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President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Councilman Paul Vance offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Aspiras moved and Hamsher seconded that the minutes of the October 18, 2010 regular meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller was absent.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance had no report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had no report, but noted the new pumper truck is in and the firehouse will be open for all of Council to go over immediately after this meeting to look at it. We can't take any rides, but we do get to look and blow the horn.

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

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher had no report, but congratulated Nathan Rosenbaum for making the State Cross Country meet.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers had no report, but scheduled an committee meeting for Monday, November 8th, after the Utility Board meeting which will be approximately 7:00pm and the subject will be Resolution 27-10 which is up for first reading this evening. In addition to Mr. Hamsher's comments about Nathan, I would like to congratulate the Orrville Girl's volleyball team and also the Orrville Red Rider football team and wish them luck this week. I would also like to remind everyone to vote.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor - Mayor Handwerk congratulated all of our fall sports athletes at Orrville. As Mr. Hamsher said, Nathan Rosenbaum did a great job and is on his way to State in Cross Country. The volleyball continues and of course the football team Friday night played a great game against Wooster. I am glad that I am not sitting here in a blue jersey tonight at council meeting as there is another mayor in this county that is at a council meeting tonight wearing a red rider jersey.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler reminded the leaf pickup begins next Monday, November 8th, starting with every street south of Market Street. They are scheduled to take approximately one week to complete this area. Assuming they are complete within that one week, they will begin November 15th north of Market Street and hope to be completed by November 22nd. Once that is complete, they will go back around for one final sweep and hopefully have it all

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completed by December 3rd. Also, our Street Department has began doing a traffic count for our traffic studies. You may have noticed them in the various study areas. They have done three of the four and have one area left to do and are scheduled to complete that this week. As part of the study they are required to sit at the intersection for a twelve hour period. So if you see them there for a long period of time, they are not taking a nap or anything like that. They are doing work and actually saving the City thousands of dollars by doing it ourselves. I did want to make sure everyone was aware of that.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger had no comments other than to follow up on a question that Council had at the last meeting concerning the estimated impact of the fuel cost next year. I am estimating that our 2011 rates will be in the 8 1/2 – 9% range. 2012 will be in the neighborhood of 3 1/2 – 4%. Of course that will be dependent upon our usage and how some of our retail sales go, but that is a ballpark idea on the impact of that – roughly 19% fuel increase we will have on us. Roughly about half the impact of the coal cost will be in the form of a rate increase or basically a change in the fuel adjustment clause there not adjusting rates.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan report Mr. Brediger and the Mayor attended the annual AMP conference last week in Columbus. At that meeting they received this award on behalf of the City. The award is for the highest credit score for municipalities with populations over 5000 representing six states. This award is based on the 2008 calendar year credit scores. That is due to the lag created by the time it takes the auditors to release audits. This is a huge accomplishment, not only for the City of Orrville, but for all participants in the projects in which the City is participating with it's AMP partners. The credit scoring is utilized by AMP and it has been relied on by rating agencies, bond insurers, the investment banking communities to determine the financial health of all of the AMP members. When the AMP members are financially sound and credit worthy the AMP projects receive higher bond ratings. Those result in lower bond costs and subsequently those lower costs translate into lower power costs for member participants. So congratulations are in order to the City and also to Orrville Utility power customers.

E. Law Director - Director Lutz had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker encouraged everyone to go out and vote on Tuesday. I realize this program may not be seen until then, but I am sure every person sitting in this room is going to be voting tomorrow or has already voted. Go express your opinion one way or another; whether you are from my party or someone elses party makes no difference. At least let the world know what your vote is all about.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION 26-10

Leathers moved and Vance seconded that Resolution 26-10, a resolution authorizing the Public Utility Board of Control to execute a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for coal supply for a period of three years, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Baker: We discussed this one at our last meeting. Mr. Brediger do you have anything further for us?

Brediger: Nothing more then what has been discussed at the Utility Board meeting and the workshop and the last Council meeting.

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 Resolution 26-10 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

New Business:

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RESOLUTION 27-10

Leathers moved and Hamsher seconded that Resolution 27-10, a resolution to establish pay grades for the various positions in the Classified and Unclassified Services of the City of Orrville, Ohio, and repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith, be placed on first reading.

Leathers: This is the resolution that we will have a meeting on next Monday, but Mr. McFarren is here this evening in case anyone has any questions or would like him to provide further information on the resolution.

McFarren: The resolution that you received the intent is to change the Marketing Manager's position from a pay grade 405 to a pay grade 407. The Marketing Manager position was initially created around 1999-2000 and the pay grade hasn't changed since then; however, his duties have at a very large scale. The Marketing Manager now heads the Office of Industrial Development. That position requires him to implement and maintain industry attraction plans for the City, as well as a retention and expansion program for Orrville's industrial customers. Also, here in the past year we have also added the additional responsibilities of creating the same type of plans for our commercial and retail customers as well. The Office of Industrial Development requires him to be in regular and frequent contact with high ranking local county and state officials as well as the executive decision makers for not just Orrville's largest current industrial base, but also industries that we would like to see come to town. Initially the Marketing Manager's sole responsibility was customer service to our utility customers and so as you can see his duties have changed very much and we have done the research and I have proper documentation that I will bring to the meeting on November 8th. At that time any questions that you have I will certainly make myself available that evening and also you can always e-mail me, call me, or stop by my office this week and I would be glad to sit down and talk to you about it. Any questions tonight?

Baker: I see none. Thank you Mr. McFarren.

RESOLUTION 28-10

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 28-10, a resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to file an application and enter into an agreement and/or agreements with the Ohio Department of Development to become eligible for financial assistance for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Downtown Development Tier I Planning Activities, and declaring an emergency, be placed on first reading.

Wheeler: This resolution allows us to apply for CDBG grant funds in order to complete an updated downtown plan. Our current plan was created in 2005 and is only good for five years. Thus in order to apply for future CDBG funds we have to update this plan. The grant is for a 50/50 match. We have budgeted \$15,000 in our 2011 Capital Project Budget as matching funds. We are going to apply for up to \$15,000 as part of this grant application and we will do an request for qualifications in order to choose a firm to complete the plan. We don't expect that it will cost us \$30,000, but we will apply for all the available funds and use 50/50 matches to what is appropriate.

Leathers moved and Hamsher 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 Corfman seconded that Resolution 28-10 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 7:45 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council