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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Councilman Vance offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Aspiras moved that the minutes of the September 3, 2013, regular meeting be accepted as documented and Shupp seconded. Roll call vote. All yeas. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Finance – Mr. Miller: No report.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance: No report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report but I do have a community event. On 9/21, that's a Saturday morning at 8AM, there is a Rails-to-Trails work day. They will meet at the intersection of Forrer Road and Back Massillon. It will be clearing brush for the future bike trail. It goes either way. I'm not sure which direction they are going. If you meet there, they'll tell you. That would be 8AM, Saturday morning, 9/21. Thank you, that's all.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. The Parks and Recreations committee met last Monday, September 9. We met in Orr Park. Several items that were up for discussion, I'll share a few of those. We actually looked at the playground equipment in Orr Park both lower and upper Orr Park. We have purchased one piece of equipment ages 5-12, it has 23 play activities. The plan is to go ahead and purchase another one of those along with a 2-5 year old playground. And those will be placed both in upper and lower Orr Park. And that is part of tonight's agenda also Resolution 37. We also discussed the lower restrooms in Orr Park. They are in pretty bad shape. We all took a tour, looked at it very closely, in and outside. There's cracked walls, there's some cracked floors, the roof has quite a bit of mildew and mold on it and so either we look to renovate it/repair it, which at this point in time, it's in pretty bad shape so we've elected to have Mr. Wheeler start looking at some bids and estimates to put a new restroom in the lower park. We did install a water line in 2009, there's electric there, so we're all set as far as utilities go. We also looked at, talked about a camera system for vandalism in the park. We did look at this, I believe it was some where's in 2008-2009. At that point in time we decided to hold off. Things look a little better today as far as pricing and what you get for your money. We actually had some discussion around what we were looking at in 2008-2009 for less money. You can get about double the equipment. So we're looking at that. I know Chief Carozza supports it. There's been enough minor vandalism in the park, nothing major, so we're looking at that. Mr. Wheeler and his group are going to be looking at some quotes. I know we also talked about benchmarking with other communities. We know there's a local community that has recently put similar system in their park so I know we're going to be talking with those folks. Try to get some pros and cons. We also took a look at the basketball courts. Those were done in 2009. It looks like we have decided we will look at it for 2014 as far as

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resurface before it gets much worse in condition which would require some additional funding or extra work which we want to try to avoid that. Those were the items that we talked about. That's all I have tonight. Like I said, Resolution 37, we can talk a little more about that.

Wheeler: And if I could just follow up with you on that. Chief Carozza did talk to Chief Ellis from over at Smithville. They're very pleased with the camera system and actually have not had any incidents of vandalism since those were installed and they made it well known that they were installed. They've been very pleased with the system they have in place.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp: No report.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report however, I am going to call a Planning Committee meeting for Monday, this coming Monday, September 23 at 7PM. We will meet to discuss the renaming of a couple of streets in town. Monday, September 23, this coming Monday, at 7PM.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers: No report.

**Special Committee Reports:** None.

**Administrative Reports:**

A. Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to mention two things. One is our September employee of the month was Jon Yoder who works at our Power Plants Distribution Department. Jon began his career with the utilities in April of 1993. He is a dedicated employee that takes a great amount of pride in doing a good job. He has worked numerous times on storm calls for Orrville and on mutual aid to other communities as well. Jon enjoys wood working and farming in his off time. He resides in Dalton with his wife Julie. We had lunch at Buehler's last week. Also I'd like to mention that last Thursday late afternoon and evening we had an open house at the Market Place downtown here across the street. Very well attended. Beautiful facility. I think everybody that was there is very excited about the future possibilities of that as things move forward with that and we are as well. Very nice looking, real neat to see what all goes in there. And that's all I have.

B. Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Hopefully everyone noticed the public parking lot adjacent to the American Legion was resurfaced last week. This project was primarily funded with CDBG money and it came out looking beautiful. The Ella Street project continues to move along, asphalt overlay is scheduled for later this week, weather permitting of course. Once that's completed they'll begin clean up and we're very optimistic they'll begin the cleanup within the next few weeks. Raspberry Road is also moving along, they are hoping to begin pouring concrete this week, weather permitting as well. You may have noticed the City is taking some trees down around town. Our arborists have unfortunately identified 30 ash trees that have been invaded by the emerald ash borer. This infects, obviously only ash trees and we have been on the watch for them for years. They've been prevalent throughout Ohio as well as Michigan over the last few years. Once infected, the tree must either be removed or can be treated with an expensive treatment that is actually an on-going treatment for the

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life of the tree. So 30 identified are only what I would call public trees or trees in public areas or right of ways such as in the tree lawns or in the City park. That's my report for tonight.

Vance: Will the stumps be removed for those trees?

Wheeler: Absolutely.

C. Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. I just have two items. The Water Department has begun their annual hydrant flushing that will continue through the balance of this month. We're covering all areas in town. If we're flushing in your neighborhood and you do experience some cloudy water, just let the water run for a few minutes and it should clear up. There is nothing wrong with that we are just stirring up a little bit of deposits. The second item, in our national publication from American Public Power, Orrville Utilities was featured in an article with other utilities for their 2002[sic] (2012) perfect safety record. The utilities worked a little bit over 146,000 man hours with no accidents or injuries. So we were featured in this national publication. We were one of two utilities in our class out of our roughly 2,000 members throughout the United States. And that is a testament to our safety program, our supervisors, our safety coordinator Ron Ballentine who has been working at that job for over 15 years. The City also had a perfect safety record in 2012. That helps our Workman's Comp claims; that pays dividends that are hard to measure in the long term. Our congratulations to all of our employees, on both on the City and the Utilities, for this award. That's all I have tonight, sir.

D. Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no formal report this evening. However I did distribute the Fund Balance Report for the period ending August 31, 2013, and I would ask for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Miller moved and Vance seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Strimlan: Thank you.

E. Law Director Kirkbride: No report.

F. Council President Baker: No report.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Leathers moved that Resolution 37-13 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. All yeas. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 37-13**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND/OR CONTRACTS WITHOUT BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR ORR PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. As Mr. Aspiras mentioned this is the purchases that we had talked about at last week's meeting. We do expect to purchase one piece of equipment for ages 2-5 for the upper Orr Park and one for ages 5-12 for lower Orr Park. And I am requesting without bidding, obviously we're going to go out and get prices and try to get the best bang for our buck. But I would say it's nearly impossible to go out for bid on this type of equipment and get apples to apples comparisons.

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Aspiras: I would just add to Mr. Wheeler's comments that this piece of legislation, declaring emergency, these are fall specials that are coming in not that we're going to be installing this equipment in the fall, but we're trying to procure it this period, this fall and then plans are in the spring to install it.

Wheeler: Good point, Mr. Aspiras, yes. I don't want anyone else running out to the park and expecting new equipment quite yet. And there's a leeway time in regards to the ordering and delivery time as well so we won't see that equipment for 6-8 weeks once it's ordered. And this has been budgeted for the in the capital budget as well.

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 yeas. Motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 37-13 be adopted as read. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All yeas. Motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 38-13 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. All yeas. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 38-13**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND/OR CONTRACTS, WITHOUT BIDDING, FOR THE CROWN HILL RADIUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE CITY OF ORRVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Wheeler: This resolution sort of piggy backs legislation from the last meeting. We do expect the Ohio Railroad Development Commission to give us the go ahead to proceed this week which allows us to go out for bids on that project. In the meantime, I'd like to get done the radius so that we can make sure that everything is done in a timely manner and that we are able to proceed with the construction and the closure of Schrock Road once that's bid out properly as required. I do want to go out for bids, I'm not asking to go with a sole provider or anything like that. I want bids and obviously can be easily apples to apples and we'll take into account as well how timely the contractor can respond to the bid as well. I've gotten some rough estimates it's really between \$15,-20,000 are some of the estimates I've heard so far for that section. And this is part of the overall Raspberry Road project and will be cost shared as per that project and there's also contribution from the Ohio Railroad Development Commission as well as Norfolk Southern as part of the Schrock Road closure.

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

Leathers moved that Resolution 38-13 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote. All yeas. Motion carried.

Leathers: And that concludes the new business tonight.

Baker: Thank you. Anyone have anything for the good of the order tonight?

**Good of the Order:**

Miller: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to say that Orrville Ministerial Association is sponsoring a health fair once again this year. Saturday, September the 28<sup>th</sup> at Orrville High School in the cafeteria. Last year it was at the middle school. This year it's at the high school from 10-2, offering free services to the community in the name of Christ. Services such as medical and vision screening. Free haircuts. Family portraits. Massage and chiropractic and it's all free. It was a very successful program last year. The Ministerial Association churches are all involved in it providing people to help. It's a very excellent community service project. We urge everybody to come out and take advantage of that. That's Saturday, September 28, Orrville High School, 10-2, free health fair.

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Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote. Yeas all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council