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President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Brad Dews, 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 Corfman seconded that the minutes of the February 21, 2012, regular meeting be approved as submitted. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Finance – Mr. Miller reported that council received the Final Appropriations books. Tonight will be the first reading on that resolution. On next Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>, on our Special Meeting, will be the second reading as well as a workshop after the Utility Board Meeting. And 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on that will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> at our next council meeting.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance had no report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman had to report.

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

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp had no report.

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 announced the employee of the month for March is Dave Graber. Dave is a Maintenance Worker II with the Water Department and he has over 23 years of experience with the City and Utilities. He worked for the Service Department for 18 years before transferring to the Water Department in 2007. His job is to maintain the water distribution system, plant equipment, and buildings and grounds. Dave enjoys the challenge of taking on a new project and does whatever it takes to get the job done. Dave lives in Orrville with his wife and three sons and in his spare time he is also an assistant football coach for the Orrville Red Riders. We will be eating lunch this Friday at Senor Pancho's. Also I would like to congratulate Trevor White and Ronnie Lehtomaki for placing 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the State Wrestling tournament this week and also Coach Hamsher for a job well done all season long and also

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Madison Monheim for placing at the State swimming tournament a week or so ago. Congratulations to all of those folks.

B. Safety Service Director- Director Wheeler had no report.

C. Utilities Director – Director Brediger announced the Utility Board at their last meeting they approved a slight adjustment to the power cost adjustment factor for the electric utility rates that will result in roughly a \$2.40 increase per month for our average residential customer. That change is mainly due to some changes or some fee adjustments from our transmission system operator that increased during this period. Utilities are also working on an amendment to a Senate Bill in Washington, SB1813. To aid in the impact of the utility MAC rule making that's still a work in progress. Basically this amendment is seeking for a stay or delay in the implementation of this rule. We have a lot of support on the Hill on this issue and that bill will be coming to the floor for a vote here in a couple weeks, it will be an item that we will be talking with our elected officials next week while we are in Washington. The last item of note on South Main Street just south of the OrrVilla entrance we do have two demonstrations LED street lights. As you are coming in town you may notice a different light being given off by a couple of street lights we're demoing out a couple of street lights there. And last item is myself, councilman Leathers, and the Mayor will be in Washington next week for American Public Power Association's annual legislative rally. We do have appointments with Representative Renacci and Senator Brown at this time. We are still arranging some visits with Senator Portman.

D. Finance Director – Director Strimlan reported that as Mr. Miller stated, you should have received your Final Appropriation booklet for 2012 last week. There were some changes from the 2012 budget that we prepared last June. Primarily those were driven by the Utilities in the form of purchased power and also kilowatt hour transfers. So next Monday night after the Utility Board meeting, we'll go over those changes as well as some other line items that are included in the final appropriations.

E. Law Director - Director VanSickle had no report.

F. President of Council – President Baker referred to the Clerk for two liquor requests.

Gault: We have a request for a renewal at the Hartley Company that is in charge of Starfire. And we also have a change of owner, transferring the permit from PC Orrville Inc, to EOC of Orrville, Inc., also DBA East of Chicago.

**Old Business:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 01-12**

Leathers: 4<sup>th</sup> presentation of Administrative Order 1-12, an administrative order granting authority to the Public Utilities Board of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to increase water utility fees by six percent (6%) per year for a three (3) year period beginning fiscal year 2012.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION 9-12**

Leathers moved and Miller seconded that RESOLUTION 9-12, A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ORRVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Miller: This will be a reading tonight and our workshop would be next Monday.

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Baker: Correct.

ORDINANCE G-12

Leathers moved and Vance seconded that ORDINANCE G-12, AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY THAT ORRVILLE CITY COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE GENERAL INTEREST be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This is an alley vacation request that came from property owners on Market Street. The alley runs behind their property. The majority of the property owner in this area is Orrville Mennonite Church. The alley is not there other than the back of their parking lot. They are requesting vacation as they do have plans to potentially expand and would like to utilize that area for their expansion project. There was no negative feedback from any of the adjacent property owners and it did pass unanimously at the Planning Commission meeting.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler to you know if there is any plans going forward with developing that land that was formerly Maple Street School?

Wheeler: The land that's owned by the individual, we are not aware of anything. We haven't heard from him really over the last almost year already. And Orrville Mennonite Church does own a portion of that as well. I think that is part of their expansion plans as part of this project.

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring a reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leathers moved that Ordinance G-12 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE H-12

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that ORDINANCE H-12, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP CREATED BY CHAPTER 1120 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORRVILLE, OHIO, TO RECLASSIFY PARCELS OF LAND KNOWN AS LOT NUMBERS 1896 AND 1897, ALSO KNOWN 231 AND 243 N. LINDEN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ORRVILLE FROM C-3 (INTENSIVE COMMERCIAL) TO R-3 (RESIDENTIAL) be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wheeler: This is a request from the two property owners, 231 and 243 North Linden is their physical address. They are requesting to be rezoned from C-3 to R-3. They actually are located behind what would be the parts store, right across from the High Street car wash, the rear portion of that property and diagonal from New Orr Not to give you a little idea of what is in that area. Obviously all of High Street is commercial property. However, behind there, they are utilizing the property as residential. To their knowledge it's always been utilized as residential property. It does abut R-3 property. And they are looking to potentially do some expansion and would not be permitted to do so since it is a non-conforming use right now in that the current zone and requesting the rezoning. We did a hearing as part of the Planning Commission meeting. We didn't receive any negative comments as a result of that and it did pass unanimously in Planning Commission meeting. Just to clarify these are houses that are currently on those properties.

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring a reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Vance seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leathers moved that Ordinance H-12 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Leathers: That concludes tonight's new business.

Ron Cross presented the Service Department Annual Report slide presentation. Hard copy of this

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presentation is on file in the Council Clerk's office.

Vance: A couple years ago we were told that crews need to clean up graffiti in the park every other day. Has that problem improved? Or do you see the same thing last year?

Cross: The summer time is the worst. We see a lot of graffiti in the summer time and the guys do spend time regularly each week cleaning that up. Every other day is probably a stretch but in the summer time it is fairly regular. They do a good job. I know Joe Hranko walks the parks, especially Orr Park every day, if he can, every other if he can't, but he checks after the weekend especially to make sure that anything that is done is covered or is family friendly and eventually we will get to what he can't get to, to repair and make sure it's not something that lingers.

Vance: Damage and vandalism in the restrooms and other buildings?

Cross: It's spotty. Lower park had some issues, skateboarders trying to do rails on Rehm Pavilion, those kinds of things, graffiti, occasionally there's damage, we do deal with it. I wouldn't say it's excessive but it is definitely something we spend time with.

Hamsher: We saved an immense amount of salt costs this winter because of warm weather. With that warm weather and those salt costs be absorbed then by bug problems possibly? Do you anticipate bug problems in the spring? They like Vance, I know that.

Cross: We were fortunate this winter. We had a good winter. We used that time to do a lot of things we needed to do. As far as the mosquito problem, we have a pretty good program with that. We treat them a couple different ways. We had a warmer, wet summer last year but with the things we have to deal with the mosquito population we are confident that we'll handle it pretty well. You never can tell, it could dry up which is a better situation for that issue, but I don't see anything that going to help see any material expenses that will be out of the ordinary.

Wheeler: Ron, you may want to mention to that we changed the application last year, what we actually used.

Cross: Yes, we did actually. We changed to a different product. We are supposed to rotate products. They can develop immunity for different types of mosquito spray. We did change the product, it was a new product that was more expensive but you use less of it. It was more organic so there was less toxic to the citizens and to the City as a whole. So we tried it and liked it. We used it and we thought it did a really good job. This year we are going to change again, use that product and another product because again we are getting advised to rotate those materials through so the mosquito's don't develop an immunity to them. But we were very pleased with that product last year and would like to use it some more.

Hamsher: I noticed we contract out some tree services. Did we save some money that way? Or are we busy?

Cross: There are some things that we can't do in a safe manner. We don't have the equipment. The contract prices that we got this year especially were really good and it was really beneficial. We had some trees that needed to come down and we got those contracted out. There are just some trees that are so big we can't deal with them and we try to spend the money on that type of work. Joe and the guys do a great job with the trees and what we're able to handle, we try to do everything in house possible to save money.

Shupp: I noticed our leaf pickup costs were up by about \$18,000 over the previous year. Was that due to the wet season that we had here?

Cross: A couple things, we did get into the parks which were heavy with leaves and it takes a certain amount of time. Also, the season seemed to run longer this year. We were out, it was wet, when the leaves are wet they are harder to deal with so it took us a lot more effort to get the same amount of leaves because of the moisture. It just takes more time, everything is soaking wet, to clean the machines. It was kind of a struggle this year. But the guys worked hard and got them done but there

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were a lot, a little longer season; it just took us a little longer last year.

Handwerk: And to go along with that, I think, the year before was just the opposite. I remember the guys saying that oh my gosh, this is so much easier because it was dry and the leaves were not wet and much easier for them to pick up and go a little quicker for them.

Cross: And we try to hit those, we try to get out and get them when they are dry, when they're just down and not leave them for so long. And that extended our season a little bit. But we like to get them, keep them cleaned up so they are not blowing everywhere and we try to get out regularly and try to get as much as we can early. We had a lot of projects last year which we were kind of bumping up against leaf season, trying to get those things done with weather. So there were some factors that caused us to have to put a little more time into it.

Miller: Ron, I hate to tempt fate by asking this question, but I'm guessing that we're not going to have to buy as much salt for next year, are we?

Cross: That all depends on the year.

Miller: I mean we haven't had to use the usual amount this year because the snow was not there.

Cross: True and we do have a good stockpile this year that we are going to have help us carry over in the fall. Hopefully we'll have another good winter. But it just depends on what weather we have. We do have a nice stockpile for next year. We are hoping to save some money.

Shupp: Related to that, are salt prices down because of the amount of.

Cross: We got good prices this year. Salt prices were down this year. We did well. Next winter, I can't say. But we did well this year with salt. They were definitely down this year. We will hope that that will continue.

Shupp: Can you look at making purchases ahead of time, if the prices are good?

Wheeler: Actually part of our State contract requires us to do that. We are required to purchase a certain amount. We had actually just ran the figures and actually are in pretty good shape in that we aren't going to have to buy a large quantity. But we will make another purchase and stockpile as much as we can based on 1) the contract requirements with the State but also take advantage of the 1) the money is there and budgeted and 2) the price is very competitive right now.

Shupp: Good.

Cross: Thank you very much. I appreciate your support. Come see us.

**Good of the Order:**

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Cross, for that report. That takes care of our regular business for this evening. Does anyone have anything for the good of the order?

Hamsher: I want to add my congratulations to the Mayor's to Maddie Monheim, qualifying in two events and placing in the top 10 or 12 and posting a personal best is tremendous achievement. And of course, my wrestlers, I think they did a great job this past weekend. And basketball should end on a fine season. Orrville has a lot to be proud of in their athletics as well as their academics.

Leathers moved and Shupp seconded to adjourn the council meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council