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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

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

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

Excused: Hamsher.

Corfman moved that the minutes of the December 2, 2013, regular meeting be accepted as posted. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller: Thank you, Mr. President. There's a couple of financial matters on the docket tonight. One in your old business will be the third reading and our vote on the temporary appropriations for 2014 which will allow us to spend money after the first of the year. And also under new business there will be a resolution, a housekeeping resolution, really a procedural item, that will actually reduce the appropriations of 2013. And for the last time, Mr. President, that is my report.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance: Thank you, Mr. President. I was wondering if it might be beneficial for Council and for the Administration to get together and just have a working group type meeting to discuss economic development issues in Orrville. Just to help both sides to see what each other's thinking, what our ideas might be, and just have a chance to collaborate together for a bit. So just wanted to propose that idea and see if there might be any interest in it and let you follow up on that if there is interest. Thank you. Baker: A date in mind? Vance: No. No. I don't even know what kind of format it would be or what we could do. We have Sunshine Laws that we need to adhere to and all that so just have an idea there, that's all that it is at this point.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to thank Councilman Miller for his eight years. It's been a pleasure. Thank you for your service to the City. Miller: Thank you. Corfman: And Merry Christmas. I have no report.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report but I would like to say our thoughts and prayers go out to the Reann Murphy family. It's a terrible tragedy there in Smithville. So our thoughts, hearts, and prayers go out to the Smithville community. The other thing I'd like to say, I'll hinge on Mr. Corfman's comments, is thank you Denny Miller for the eight years. I know it takes a lot of your time and I know you're a busy guy. I appreciate your time. I know you and Judy keep pretty busy so I know you'll fill that void. I know you have a love for baseball, you and Judy and have a love for the south particularly South Carolina. You certainly have a love for your four boys and your eight grandkids so I know you'll fill that hole along with the theater work that you do. So thank you very much and gonna miss you my friend. God bless. Miller: Thank you. It's been a pleasure. Aspiras: Thank you. And that's all I have.

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E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report. I would also like to thank Mr. Miller for his years of service and his expertise and experience. I wish you a lot of luck in whatever you're going to do after this. Miller: Thanks. I appreciate it. Shupp: Thank you.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher: Excused.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report but I will say ditto to the comments already made in regards to Denny's service. We appreciate your eight years. And also Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I have several items tonight. Number one is just to mention our employee of the month was Mr. Mike Miller who is one of our newer hires in the Tech Services Department. He is the December employee of the month. He is one-third of the Instrumentation and Controls group along with Larry Weaver and Dave Steiner. He started with us in August, 2012. Mike came with a lot of experience in various aspects of instrumentation and controls having worked for different employers including Good Year, Aerospace, and Timken Research. He has been busy learning our plant and getting used to the more industrial setting of working in a power plant. He has his degree from the University of Akron. Mike resides in the area around Clay's Park with his wife, Liz. He likes to build and repair various items in his electronics shop at home. Mike also enjoys snow skiing and fishing in his spare time. He has been a great addition to the group and we feel fortunate to have him on board. We had lunch at Jerry's last week. I would also like to mention that in continuing with our sesquicentennial celebration, continuing from our fireworks and Home for the Holidays weekend, in January, on January 19th, this is a Sunday afternoon from 2-5 at the high school auditorium we will be having what we termed mem-ORR-ies. This panel discussion which will be multi-generational spanning individuals in their 90's all the way down to sophomores in high school. So we have about five different generations represented there each in their own group. They'll be talking and answering questions about what it was like to grow up in Orrville when they were young or in school or in this case some of them that are still in school. That's what we'll be doing. There will be cookies and punch there available too. And also would like to thank Mr. Miller for his service on Council and we appreciate all the time you've put in that over the years and also would like to welcome Mr. Travis Wilson who is with us here tonight. He'll be stepping in on that Council spot in January. We're glad to have you aboard. And I wish a Merry Christmas to everyone. I also would like Council's approval. We have end of the year type of things with some of our committees and commissions where people's terms have run out or their stepping off or moving in a couple cases. So I guess we'd better do these separately instead of all in one group. But I would ask Council's approval on the Board of Zoning Appeals to appoint Troy Higgins back on there. He was actually approved by you last year for a one-year term that was just to finish out the term from Darin Johnston who had decided he didn't want to do that anymore, didn't have time. So Troy has done that one year and has enjoyed it, and I think as far as Mr. Wheeler knows

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he's done a good job with that group. I talked to him a week or so ago and he'd very much like to continue on for a full three-year term. So if I could have approval for that one. Leathers moved, Corfman seconded, roll call vote, all yeas, motion carried. Mayor: Many of you know John Morris. He's been a long-time member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, has done a great job on there. He's kind of been the leader of the pack there for quite some time and they are moving, I don't think they've moved yet, but they will be or maybe they have moved already out of town and so he told me last year that this was coming so we'd need to get someone to take his place. Actually I knew this individual ahead of time but I didn't know he was interested until Ms. Leathers actually sent me his name, Dave Mowrer, has expressed interest in being in one of those commissions. I called him and he was very glad to do that. So I'd like to have the approval for Dave Mower to be on that. Aspiras moved, Vance seconded, roll call vote, all yeas, motion carried. Mayor: Okay thank you and moving on to the next one Street Tree Commission we have one person that just needs, his term ran out, Gene Pouly would like to be on there again which does make sense being that he is in the landscape business and so if we could have your approval for that one. Leathers moved, Miller seconded, roll call vote, all yeas, motion carried. Mayor: The next group is the Design Review Board. These are also three year terms Darin Johnson, not Johnston that was on the other one, his term ran out and also Todd Wallace and both of them expressed interest in serving again. So I guess I just gave you two. If you want to do one at a time I guess so do Darin Johnson. Leathers moved, Aspiras seconded, roll call vote, all yeas, motion carried. Mayor: And Todd Wallace was the other one that his term ran out and would like to be on again. Vance moved, Leathers seconded, roll call vote, all yeas, motion carried. Mayor: And then also on the Design Review Board Amy Ault is another one that asked to step down she is moving. Sue Ann Werntz, we've tried to always have a realtor on the Design Review Board and so Sue Ann Werntz is a realtor who said that she would be interested in serving on that position. Corfman moved, Aspiras seconded, roll call vote, all yeas, motion carried. Mayor: And the last group, these don't require Council's approval but I wanted to just update you on some of the other ones that will be serving. On the Civil Service Commission, Carol Pleuss has been on there for one term and she would like to serve another term. She's done a real good job. She works at Wayne College. And the Nuisance Abatement Committee which has never had to meet, we still have that in case we do have to meet. That original committee has been Mike Smith, Troy Bisesi, Alicia McDonald and Rich Corfman from the Council. I assume we will just keep that same group. If we get to a point where we have to meet and somebody can't do that or isn't going to do that then we will get somebody then. And then also the same kind of situation, we have this group but they don't meet, at least they haven't, the Income Tax Review Committee and that is Steve Knox and Chris Conway and they have another position that if they do meet, those two appoint someone and like I said they haven't had to meet since we've formed that. That would be all of them. So just wanted to let you know who the others are on that. That's all.

- B. Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Shop with a Cop was held Saturday. We had 25 students again this year, Dalton actually brought over four as well. This was our first year holding the event in Wayne County. We did serve breakfast to the kids at Dravenstott's. We thank them for a great job. Then we went to Wal-Mart in Wooster for shopping. As always it was a great

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event. Great job organizing the event by Captain Matt Birkbeck and the Chief. We had great participation in the fundraising this year and we want to definitely thank all of the Orrville business community as well as the Orrville residents for their support; it's been tremendous this year. And as always a special thanks to the Quota Club for their donation of time and wrapping services for the kids' presents as well as the Orrville Lions Club participated as well this year. Also I'd like to announce a special congratulation, I'm sure everyone's already heard it but congratulations to Orrville Firefighter of the Year Brad Ballentine. A well-deserved honor for Brad. And I want to apologize to those that have not had their leaves picked up yet. It's been the toughest year of leaf pickup definitely since I've been here. The storms have come early and haven't let up. We do still want to get them picked up. So as the weather cooperates we'll be out and about. We have picked up most of them but I am sure there are still some that are buried under snow. We have not forgotten about you and we'll continue to make that effort to get those when the weather permits. Mayor: Mr. Wheeler, if I could just add one thing because it helps explain people that may have leaves still sitting there saying, well the snow is there but they can still pick them up. I was talking to John Scott last week and he said they were trying to do that the week before. And he said the fact that there was snow and ice in the leaf piles it was actually freezing up the vacuum. So every couple of hours they'd have to sit and let the thing thaw out before they could use it again and it just became kind of a useless effort. I know last week they actually shoveled some up with a back hoe and picked some of them up. Wheeler: Yes, especially those that were in the road because they were worried about plowing them. And I too want to echo everyone and thank Councilman Miller for his service and also express my dismay that I won't have anyone to talk about Indians baseball with now. Miller: Go Tribe! Wheeler: Go Tribe! Yes, sir. That's my report for this evening.

- C. Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Last week the Utility Board did adjourn it's meetings for the balance of this year. The next Utility Board meeting will be January 13. We are working with the State of Ohio Senator LaRose's office on a matter on Senate Bill 58. This is an energy bill and we are working with the senator and other elected officials to try to get a hydro facility that we have some interest in included for some renewable energy credits. We'll just kind of see how those discussions go. The bill has been moving a little slow. We won't be seeing any activity before the end of the year but if we can get one hydro project that we will be involved with later on this year or maybe the early part of 2015, if we can get that enrolled in these renewable energy credits that will lower the energy cost of that hydroelectric plant that we're involved with as part of our Phase II Hydro. On the congressional front, there's a lot of talk about, or at least a lot of buzz, about the possibility of a budget being passed for the first time in a long time. I will remind this body that some of the discussions that are being talked about still continue on a lot of the sequestration pains from earlier this year. One of those being the refunding of our Build America Bonds which we have on our hydro and our Prairie State projects. The current budget that's being proposed in front of Congress right now still continues those sequestration efforts and will continue to cost us tens of thousands of dollars over the next couple of years. In my opinion I think this budget is nothing more than just kicking the can down the road and posturing everybody to be a little bit more successful in the upcoming election cycle but we will see how that goes. And last I also want to thank Mr. Miller

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for his years of service. And wish everybody Happy Holidays. We will have a very busy 2014. That's all I have tonight.

- D. Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. The finance department is very busy with our year end procedures. We'll soon be meeting with our new audit manager from the State of Ohio. We'll also be working on scheduling our open audit meeting and beginning our audit in January. We'll also be starting our final appropriations discussions at the beginning of the year so we'll keep you apprised of those dates as they're scheduled if you want to participate in any of those discussions. Also on behalf of the finance department I would like to thank Mr. Miller for his years of service on City Council and also his dedication as the Finance Chair. Mr. Miller has always kept a close eye on the City's finances. I appreciate your assistance and all of your guidance over the past five years. It's been a pleasure working with you. Miller: Thank you. Strimlan: Lastly, I did distribute the Fund Balance Report tonight for the period ending November 30, 2013. I would ask for a motion from Council to approve that report subject to audit. Miller motioned, Aspiras seconded, roll call vote, all yeas, motion carried. Strimlan: That's all I have this evening.
- E. Law Director Kirkbride: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report other than to echo the comments that have already been made. Wish you the best and God speed in your new endeavors. Miller: Thank you. Kirkbride: And Merry Christmas to everyone.
- F. Council President Baker: Mr. Miller, it's my turn to thank you. The past eight years have been a pleasure. I have appreciated your efforts as the Finance Chair. I believe you've done an excellent job, you asked questions when they were needed and you prompted the rest of us to go the right direction. I really thank you for that. Hopefully the next eight years that you spend will also be fruitful maybe in a little bit different perspective. And I will look forward to seeing you out in the audience every so often. But thank you for your service. Miller: You're welcome. Thank you. It's been a pleasure like I said. And we've had great Finance Directors during my tenure so that's made it pretty easy. Baker: Our next meeting, sitting in that chair but on a different committee will be Travis Wilson. Travis make sure you show up for your first meeting on time. As a final thought for this evening, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Have a great time. Enjoy the New Year and we will be back here right after the first of the year. Now we will move to Old Business, Ms. Leathers.

Old Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 53-13 be place on third reading. Miller seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 53-13**, 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, 2014, and declaring an emergency.

Leathers moved that Resolution 53-13 be adopted as read. Miller seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried

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New Business:

Leathers moved that Ordinance S-13 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **ORDINANCE S-13**, An Ordinance amending Ordinance Q-13, vacating an alley running north and south between North Vine and North Main Streets, between Lots 62, 63, 89 and 90, in the City of Orrville, Ohio, solely for the purpose of revising the legal description of said alley.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler, you want to explain this one for us?

Wheeler: I believe the Law Director will speak to this one.

Baker: Ok, the Law Director, Mrs. Kirkbride.

Kirkbride: Yes, I will do that thank you. Mr. Wheeler has already provided you with kind of a brief explanation I believe. I will just reiterate that the Wayne County Map Office has very strict requirements for legal descriptions and when we went to record the prior Q-13 ordinance that you've already voted and approved, this is the Smith Dairy alley, they did not accept the legal description and rejected it. So we worked together and came up with a legal description that they would approve and that's the description that's corrected and is in the new resolution for your review. For the future, I have made arrangements that we will get any alley vacation requests legal descriptions created at that time so that we don't have this issue in the future. It's frustrating but they have rules that we just need to adhere to and this is more of a logistical or procedural issue.

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 yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Ordinance S-13 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 56-13 be place on first reading. Miller seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 56-13**, 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, 2013, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Yes, ma'am, would you like to explain this one?

Strimlan: I would. Thank you, Mr. President. Hopefully everyone received the memo outlining the details of this piece of legislation. Again this is procedural in nature. These are reductions to the 2013 appropriations. If our actual revenue is materially less than the estimates, we need to revise our revenue estimates with the County and in turn we should revise our appropriations or reduce those as well. So we're amending the grants funds primarily due to the ODOT the High Street Ext. project that is delayed until 2014 and also the Water Revenue fund which I outlined in the memo. Since the reduction is procedural in nature, I would ask if Council would consider approving this legislation this evening so that it is considered in 2013 business.

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 56-13 be adopted as read. Miller seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Leathers: And that concludes legislative business for 2013, Mr. President.

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

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Shupp seconded. Roll call vote, yeas all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council