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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Haroldo Nunes led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call: Shupp, Wilson, Aspiras Jr., Hamsher, Aspiras Sr., Corfman and Lorson all were present.

Corfman moved to approve the minutes as posted of the last regular meeting on January 7, 2019. Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Utilities – Corfman – No report. Utilities had a water main break on Chestnut cutting into the brand new pavement and working in the nasty, cold snowy miserable weather. Good job and thanks for all their hard work.

Transportation – Shupp: No report. Thanked the snow plowing crews for doing a very good job with the storm this past weekend. Streets were opened up by early Sunday and passable. Thank you.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Showed a video clip of Service Department crews after hours clearing snow off Main Street through the night. We sure appreciate all that they do. It would have been nice to have a video of our Distribution team who were out after the plane crash that took down electric wires there. We appreciate all the work that they do.

State of the City was presented by Mayor Handwerk (audio can be found on the webpage under council minutes for today's date). He announced he is running for another term as Mayor. He thanked Andrew Knode from Armstrong Cable for videoing tonight and Jack Rooney from The Daily Record for covering our meeting tonight.

Safety Service Department Director Wheeler: Trash pickup is on normal schedule, no delays from the holiday. We used approximately 130 tons of salt over the weekend. 250 tons are left and we expect another 150 tons to be delivered this week. Our salt supply is in good shape. The Service Department cleaned catch basins today with the warm up and potential melting of snow. There may be quite a bit of water if the weather warms the way they are anticipating. Shupp asked about keeping hydrants clear of snow for the fire department to reach those in case of emergency. Yes, that is a help to the fire department as well as for the safety of the residents. We appreciate those that keep them clear.

Utility Director Brediger: The electric department held a departmental in-service on Monday and today to deal with transmission peak issues. It ran very well during those events. Sales are up over last year by about 2 ½%. Generation is down about half of what it was in 2017 due to EPA limitations. Our projects operated very well the past couple months, our hydro projects suffered a little with all the rain we had. The outage yesterday was at Hackett and Kansas Road area outside of Kidron due to the plane crash. The entire distribution crew was on scene in the morning to replace 900 ft. of three-phase wire, numerous broken poles and other equipment damage and about 550 customers were without power until about 11:30 p.m. We were back on site today wrapping up final connections to some businesses. Tannerville Road area had a brief outage this morning impacting about 75 customers due to a wire connection failure. The Monday night board meeting we discussed shutoffs during extreme cold times. It is policy when temperatures approach the freezing mark, we do not shut off customers for late payment of their invoices. Their obligation still continues but we wanted to remind Council that we do that. We have about five customers on that list and probably a couple dozen on that list coming up to this weekend's colder spell. Water Department, the water main replacement continues and progresses well. The line is in up to about East of Chicago pizza and we will starting to make connections following pressure testing and disinfecting over the next couple weeks. The contractor still has to bore under the railroad and then will continue to just west of the High and Main intersection over the next month or so. Waste Water is continuing engineering work on capital projects. The Mayor and I will be in Washington at the end of February. The House is now democratically controlled and we are waiting to find out what committee chair makeups looks like and agenda changes. Andrew Wheeler is being considered as the permanent EPA administrator. He is the fourth since President Trump took office. Mr. Wheeler is a good candidate for that position. We have worked with him on issues in the past. Ohio has a new Governor and is replacing a lot of his key office cabinet members and we will be getting a new Ohio EPA director, unfortunately. We had real good success dealing with former director Mr. Butler. Mike Hedberg's City Economic Development annual report was distributed. It describes efforts and achievements that have come out of that office and some

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partnerships we have with the Mayor's staff, the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce and Wayne Economic Development Office. Aspiras Sr. asked about billing and fiber optics meter readings listed on that report. Metering systems are being looked at for upgrades mainly for two dozen larger industrial customers. Aspiras Sr. asked about the PGM program. Transmission system owner programs, in the years where the plant does not meet all its transmission needs, once every 3-4 years, there are only a couple of industries that can shave their load enough to participate in these programs. We have documentations and meetings with our large industrial customers to make them aware that those programs are available to them that offered by the transmission owners. Customers like Quality Castings can curtail their load during peak periods and there are those out there that are willing to pay them to divest of some of their load during those peak times. Aspiras asked also about the newsletter mentioned in Hedberg's report and if council could receive a copy. It is more like briefs or updates as opposed to a newsletter. He sends a monthly update on our Economic Development side and we could include council. It is provided to those that attend the Utility Board meetings.

Finance Director Strimlan: Tentative final appropriation schedule was disbursed. Appropriations will be on first reading March 4, second reading and workshop on March 11 and final reading on March 18 to be sure it is returned to the County by the end of March as required. After council has had a chance to review their schedules, we can confirm these dates at the next meeting. Also, the quarterly investment report for the final quarter of 2018 was distributed to council. We will review the investment earnings in more detail during the Finance Department annual report in April. Feel free to call if you have questions.

President Baker: Santa went back to the North Pole and left the cold weather for us. He can either come back early and bring more presents or let the weather warm up a bit.

Old Business

None

New Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 3-19 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 3-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts for engineering services for the 2019 OPWC High Street Resurfacing Project, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is for the engineering part of the design of the resurfacing of High Street. The water line replacement project should be completed soon. We'd like to get started on the design work of the resurfacing so when the OPWC documents come in July 1, we'll be ready to move forward shortly thereafter. Shupp asked about the fill going in before it is resurfaced where the water line project had been cut out. We have taken the concrete out that would have been a base for the asphalt and don't want to get back in there with just stone or a mix. I prefer something more permanent. Brediger answered that in spring it will be filled up with asphalt and milled back down to the level of the street. Street Superintendent John Scott commented a concrete slurry will go back in. We do not believe it would be best to rebar to connect to the other pieces of concrete. It will go back in with the concrete slurry and asphalt on top. It will be well compacted with all the traffic going over it until the asphalt overlay is ready. The concrete slurry, pourable fill, will go in and fill all the creases and voids and then the asphalt on top of that.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 3-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 4-19 be placed on first reading. Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 4-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for WAY-East Pine Street Project (ODOT PID 95089) in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We are ready to go out for bids for the construction of Pine Street. This project began in 2005 with an earmark from Congressman Regula and just a short 14 years later, we are ready to go out to bid

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and complete the project. The plan, assuming Council approves it tonight, is to advertise and have bid openings the first week of March, in order to meet State regulations in regards to bidding time requirements. Morgan Corporation is excited for this project for their truck traffic.

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Good of the Order

Lorson spoke with Mr. Scott when he was plowing and he was complimentary to citizens of Orrville. I wanted to know if they were hearing from the residents and if they were pleased or displeased with things. John said people reach out to our crews and treat them well and seem to understand what is going on. I love hearing that. I think they deserve it. I think they did an excellent job with this storm. I'd just like to thank you guys again.

President Baker reminded all those interested for running for offices either city council, or any elected office, keep in mind all petitions are due the first week of February. Make sure you have them in on time.

Adjournment

Wilson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council