30-11, a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a purchase contract and/or contracts for the purchase of the following materials and services to meet the requirements of the City of Orrville, Ohio, for calendar year 2012: gasoline and diesel fuel; medium curing asphalt, asphaltic concrete and asphalt emulsions; concrete; general miscellaneous engineering and architectural services; police professional liability insurance; and public officials liability insurance (with riders for employment practices liability, extended employment practices liability), be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This is an annual housekeeping resolution. It simply allows us to go out for services for the calendar year 2012 for the aforementioned variety of services. Nothing exceptional about this that we haven't done in past years and it does not have to be passed on first reading.

Shupp: We don't pay any taxes on the diesel fuel and the gasoline do we?

Wheeler: That is correct.

Leathers moved and Shupp that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring a reading

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of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Leathers moved and Hamsher seconded that Resolution 30-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 31-11

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 31-11, a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a purchase contract and/or contracts to meet the requirements of the City of Orrville, Ohio, for calendar year 2012, for the following materials and services: liquid insecticide for mosquito control; services, supplies, and machinery needed to chip and seal roadways and/or alleys; traffic paint services; and crack sealing services, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This too is another housekeeping resolution. As stated in the resolution it allows us to go out for bids on these aforementioned services for the purchase during the calendar year 2012. It does not need to be passed on first reading.

Leathers moved and Corfman 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 Miller seconded that Resolution 31-11 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**Good of the Order:** None.

Shupp moved and Aspiras seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council