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Council 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, Corfman and Leathers were present.
Aspiras was excused.

Corfman moved and Hamsher seconded that the minutes of the January 7, regular meeting be approved as posted. Roll call vote. Shupp abstained. All others, ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have a couple items. Council should have received their 2013 Final Appropriations schedule from Ms. Strimlan before the meeting started and you'll see that the schedule is basically the same as it has been. On the next Council meeting, the first Council meeting in March will be our first reading. We will have a Special Meeting for second reading and the thing that might look a little different to you on Thursday, because some of the people that need to be here will be in Washington D.C. the earlier part of that week. So, on the 14th we'll have that special meeting for second reading and workshop. And then the third reading would be the next meeting in March. So at this time, Mr. President I would like to make a motion to schedule a Special meeting for the second reading of the Final Appropriations and workshop on March 14. Seconded by Vance. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. President I just have one more thing. I just want to say, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the people of the 4th Ward for two terms these past eight years. And it's been truly an honor and a privilege to do so. As I have said, I think in the past, I believe in term limits. I think that government needs to have new blood and new ideas every so often. So as my current term expires this year, I just want to say that I will not seek re-election to a third term on City Council. And I look forward to finishing out the current term to the end of the year and I certainly would encourage anyone in the 4th Ward that's interested in public service to please contact the Board of Elections, they would get you set up with everything you need to do. It's not really that difficult to get on the ballot. Feb. 6 is your deadline. You've got three weeks that should be plenty of time to get it done. So, that's my report. Thank you, Mr. President.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance: Thank you, Mr. President. No report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras: Absent.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp: Thank you, Mr. President. I also have no report.

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F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher: Thank you, Mr. President. No report here either.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Baker: We'll move to our Administrative Reports and first on the list is our State of the City report from Mayor Handwerk.

Administrative Reports:

- A. Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. And I do have two items before we get to that State of the City report just regular Council type items. One is our January employee of the month was Ryan Immel from the Service Department. Ryan started with the City in December of 2007 and came to us from Kidron Electric. Ryan is currently a Service Worker 1 with the Service Department, but is working towards becoming a Service Worker 2 here in the near future. He is a certified electrician and his daily responsibilities include maintaining the downtown lighting, traffic lights, street lights, and security lights in the City. Ryan is responsible for a complete upgrade of our park and Schmid Hall electric last year, and has been actively involved in electrical projects in every City department. Ryan also does equipment operations as part of his duties, and is not afraid to step right in and work out wherever he's needed. Ryan is married, his wife is Katie, and they have 3 children, a boy and 2 girls. And he is a graduate of Central Christian High School and they live here in town. John Scott our Service Department Supervisor had this to say about Ryan, "Ryan is our go to guy in all of our City electrical needs. And that is his specialty. Ryan's electrician background has saved the City thousands of dollars and Ryan shares his knowledge with all of the Service Department staff which only makes our entire staff better." And I can speak that the first year that he was working here, well I guess it would be the second year, when we wanted to put the Christmas trees out there by the clocks. Had a great idea until we realized there was no place to plug any lights in out there at all. And so it was actually Ryan that came up from the Service Department and put two outlets out on the island where the clock is for us and a switch in the Utilities office so they can just be switched on from in there and also some outlets in the wall where the wreaths hang too so they don't even show. He so he did an excellent job with that. And also I received a letter several weeks ago from Armstrong Utilities. They are planning to, and I would imagine people would get notification of this pretty soon, they're planning to add two new, lower-priced television packages to their offerings. The first package, Entry, will primarily consist of local broadcast stations and a few additional satellite channels. The cost for this package is \$22.95 a month. The second package, Economy, will consist of all the channels in the Entry package along with 13 additional networks including CNN, Discovery, Disney, History, Nickelodeon and USA. The cost of the Economy package is \$39.95 a month. These packages were developed for the customer that is interested in receiving television service from Armstrong, but is looking to spend less. Noticeably absent are the sports channels which are the most expensive. And I have heard that from them before that they are

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the most expensive ones on their package. So those are not on these economy packages. And I must say I'm glad to see this. This is something going clear back when Jess Forfia was Council President when I was first on Council we were pushing for them to give us some options for people that don't want to pay that much per month. And for whatever reason they were not able to do that at that time but now they can. So maybe there's still hope for the Big 10 Network in 10 years or so, I don't know. And now we will go to our State of the City address. Council President Baker and our Council members and City Administrators and those of you watching at home, I would like to welcome you tonight. Our City Administration and employees have had a busy 2012 and there have been many positive things that have happened this past year. We've seen projects completed from the industrial side, the commercial side, the residential side and we were very fortunate to see this kind of growth and improvement in our uncertain economy during a Presidential election year. We have helped facilitate expansion projects or new builds with the J.M. Smucker Company, the Will-Burt Company, Venture Projects, Quality Castings, Orrville Chick Hatchery, Smith Dairy Products, JLG, Goodwill Industries, Serpentine Chevrolet, Lola Cheech and Mooney's Pet Store, Chiofalo Chiropractic, and Advanced Auto parts. Some of these projects were completed in 2012, some were begun in 2012 but will be completed in 2013. As always I want to commend Mike Hedberg, Steve Wheeler, Kristin Endsley, and Karen Flinner for working closely with the people that are involved with getting these projects started. Progress has been made with the truck route project as we expect to see the High Street extension portion completed in this spring and summer of 2013. The Pine Street extension portion is scheduled to be completed in 2014. Some of you have heard this project explained over and over, over the last bunch of years, if those of you maybe that are watching are unfamiliar with what this project is I would invite you to just to give me a call sometime or talk to one of our council members to get a better idea of what this involves. But this is a project we have been working on for quite some time. We also had three resurfacing projects on Viking Ave., Cloveridge, and Brookwood Court and they have turned out very well. I would certainly think people that live up in that areas especially are glad to be driving on a nice smooth street up there. The biggest project of the year by far for us was the total reconstruction of Mineral Spring Street. I am very pleased at how our City administration, school administration, and all the contractors involved got through this project along with the high school construction, the turf installation, track installation and a new gas line. All worked very well in what was a very busy part of town. Also thanks to our Police Department for their work in helping establish the best traffic patterns for school, school days, and football games during the construction. We are thankful that we were able to receive the Ohio Public Works Commission grant to fund half of this very expensive project. Much has been done in the planning of the first and second phases of the Smucker loop road. We feel that we have reached an agreement with the Norfolk-Southern railroad on a list of various items and will be ready for construction to begin this summer. Raspberry Road will be the first area constructed, and that will be the section coming off of Main Street going east, heading toward the east. Also in 2012 was much of the planning, engineering and OPWC grant application process for the complete reconstruction of Ella Street. And I think most everybody realizes this has been nothing but chip and seal forever and so this will be a huge improvement out there right in front of the new school. This will be from Ella

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Street, the portion that goes from High Street, north. Construction will also take place this coming summer for that project. As you can see, 2013 will be a very busy year for roadway construction with many fine improvements for Orrville. 2012 was also a big year for the advancement of the "Rails to Trails" program in our area. Plans are now being formulated by the Wayne County Rails to Trails organization to complete the trail from Orrville to Clinton. Phase I of the project deals more with the overall engineering and environmental process from Orrville city limits to Clinton while Phase II is more about bringing the trail from our city limits into Orrville, locating a trail head, constructing restrooms and future planning for how the trail would eventually exit Orrville to the south. Becky Jewell is representing the Rails to Trails group along with Don Noble. We have had numerous planning sessions with interested citizens, and several of our council members, with City administration organized by Jenni Reusser and the Chamber. Becky and our administration has also met with downtown merchants, the Orrville Railroad Heritage Organization and we had a full council workshop. There are many people that are anxious to see this section of trail become a reality and it is one of the last sections that is needed to complete the trail that will allow riders to actually go from Cincinnati to Cleveland. So this will be a great project. And probably we're looking at 3-5 years for this project depending on funding that's available for Rails to Trails and possible grants and so forth. 2012 was an exciting year in the Orrville City School campus program. It is hard to believe that now we are in the home stretch of the completion of three brand new schools. The City and Utilities have worked closely with Superintendent Ritchie and school administration through each phase as they have been completed. This past year we have seen major steps in the new high school construction with the completion of the facility now approaching late spring or summer of 2013. Along the way, this past year also saw the community come together by raising private donations, allowed field turf to be installed at the high school stadium. And we now have Heartland Field. Along with the private donations for the turf, the school completed the scheduled updated repair of the running track which gave the stadium a great new face lift. While it may seem like a long time since construction of the middle school started, when you consider what all has been accomplished over the last few years with school construction and roadway construction, especially after this summer when Ella Street is completed, I would commend Superintendent Jon Ritchie, our school board, teachers, staff, students, parents and all citizens that have worked to make this construction project complete. While we have all had our fill of mud and pot holes in that area, we're close to the finish line at this point so the Ella Street project this summer we'll have a school campus we can all be very proud of. We're not quite sure how these cuts, oops I think I skipped two pages here, don't want to do that. The Ella Street reconstruction also relies heavily on OPWC grant funds as I mentioned earlier. And cannot be started until mid-July when the grant is awarded. So if you have people ask questions about why we wait, that's the reason. It's the same as what we had with Mineral Springs. We will be again also be working closely with school officials to make the project as painless as possible – not to be confused with just painless, just painless as possible for everybody in the area. There's going to be times when it's a problem just like it was last year but overall I think that one went pretty well. Other pluses that we've seen in our community this summer certainly this late summer, Wayne College celebrated its 40th Anniversary. I think that college is just growing year by year. I know their enrollment is

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- growing each year and they are certainly becoming more involved in the community. Another thing is our downtown renovations, even though they haven't gone as quick as everybody would like to see including the people doing the renovations. If you take a look inside those windows now you can see that those buildings are actually being close to be ready to go and they're going to be a beautiful facility when they are ready for someone. Much has been said on the news about the finances at the Federal and State levels. As our elected officials try to work together to correct financial problems at those State and Federal levels it has become quite easy to target local municipalities for a large part of the "fix." I mentioned at several Council meetings this year that the dollars we will lose from loss of local government funds, tangible property income tax and the estate tax amounts to huge dollars lost for our City government. Money that would be used to provide service for our citizens. Those take-a-ways continue to be a big concern for our finances here at the local level, as 2013 is the year that these "take-a-ways" make their first real impact. We're not quite sure how these cuts will affect our services provided by the City. It is our hope to continue expected services as expected such as the regular swimming pool hours, normal up keep and mowing at the cemetery, park ball field maintenance and mowing, fall leaf pickup, snow plowing, salting, tree removal, tree planting, downtown decorations, banners, downtown trash removal, catch basin repair, pothole patching, street repair, present police coverage and fire services, are a host of other services that we certainly hope to continue to be able to provide. Now that the Presidential election is over, the Federal EPA is fast tracking regulations that will severely hinder energy production and will have a huge impact on our power plant. Many decisions will have to be made this year by our Utility Director and City administration, Utilities Board and City Council. We certainly will benefit from AMP's legal team and expertise when determining our best options moving forward with our generating facility. Our investment in various hydro projects, natural gas and wind projects with AMP will certainly be a great help to us down the road. At some point, even if our industries and businesses are doing well, and we need to be thankful everyday that they are, we will need to address the loss of revenue by either reducing services or asking for additional income tax dollars or some combination of them both. That is not something we are considering doing now. Please don't walk out of here with the idea that there's going to be a tax levy right away, that's not what we're thinking. But at some point we're going to have to address those losses. That decision will come from our City administration, City Council and ultimately the voting citizens of Orrville. All in all, 2012 has been a very productive year for the City and our Utility Departments. Regardless of what comes our way, I can assure you that the City and Utility employees, we will continue to serve this community to the best of our abilities and meet the challenges head on. We will continue to do more with less, with job consolidations and job service sharing taking care of our equipment and being as efficient as we can as we look forward to a busy 2013. If you have any questions for me, feel free to please stop in my office or give me a call any time or email me and I will be glad to talk to you. That's all I have. Baker: Thank you, Mayor Handwerk. We'll move on to our Safety Service Director. Mr. Wheeler is not here this evening. Kristin do you have anything for us?
- B. Safety Service Director Wheeler: (Kristin Endsley) Thank you, Mr. President. I do not have a report tonight however I would like to speak about some legislation later and Becky Jewell is

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here representing Rails to Trails to talk about Resolution 1-13. Thank you. Baker: Thank you. Our Utilities Director Mr. Brediger.

- C. Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple brief comments over the weekend, mainly due to the wind, we did have a few brief isolated outages Saturday, Sunday and Monday, nothing major, nothing for any significant period of time. The only other item is the one good news about the cold weather was we are selling some excess capacity into the energy market, energy wholesale market, so that will help us generate a little bit of revenue and we haven't been in a position to do this for several months now. If there is an upside to single digit figures, there are other people that are interested in buying energy from the plant this week. And that's all I have for tonight sir. Baker: Thank you. We'll move to our Finance Director Ms. Strimlan.
- D. Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a reminder that it is income tax time. Due to the universal filing that we have here everyone that is a resident of the City over the age of 18 you are required to file a City income tax return regardless of whether or not you have tax that's due. That does include retirees. I know that the process can appear cumbersome and for that I apologize. But it is the only way for us to ensure compliance to the tax code. But if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call myself or our income tax administrator Dave Nussbaum and we can assist you with any of those income tax questions or issues you might have. We do follow the same due dates as the IRS so your return needs to be postmarked by April 15th. If you have a Federal extension all you need to do is give us a copy of that, have it to us by the 15th and that extension will also apply to your City return. But again if you have any questions or concerns just feel free to call Mr. Nussbaum or myself. Prior to tonight's meeting I also distributed the Quarterly Investment Report for the final quarter of 2012. As you look through that unfortunately you'll see the rates aren't anywhere near where we'd like them to be or even close to where they were a few years ago. Unfortunately also you'll be disappointed again in a few months when I give my annual report and you see what the yearly investment earnings were. I don't need a motion to approve the distribution. I just need the minutes to reflect that you did receive those reports. Also I distributed the Fund Balance Report for the end of the year. You can see that overall we did have positive net income in 2012 citywide which is very good. You'll see some of the funds went up, some went down, but overall we did end up positive there. If you have any questions about that report, feel free again to call my office otherwise we'll go over that in detail when I give my annual report in April. I also have some legislation on the agenda tonight that I'll speak to when it comes up. And one last thing, Mr. Miller did touch on our final appropriations calendar for 2013. As he indicated the schedule is very similar, the only change would be the workshop that we're going to have its going to be on the Thursday due to the Washington D.C. annual meeting. We'll continue to remind everyone as that day gets closer since that is a switch from normal. But it was necessary due to the other readings so that we can get that back to the county auditor in a timely fashion and move on with year. And that's all I have this evening. Baker: Thank you. We'll move to our Law Director Ms. Kirkbride.
- E. Law Director Kirkbride: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

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F. Council President Baker: Thank you. I also have no report this evening and we have no old business to hear. So we'll move to New Business.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Leathers moved that Ordinance C-13 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. **ORDINANCE C-13**, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ORRVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Baker: Mr. Corfman?

Corfman: Thank you Mr. President. As the memo from Mr. Wheeler pointed out this is an annual ordinance that aligns us mostly with the State. It's customarily passed at the beginning of the year every year. Has not changed in 13 years that I know of and I recommend we go ahead and put this through.

Baker: Anyone have any further comments?

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

Leathers moved that Ordinance C-13 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 1-13 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 1-13**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ORRVILLE TO FILE A JOINT APPLICATION WITH RAILS-TO-TRAILS OF WAYNE COUNTY AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND/OR AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC RECREATION PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Baker: Okay. Anyone have any questions or comments this evening? Mrs. Jewell is here to answer questions if there are any of her. Ms. Endsley?

Endsley: I will go ahead and do a brief synopsis. I think most everyone's aware that we have the Rails to Trails coming through town eventually. This is the piece that would be the trailhead in the downtown and extend to North Main Street. Right now the application is due February 1. This would be a joint application between the City of Orrville and Rails to Trails. And Mrs. Jewell is working on the application. We are still firming up the actual engineers estimate. Right now it's approximately between \$250,000-\$300,000 for the total project and that would include the trailhead facilities at the Depot with a restroom, signage, probably a kiosk, and then the trail from the Depot to North Main Street just north of Mineral Spring Street. It is a 75% grant. We're looking at the Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant. There's two different grants but we're looking at the State's Clean Ohio. So if we were looking at the \$300,000 estimate, which is the maximum. \$225,000 would be provided from the grant and \$75,000 would be the match and Rails to Trails is actually raising the match money for this project. They do have some community groups that are interested and committed to helping them with that. Like I said the application is due February 1 so we would hope that this could be passed this evening so we could include that with the application. If we were awarded, that would be approximately October and then it would be a 15-month construction period. And we're estimating a 3-4 month construction timetable for

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the trail itself. So it would be a 2014 project if we were funded. Phase I for Rails to Trails would be from Orr Road into Marshallville and their looking at construction this year in 2013. Like I said Mrs. Jewell is here if you have any other questions for us. She did bring a map if you want her to show you the exact route.

Baker: Okay. Mr. Corfman.

Corfman: I'd like to thank Mrs. Jewell for all the work she's done. You have really taken a hold of this and your experience has really paid off. And from Council and Rails to Trails, I thank you a lot.

Jewell: You're welcome.

Corfman: I guess you're going to show us where it's going.

Jewell: I can do that. The location in the downtown that was selected is the area where the Depot and the Historical Museum are located right now. So, we're here in the downtown and we had to look in both directions because eventually this trail will be headed south and it will connect, this is part of the Ohio to Erie starting at the Ohio River and ending up at Lake Erie. There will be a continuous trail. But it has to be done in pieces. So the project that we're going to be doing with the grant funds is just one more of those pieces. Our plans at this time, people that ride these trails like to see what is there something historic and being rail trails a lot of times you do see a Depot. So our Depot and historic area would be the perfect place. From there with these grant funds, we are going to build, like Mrs. Endsley said, the restroom facility would be done with the grant funds as well as doing a kiosk and at that point visitors to Orrville could say where are the restaurants? Where are the commercial? And that's our chance then to showcase the community. So we would have a kiosk with information and information about Orrville and about the trail. We would then go west just a small amount to Sterling Avenue and then we would go up Sterling Avenue, we'd be going North. We would be going past the Smith-Orr home and then we would get up to High Street and at High Street we would cross and just after you get past the Salvation Army is the Blackwell Williams park land. At that point we would start actually constructing the trail. Let me back up just a little bit. The area from the Depot to the Blackwell Williams land would be marked as a "Share the Road", your less experienced bikers and your walkers of course would be on the sidewalks and then other people would be sharing the road, get over to Sterling Avenue, and then again Share the Road until you get to Blackwell Williams. And we would then go up Blackwell Williams past the Dog Park and along the edge of the woods. As you get up there, there's a path through there now that goes to the pond so we would make a turn there. We will go past the pond and then there's a bridge that we would cross. That bridge will be replaced so that it is a full 10 feet wide, probably just a little bit wider than that, but that will be replaced with grant funds and then we would proceed into a wooded area and from there we would come into the clearing by the Water Treatment Plant. We would go again across another bridge which will be replaced with grant funds and then the Water Department several years ago relocated the stream. We would be going along that stream. The trail that's there now is not wide enough so we would be widening and probably just slightly straightening that trail. And as it approaches the intersection up here of Vine and Mineral Spring, it will come, it will hold tight to property lines and go through the Utilities property here and then get over onto Main Street and then eventually cross and be at the new Raspberry Road that they'll be constructing. So that's how we'll be able to get the trail through town to the north and then at some point in time we will figure our southern route exactly, but we do know that from the Depot we will go south. Are there any questions about that route? Like I said you do these in little pieces and this will be one more piece of the puzzle. Mrs. Endsley

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said we would like to be constructing hopefully in this year that segment that will go from Forrer Road and go into Marshallville. Oh, and I do have one other item here. This was prepared by the consultant that's working with the City of Orrville on their Comprehensive Plan. Rails to Trails was very excited when this was determined to be the number one project of focus. And this is what the trailhead could look like there at Depot Street. You have the Historical Museum, you have a new restroom facility, and then you have the Depot also.

Baker: I do have one question. After everything is built, whose responsibility will maintenance be?

Jewell: The facilities will be located on land owned by the City of Orrville. So when it comes down to responsibility for maintenance, what we would like to do and we're moving in that direction, is forming a friends group and this would be friends of the Orrville to Clinton trail. Those people would help to either provide the physical labor to do maybe it's a painting project or something like that or would provide fund raising capabilities if it was something major that needed to be done. But the hope is that in the future the Rails to Trails and the friends group will provide that overall structure so that the maintenance does not fall on the City.

Baker: Mr. Corfman.

Corfman: Mr. President, the Sippo Valley Trail, which is the best example locally that parallels what we're doing here, is maintained by a Rail to Trail group and not the village of Dalton also and it's been a successful model since its beginning and that's I believe 10-12 years plus in age and its maintained by volunteers.

Baker: Anyone else have any questions or comments? Mr. Vance.

Vance: I don't know, I mean I just, there are times, moments I guess, where I feel like we're very blessed to be here in Orrville. After hearing the Mayor's report and now the prospects of this trail coming through Orrville, it's just one of those moment, I guess for me, where I feel very blessed to be here. The fact that we're located on a bike trail that will go the entire length of Ohio and we have a lot of people that drive through Orrville right now but now they'll be riding through and this trail goes right past, I think, the best that our City has to offer and I think people will be amazed how many people will be coming through town, stopping in our shops, and visiting and enjoy the attractions that we have here in Orrville from this trail. I couldn't be more excited and I echo what Mr. Corfman said, Becky's the perfect person for this. It's a, again we're blessed to have her heading up this project here in Orrville. It's been a great and exciting project to be involved with.

Jewell: Another item that Mr. Vance mentioned there was the unique opportunity to bring together Orr Park, the school's campus, and the High Street business area those will all be interconnected and right there at the trails. It's a very unique opportunity to have all of those things so close and we are very fortunate to be one of the communities along the Ohio to Erie trail.

Baker: Anyone else have any comments this evening? Thank you for coming Mrs. Jewell.

Jewell: You're welcome.

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

Leathers moved that Resolution 1-13 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Leathers moved that Resolution 2-13 be place on first reading. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 2-13**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND/OR AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Baker: Thank you. Ms. Strimlan.

Strimlan: Thank you Mr. President. I believe I mentioned in December that this resolution would be coming. We do need to issue a purchase order for the annual audit expense. We are basing the purchase order on past years' expenditures. The expense for the audit is split among the general fund and the three enterprise funds. So it does have to be approved by the Safety Service Director and the Utilities Director but because it's estimated that the City side of the expenditure may be over the \$15,000 limit to be safe, we'd like to have this resolution approved by you to cover the full potential of the expenditure if it does in fact reach that limit.

Baker: Anyone have any questions of Ms. Strimlan?

Miller: Just a comment. I mean this is something that is done every year, it's not like we have a choice in it.

Strimlan: No.

Miller: Not unusual.

Strimlan: You can "not" approve it and we'll have to go through with the audit and then we'll be cited.

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

Leathers moved that Resolution 2-13 be adopted as read. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leathers: And that concludes tonight's new business, sir.

Good of the Order:

Baker: Anyone have any items for the good of the order this evening? Seeing none.

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council