

Regular/Public

November 4, 2013

Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Brad Dews offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Excused: Miller, Corfman.

Vance moved that the minutes of the October 21, 2013, regular meeting be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote. All yeas; motion carried.

Public Comment:

Robyn Cox, 1514 Harding Avenue, RE: Stop sign removal on the corner of Harding and Linden Avenue: I believe it was in 2012 we got a stop sign put up at the corner of Linden and Harding. I guess we wanted it for safety reasons. I know you're not supposed to have a stop sign there to control speed but also to control the speed. People, it's a well-known short cut from Market to there to get to Crown Hill so you don't have to stop at the 4-way stop sign. When there are parades or 4th of July or anything, there's a lot of traffic that goes through there. I don't have kids; well I have kids but their grown. I do have grand kids and there're several kids on the...smaller ones in the neighborhood and we just feel that it's a safety issue for that stop sign to be there. I'm speaking for me, Dean Ramseyer and the 34 other people that's on our street that want that stop sign there. I went door to door, asked everybody their opinion. The ones that wanted it signed it. I had two people that wasn't home. So I neither got a yes or no there. And I just want Council to review, see if there's anything that can be done to keep that stop sign there. And if you guys want this (petition signed by residents to keep stop sign there handed to Leathers), and I guess that's all I've got to say.

Baker: Does anyone have any questions from Council? No?

Shupp: If Council feels that we need to have another meeting to discuss this information, I think the Mayor has got some other additional information. If you want to do that, I'll set up a meeting at a later date when the other Council people are here and we can set something up if you want to go that route.

Vance: I think so for some additional. Sure.

Shupp: The majority of you? Okay. That's what we'll do when the other Council people are here, another meeting, we'll set something up and I'll need some of the information that you've got. It may be a few weeks.

Cox: I just want everybody to know that it has made a humungous difference there. You have the same ones that's going to cut through there and speed no matter what whether there's a stop sign there or not. But it has slowed down the traffic and it actually has, there's not as much traffic as what there was because of the stop sign being there. Now, if I have to stop there, I might as well go to Market Street and stop. So it definitely has helped and I just want Council to be aware of that.

Baker: Thank you for your comments.

Cox: Thank you.

Shupp: Thanks, Robyn.

Regular/Public

November 4, 2013

Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – Mr. Miller: Excused.
- B. Utilities – Mr. Vance: No report.
- C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman: Excused.
- D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras: No report.
- E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp: No report.
- F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher: No report.
- G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers: No report.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

- A. Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I will say in reference to Robyn's speaking tonight, since this has been brought up through Council and this was not the wish of the administration to remove this sign, but since it's been brought up we have done some additional checking with ODOT and our law director Cheryl Kirkbride has done a lot of research with them too. We'll go through and talk about things. I think what Butch brought up is basically correct. We should have done an engineering study or at least in some form of something like that before we put the sign in. But in looking at the one page today just to show you how confusing ODOT can be, one of the reasons up here to place a stop sign is for high speeds and then two paragraphs down what Robyn said, you're not supposed to install a stop sign to reduce speed. Vance: Ok, all the bases are covered. Mayor: So it's just one of those things. We certainly didn't feel like we were doing anything against ODOT at the time. The new regulations they came out with came out in January of 2013. We had done the neighborhood letter campaign to folks on Harding to ask what their feelings were in probably November or December because I was going door to door in October. But we did not put the sign in the ground until February so we actually were behind that date although from ODOT today the man said well but the effective date of the new regulations was April so it was published in January but the effective date was April. But still even if you go back to the original one, we should have probably done some form of a study. So we can talk about that and look at that and see what would pass as a form of study and see if you want to do anything more with it then or not. But we appreciate, Robyn, all the work you did going door to door and talking with people. The other thing I wanted to mention is also just wanted to apologize for the confusion centering around trick or treat last Thursday. There was certainly nothing but the best intentions by the Safety Service Director's office in there. The decision was made fairly early in the day that we're going to go ahead with it even though forecasts weren't very good at all for the weather. I know I've coached track enough years long ago to know that no matter what the forecast is, that doesn't necessarily mean that's what the weathers going to be and of course all of you have seen the same types of things. We went on with the day and Jeanne kept checking and checking and checking and it still was that little glimmer of hope that somewhere between that 5:30-6:30-7:00 range it was going to be down

Regular/Public

November 4, 2013

to a 20% chance of rain. Our thinking was that the temperature was still in the 60's and we thought it's supposed to be pretty cold after Saturday so we didn't necessarily want to push it off to Sunday. Obviously the rain got worse and by 5:30 we had made the decision to cancel it but until we got ahold of Wooster radio, channel 3 and got it out on Facebook and stuff, some people got it pretty quick. Others it was a little after 6, ten after six or so until they found out. Our police did a great job and I thank Chief Carozza for getting them out and I know when they saw people on the street they were letting people know that it was, I guess they were saying cancelled, postponed would have been the word we wanted so that kind of caused some confusion too because those two things mean different things. It all worked out I think. Sunday afternoon was beautiful so the people that did want to go trick or treating again, I know we had quite a few at our door and they were a lot of parents with real young ones and so the weather was definitely much nicer for them than it was with that rain and wind on Thursday. If we could have done anything, it would have been to decide a little sooner and again we were just holding out hope that maybe we would have that little break they were talking about. So we apologize for any confusion. And that's all I have.

- B. Safety Service Director Wheeler: Out of town. Representing him is Kristin Endsley: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a brief report from Mr. Wheeler. Repair work on Church Street adjacent to Smith Dairy is just about complete and the contractor did a really good job on this project. Concrete work has also been completed on Raspberry Road. Right now they're working on the bike trail portion and we're waiting for Norfolk Southern to come in and do their piece of the project. Base repair work is now being done on Lakeview, Magnolia and Primrose and the basin work should begin this week or next. The Service Department also installed 10 new trees in the tree pits downtown last week. We opened bids for the Lacy Center asphalt overlay of their parking lot and that project will probably begin soon if the weather cooperates. Baker: I also noticed that it looks like there's work beginning at the Schrock Road/Back Orrville Road that area also. Endsley: Yes. That is beginning. Baker: I don't know if they're actually doing anything but there's been people out there working. Endsley: I think they are getting ready to work. They have called into OUPS to prepare but I'm not sure when they will be starting that. Baker: Ok. Anyone have any questions? Aspiras: I'll hinge on your question because I've actually had at least a half dozen citizen ask me what's the status of the Schrock Road extension closing and then the widening of Schrock Road and Crown Hill. You just answered part of that but do you know what the estimated completion time? Endsley: I do not. Aspiras: Is it prior to winter? Mayor: We were hoping to. It all got delayed a little bit because there was a little stretch of that before you get to the tracks that belongs to the County. It's like 50, 30 yards, somewhere in there. So it had to go through not only us but then that section had to go through all the County stuff in order to get the okay to close that. So that delayed the project a little bit. We have the company that's going to do the work and I think it's just been a matter of getting them out there and getting them ready to start. The widening part there on the turn I don't think will really will take a long time. Once that gets done then they can go back to doing the work on the actual closing on the crossing. Kirkbride: We've also been waiting for some agreements with Norfolk Southern, I can tell you that. And we've just got one this week that I've reviewed. They move at their own pace and we're kind of at their mercy and so that's part of the delay at least.

Regular/Public

November 4, 2013

Mayor: Yes, you're correct. I forgot about that. That was one thing Steve had been waiting quite a while for a response back from them and weren't getting it. Shupp: I might mention that the culverts had been delivered I think last Friday out there to start that project for the storm water runoff and that. So there is some action happening out there. There was a contractor there this morning too and his truck. Kristin, I'm sorry, Mrs. Endsley, the work on Church Street by Smith Dairy is that pretty much wrapped up, do you know, with the concrete repair? Endsley: I think it's close to being wrapped up. I'm not sure when they'll take the barricades down. Mayor: Just it's just curing right now. Shupp: Okay. Thank you much.

- C. Utilities Director Brediger: Excused.
- D. Finance Director Strimlan: Excused.
- E. Law Director Kirkbride: No report.
- F. Council President Baker: For my report, I would like to thank you for postponing Halloween, not cancelling it. On Sunday afternoon my grandkids came over and they had a great time going around the neighborhood and the one decided he was going to pass out candy. But to give you an idea of how that weather was on Thursday evening, Friday morning when I got up my flag was gone and I assumed it was vandals until I went outside and I have a two and a half foot tall eagle that the flag fits in the back of and the whole thing had blown over. I didn't think that thing would ever blow over. But apparently the wind along with the rain got the flag wet and it wasn't there when I got up in the morning. It didn't go far. About a foot.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 45-13 be place on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 45-13**, A Resolution authorizing the City of Orrville to sell by internet auction, or otherwise dispose of, unclaimed or forfeited property held by the Police Department.

Baker: Mrs. Endsley, we hear this each year but do you have anything new for us?

Endsley: The only thing that Mr. Wheeler noted is, it is an annual housekeeping ordinance. Usually they're options for bicycles that no one claims and we use eBay and Gov Deals to sell that property.

Leathers moved that Resolution 46-13 be place on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 46-13**, A Resolution authorizing the City of Orrville to sell by internet auction, or otherwise dispose of, Municipal personal property.

Baker: Again, this is a similar one just different items.

Endsley: Yes, this would be Municipal items, typically cell phones. And again we use Gov Deals and eBay to sell those items.

Regular/Public

November 4, 2013

Leathers moved that Resolution 47-13 be place on first reading. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 47-13**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contact and/or contracts in 2014 with other political subdivisions to provide Police, Fire and/or EMS dispatch services and mutual aid to said political subdivisions, and declaring an emergency.

Endsley: The only thing I want to note, these would be same agreements for dispatch services that we do annually. However, depending on what happens tomorrow if a fire district is created for Baughman and Sugar Creek Township, then it would be a brand new agreement that we would be entering into. If not, then it would be the same entities as in the past. Baker: If there is a new one, Mrs. Kirkbride, would we need to have a new resolution then if they add another subdivision to that? Kirkbride: Well this provides for "other political subdivisions" I think that would certainly include any new ones. Baker: All right. Any questions here? Move to our next resolution.

Leathers moved that Resolution 48-13 be place on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 48-13**, A Resolution to change the pay grade of the Marketing Manager as set forth in the Supervisory, Management, Technical and Professional classifications of the City of Orrville, Ohio, and repealing all legislation inconsistent therewith.

Baker: Mr. Brediger is not here this evening. Anyone have any comments though? I see none.

Leathers: That concludes tonight's new business, sir.

Good of the Order: None.

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

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council