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(NOTE: Minutes are not verbatim due to technical difficulty with recording system.)

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.

Hamsher moved and Miller seconded that the minutes of the September 20, 2010 regular meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller had no report, but congratulated Mr. Hamsher on his coaching appointment for the wrestling team and wish my friend, Mr. Shupp, a happy birthday.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance just wanted to say a reminder – Mr. Brediger said it at our last meeting, but the City of Orrville natural gas aggregation program our rate this year is the lowest that we have found in the way it has been published with the by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The rate is \$5.88 so we encourage people to take advantage of that.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman: Happy Birthday Mr. Shupp. Health & Safety has not report.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras had no report.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report, but thanked everyone for their well wishes. He also scheduled a meeting for Monday, October 11th, at 7:00pm. The agenda will be the name changes to Mineral Springs and Ella Street. We need to get moving on that to have something done by the beginning of the year.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher had no report.

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

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk read a Proclamation from the Mayor's office declaring the week of October 3rd thru October 9th as Public Power Week.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reported Medway, in cooperation with the Orrville Police Department, collected 268 lbs of prescription medicine throughout the county as part of their Operation Medicine Cabinet. The Orrville Police Department collected 23.5 lbs on their own. We have not received final documentation for the dog park grant as of yet so I expect we will not begin construction on the project until spring. Finally, the paving projects have all been completed and we have received many positive comments about the paving this year.

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C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger reported on the EPA MAC rule – the agency has received over 3800 comments on this rule. They have also received a joint letter signed by 41 of our United States Senators expressing some concerns on that rule to the EPA head administrator. The rule has been delayed by one month; not as a result of the letter writing, but mainly due to the volume of comments that have come in. That rule is now scheduled to be final January 15th of next year. We don't think that additional month is going to amount to too much. We will continue to work with that. The EPA will be sending some recommendations to the White House staff the first of November and from there things will start taking a more formal tone. We expect to be stepping up a lot of our activity and legislative contacts over the months of November and December. Certainly with the elections coming upon us that is going to bring about some unknown twists and turns – at least the political make up on the hill. What impact it will have on the rule making is yet to be seen, but we will continue to follow that. The last piece of information is at the October 11th Utility Board meeting we will be having an update on our Prairie State Coal Fire Project out in Illinois. It will be a similar slide show to what we presented on hydro projects to the Utility Board.

Vance: I just wanted to note that Ohio's Senator Voinovich was one of those senators that signed the letter that went to the EPA. In that letter it was estimated that \$1 billion would be required to comply nationwide to these new rules the EPA is coming out with. To give you an idea of where the EPA is coming from on this they said no that is exaggerated because you guys haven't taken into account the affect on the economy all the workers that are going to be required to implement these new rules is going to have. That is a little bit of a backwards logic to say that all these new regulations improve the economy because of all the new people you have to hire to implement them. This gives you a little bit of an idea of what it is like to work with the EPA right now on some of these things. I just want to thank Mr. Voinovich for representing our area and our industry in Washington.

Brediger: Senator Brown also sent a letter, a private letter, to the EPA administrator. So both of our Ohio Senators have been fully engaged in this.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan had no report.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had no report

F. President of Council – President Baker congratulated Mr. Hamsher on his position. Wrestling is a fun sport and I am sure you will do a great job. I was honored on Sunday evening to be asked to speak to a group of Cub Scouts. The topic was to be "What are the traits of a good citizen." I was amazed at these kids, first of all the way they treated me with a lot of respect, but also the knowledge they have with what is going on in our political system. To take 4th and 5th graders, it is amazing when they can come out and name who the candidates are and what their thoughts are about those candidates. I know adults that don't give that much thought to it as what those young men did there. Thank you to our local Boy Scouts leaders and the teachers in the school that have taught these kids.

Old Business: None.

New Business:
ORDINANCE O-10

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that Ordinance O-10, an ordinance vacating the hereinafter described alleys that Orrville City Council has determined will not be detrimental to the general interest, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This is actually...these alleys have not been constructed obviously. They run what would be the old Junior High. Interestingly enough looking through the minutes Council actually discussed this in 1918 and agreed at that time to vacate the alleys at that time; however, further paperwork that

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actually did that was never discovered. As a result we are back here today 92 years later to complete the act. Obviously Mr. Richey has requested that we vacate. He is asking that we do it as quickly as council is comfortable with so they can continue with the process of demolition and sale of that property.

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded 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 Ordinance O-10 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Good of the Order: None.

Leathers moved and Aspiras seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council