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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Dave Barber of Orrville Ministerial Association offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Vance moved and Hamsher seconded that the minutes of the January 6, 2014, regular meeting be adopted as posted. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Finance – Mr. Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. I have passed out the 2014 Final Appropriations schedule to Council members. We need to start planning for that. We actually have first reading up on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the third reading is March 17<sup>th</sup> and because of a bunch of us going and attending the APPA legislation rally in Washington, it's made it a little tough to get that second reading in along with a workshop. So we have scheduled Thursday evening March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 with a second reading and special meeting of council and workshop. And I believe everybody's good with that so I would need a motion for that meeting. Leathers so moved. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Aspiras: Just one other thing in new business tonight there is legislation up in regards to the State Auditor coming into our city and conducting our annual audit. Ms. Strimlan will have more to say about that when we get to it. That's all I have. Thank you.

Utilities – Mr. Corfman: No report.

Health & Safety – Mr. Vance: No report.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Wilson: No report.

Transportation – Mr. Shupp: No report.

Planning – Mr. Hamsher: No report.

Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers: No report.

### **Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I will be doing that annual State of the City tonight. I would like to say good evening to all of our Orrville citizens and guests here at Council meeting and City Council and Administration. 2013 has been another busy year for our City and Utilities. I will begin by talking about some projects that were completed this year and I don't want to take away from Mr. Wheeler's report in a few weeks so I won't go into a lot of detail with each project but just to go through those. Street projects we had quite a large portion of Church Street between Main Street and Vine Street that had really become in disrepair and that was repaired this summer, much better to drive through there now. The Raspberry Road basically phase 1 is pretty much complete now. And hopefully continue that next year. Primrose, Lakeview, Magnolia were all streets that were scheduled to be done this year. We did get a lot of the base work done. We did not get the asphalt overlay finished with our early arrival of winter and so they will pick up as soon as they can when the spring weather gets here and get those all finished up. They thought they had plenty of time to do those and normally would have in normal circumstances but things just got bad and stayed bad. Ella Street of course was the big project of the year for us and I think everybody would agree that Ella Street came out very nice. Certainly with that being chip and seal forever like that there's a huge difference just seeing the curbs, gutters, sidewalks. I

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think the biggest difference is the marked parking spots along the side there. That certainly made a difference for the school with activities out there. I know they were amazed at how many more parking places were actually noticed and so that will help with all of the events. Other projects, well I will say the truck route project which we thought was going to start this past year with the High Street portion of that did get delayed by ODOT. And we expect that that will begin this year hopefully early spring if that works out the way we were told it would. Other projects were the Schrock Road railroad crossing. We all discussed that one during the year and knew that that was going to be done and we did get that completed this summer. The railroad crossing is gone now as far as traffic is concerned and then the radius was widened there on Crown Hill to make that an easier turn for trucks. The Lacy Center parking lot was repaved, not repaved, it's never been paved. That's been gravel forever there again, its made a huge difference down there. We were getting to the point where rain and stuff was really making a pretty muddy mess especially in one section of that so that should help a lot. Street painting, parking places, intersection crosswalks we had a couple of days where the crews were in town to do that painting. Some of our parking places were actually really getting difficult to see. It's difficult even some of those wear off so fast. Putting paint on concrete or asphalt then having rain, snow, salt, traffic, everything doesn't make it last very long but it does look much better now. City parking lot C in front of the American Legion and that area down there just on the other side of the overpass was ground down and repaved this year. So that is in much better shape. The decorative street lighting on Ella Street and Mineral Spring Street which was made possible by private donations and the work with the City began late in the fall after the street was finished. Once again we thought was a project that we could get done before winter got here but winter arrived too soon. So a lot of the pre-work is done, a lot of the wiring, you've seen some places where they did have to come in and dig up. That will all be reseeded and finished but that will be done as soon as weather permits this spring. We're getting our distribution department and our service department are working together to install those lights and they're here so we're just waiting for good weather. We have 10-12 new trees planted in our downtown area. We've had some issues with some of those not growing; some grew too much that's why they were taken out a few years ago. So we've got some new ones planted and should be more on the way hopefully this year too. We've got some experiments going on just with different trees to see if they'll do better. Part of the issue with that is when they are that close to the street and we do a lot of plowing, salting and so forth, you're pushing all that snow back over where those trees are so you've got to find trees that are a little more durable in that kind of environment. Also I think most people noticed many trees being taken down this year. The Emerald Ash Borer made its presence known in Orrville this year. It's actually been creeping in here the last few years. We have the City property where many ash trees were taken down and I think there's still quite a few to go or at least quite a few that have been marked that are seeing the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer. And that's just City trees that we've taken down. There's a lot of people, I know I've got one in my own backyard that going to come down this spring that has been effected by that too. So there's probably other people are going to be needing to take trees down. This is very labor intensive for our Service Department with the tree removal itself, and then stump grinding, and then clean up after that and then reseeded. So we've done a lot of that in house only some of the bigger trees were taken down by an outside group. So it does take a lot of time to get those finished. Some change and new faces also came in 2013. Goodwill opened their new facility early in the year, I

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think it was January last year when we had open house down there because it was cold just like it is now. But they are doing very well. I think that's probably one of the strongest Goodwill stores in the area as far as continued business. Mr. Hero opened this fall, late summer or early fall. Advance Auto parts also opened this fall. Serpentine Chevrolet completed their new facility at the end of the year and opened for business early this month. We had a grand opening down there. It's a very nice facility. The new child development center for the J. M. Smucker Company employees is under construction now and construction will continue and I think they're scheduled to be done this fall sometime is that correct? Wheeler: Correct. Mayor: Chiofalo Chiropractic completed construction of their new office complex and is now open for business. Clark station on Main Street had been under lots of new management over the years but I think now they have someone there that really cares about the facility and they had an open house this summer. Mr. Hedberg, Mr. Wheeler and I attended that. I think they're doing pretty well right now. So it's good to have another gas station on the south end. Jarrett Properties are partially demolished part of the property beside Zephyr's to make room for several potential commercial businesses and we're really excited about things that can happen there. The Orrville Redevelopment has completed the total renovation of the former Johnson Hardware building. I don't think there's anyone in here now that probably doesn't know that Smucker's has decided to redirect that facility to make use of that for about 100 employees for office space. While that may be disappointing for some of us I think this is one of those things where you have to look at your glass of water and decide if it's half full or half empty. Two or three years ago if somebody would have come to us and said, Hey, we've got somebody that's going to totally revamp that whole building and put lots and lots of money into it and then put 100 people in there to work, I think we'd be pretty excited about that. So while it may not be the retail space that we were expecting it to be I think it will be a nice addition to downtown and a lot of those people are going to be eating lunches downtown and so forth so hopefully that will work out very well. And with that we still do have other retail area in that block. The Main Street Pharmacy just opened. We just had an open house there, ribbon cutting not too long ago. And Faithful Little Cupcake should be open the next week or two they're scheduled from what I heard before. And then the corner building is slowly coming together there. You can see a brick wall on the south side. I think that's going to be real interesting and a new business area there, commercial area, as well as the building to the north of it. So that will be two more facilities that will be open for business at some point down the road. The Orrville High School completion leaves only the section of the building that was left to become the new board offices that are being worked on now. And then the parking lots all around the high school were asphalted this summer which really finished things off even back behind back where the multi-purpose building is, that's all new asphalt, very nice. And then the connection to the existing building and the new building I think will be able to be done this summer. Wayne College completed the new science labs that they have been working on for last few years and also constructed a new roadway to the north from the campus. That will be very good for all the people coming in 57 can just go straight in Back Massillon Road in that direction. And also put a nice walking and bike path along with that entrance and new signage. On the industrial side things have also been very busy. Smucker's has renovation of the old manufacturing facility into the innovation center and that's ongoing now. The expansion of the renewal building also another project they have going on and remodeling of the Smucker Café which is the onsite facility for their employees. The Orrville Chick Hatchery constructed a 4,500 sq. ft. addition

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egg room and also broke ground on a second expansion in October this year. Quality Castings partially demolished part of the old American Weather Seal facility that they had purchased and constructing new manufacturing space in there and also renovated the National Pattern facility. Venture Products completed construction of their manufacturing facility in early 2013 and vacated the Church Road facility down to the new facility. JLG expanded their research and development offices and then also Schantz Organ is working with Wayne Economic Development Council to expand the presence of additive manufacturing in Wayne County. Nelson Troyer is partnering with Dentratec Inc. to install a kiln drying system into the former Kinney Lumber Company building. So that's kind of ongoing right now actually. Now switching gears a little bit here just talking about our downtown flower baskets, I would like to remind all citizens and businesses that we will continue the downtown flower project. It is our goal to even expand it this year and take it all the way down to Hostetler Road intersection so basically that whole section of Main Street would have the flowers on them. Most everyone has come to really enjoy those flowers over the years. You can still make your deduction through your utility bill or just make a personal donation if that's what you choose to do. If you've not been doing that and would like to, please consider that because as I said since we are expanding that program we want to make that something that we continue to do. They will be red and white flowers this year in honor of our Orrville 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Just to give you an idea of what it would cost, we've been told that a donation of \$60 would actually take care of one of the flower baskets from the beginning to the end. So from the planting phase all the way through the summer watering and taking them down \$60 would pretty much do one basket. Just to give people and idea. Where do we stand on the power plant? I'm not going to say a great deal about that. I know Mr. Brediger will cover a lot of that in his report. For now I will just say that in January 2013 a very complex and costly rule came out that will fundamentally change how we have operated here for many years. We have been negotiating options with the EPA since then. Jeff and our staff and Utility Board and Council have looked at a wide range of options. We've explored 1) retro fitting with controls including scrubbers, catalytic converters, bag filters, carbon injection that's at a cost of \$6-\$10 million per unit which obviously is a very expensive thing to consider. We've looked at fuel switching, natural gas, biomass fuel, early retirements and the general answer is there are no easy answers for this. There's some good things in all of those. There's some bad things in all of those and it's going to make some difficult decisions coming up here in the next few months probably. Our investments in long-term energy sources have helped us and will help us into the future. We have partnerships as Councilmen know in the Fremont Natural Gas Plant and also the Prairie State state-of-the-art coal plant, 4 different hydro projects along the Ohio River and some small wind projects. So those will help us as we go into the future. Orr Park: Mr. Wheeler and I met with Council and John Scott and Joe Hranko this summer to discuss some new park equipment, play structures, and the restrooms near Rehm pavilion. That restroom is about 40 some years old and has been the victim of various vandalism over the years and just the fact that it's over 40 years old it's just starting to really need some work. We are getting estimates for building new or going with pre-fab units and I don't think that's been decided yet. Financially our city continues to be in a trend of being very sound. As we've said before we depend a great deal on the success of our industries. We've been very fortunate for the most part they have had another very good year and so our city finances remain in good shape. I talked the last two years a lot about financial concerns we had from State funding cuts and while those are still a concern, it

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is has not become as much as of issue with us because of our industrial success. If we were to suddenly lose one or two of our major industries coupled with those State cuts, we would certainly feel the impact of that in a way that we wouldn't enjoy. I'm sure of that. Ms. Strimlan will go into greater detail on that when she gives her report in a few weeks. Because our industrial partners are so vital to all of us here in Orrville, we continue to meet with our industry leadership each year so that we can stay in touch with them. These meetings are scheduled through our Office of Economic Development and Mike Hedberg. Hotel update not a lot that I can give you information wise right now other than the fact that the feasibility study that we talked about a month or so ago is complete. It is finished now. The results of that were very much like we thought they would be. But at least we have confirmation of that that this would be a good spot for a hotel. We've actually had two meetings this week with different people about potential investment in that but that's about as far as we're at with that right now. So there's not much more to update you on that. Rails to Trails we were denied the grant that we applied for last year, this past year, so we will try again for that this year. I know Kristin Endsley and Becky Jewell are in the act of working on that right now trying to put that together. Becky, of course, is working with the Rails to Trails group. So hopefully we see better results with that this year. And lastly, just to remind everybody that this is our sesquicentennial year 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We kind of kicked that off this year with the Home for the Holidays. Our firefighters association did a wonderful job of surprising people with a fireworks display out there over at the Smith Orr Homestead and really just made for a beautiful evening. We continued that this past Sunday out at the high school with the Mem-ORR-ies panel discussion. We didn't have a lot of people there but the folks that were there I think really enjoyed it. I know the people that were on the panel had a good time. So we thank Armstrong being there to record that for us. And then next up for that is February, next month, we will have a combined choir music concert. I think there's 10 different churches participating in that. That will be on Sunday afternoon February 23 I think is the date. And that will be at Trinity United Methodist Church. So that should be a real fun time too if you're interested in that sort of thing with music. Other things during the year we'll have some things that tag along with events that we already have scheduled. I know Lori with the Chamber of Commerce is looking at the Chamber banquet in March to try to tie that in a little bit with the sesquicentennial. April is Orrville Community Clean Up week. I don't know how we tie that in to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary other than we want to keep Orrville looking nice. But we've said all along if people have other ideas to let us know. Your group can jump on and piggy back with a lot of different things to make some of these things happened. Lori and I aren't going to be able to plan something every month to make those things happen. So hopefully some of that will come about. May will be a little more busy though. It is National Day of Prayer that first Thursday in May and so we'll still be having that and I would hope maybe we could tie that in a little bit with our founding fathers there and celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the same time. Then I believe the Lion's Club is still planning to do a time capsule burial. Originally that was talked about on May 9<sup>th</sup>. As far as I know that's the same date. So we'll keep people updated on that. May 10<sup>th</sup> that's a Saturday is National Trail Day excursion. And our Railroad Heritage Society will be doing some things then. Of course the 26<sup>th</sup> of May is Memorial Day. June brings about our summer concert series in the park at Rehm Pavilion. So we hope that some of those maybe can tie a little bit into our anniversary. We have tentatively set an ice cream social and concert the weekend of GOBA on the 15<sup>th</sup> that Sunday but there's no final details on that either. That's another

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thing where if people want to step in and help get things done with that it could be something. I know Mr. Corfman's involved with GOBA so we'd have to decide if that's even something we think would be attractive to those people that are visiting in town here. And of course we have our Family Movie Nights also that will begin then. July we're hoping to use the 4<sup>th</sup> of the July Firefighters Association celebration and mix that in with the parade possibly having some part of the sesquicentennial as part of the theme of our 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We had talked about having floats even from different communities to help us celebrate so we'll have to see how that all works out. So there's lots of stuff coming up. August, well August we have the Orrville Lion Club Rib and Music Fest so there again we'll have another already scheduled activity that hopefully we can incorporate some of our sesquicentennial activities in there. September is Character Education week with the Heartland Education community and I think our schools will probably try to tie some of their activities in with that. And then we also have an Apple Butter 5K run then too. So September is kind of busy. October is the Orrville Community Yard Sale Day, Jumpin' Pumpkin train festival that weekend. Maybe some things could be worked in with that with our celebration also. November brings us to Veterans Day and we have always the elementary program that they do with the parade for veterans which is always a very nice activity out there. And then we're up to Home for the Holidays again. So lots of things coming up this year all tied in with our anniversary hopefully. And unless there's any questions, that's all I have. Thank you.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Despite the holiday Monday the trash pickup remains as normal this week so you will have your regularly scheduled days. (Hamsher exited). We actually have started some installation of the new playground equipment. Obviously that is weather dependent but on those days that we're able to get out there and get some work done, we will do that in hopes of having some of that installed before primetime season for playground use. Also the police department is currently having some additional monitor connections installed in their dispatch center. This is a direct camera link to the new high school so they will be able to watch the high school live, have 24 hour surveillance of the high school. Those are actually currently already in place for the elementary school and the middle school when those were constructed as well. So that's a real asset I think for our dispatch center. (Hamsher returned) Also despite the suspicious looking little packet this actually is a new salt it's called ClearLane from Cargill. Cargill was the winning bidder this year on the Department of Transportation salt bid. This is an environmentally friendly salt, premixed with brine. The City of Wooster has been using it as well. They've had some success with it. We're going to give it a shot as well. So if you see some green salt out there it's actually a good thing. It is obviously a little bit more expensive than the per time cost of the regular salt but it according to the City of Wooster as well as Cargill it does reduce your salt usage because of its effectiveness. So if you see this out and about I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of what it was in case you get any questions as well you will know. It is supposed to be environmentally friendly as well which makes it attractive for us too. And that's my report for tonight. Corfman: I'd like to thank the City crews that did the leaves. That was cold, miserable work at an odd time after snow to be out there all day. I think they did a great job. Wheeler: Thank you. They've done a great job. It's been a battle, the leaves have, with the weather. Shupp: Mr. Wheeler, do you have any idea where we're at with the amount of salt we've used this year? Wheeler: I will give you an update in my report next week, or two weeks, I'm sorry. Our usage is a little higher

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obviously than what's it's been. Our December the last few years has been next to nothing on salt usage but I'll get you an updated number. Shupp: Okay. Thank you.

Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a few updates We're continuing the work on the turbine generator #10 reassembly. We expect to have that work wrapped up within the next couple of weeks and startup the following week. So come about mid-February we should be wrapping up that overhaul on that unit. There was some information that has been mailed out concerning the Ohio Municipal Electric Associations legislative day. That's held down in Columbus again and that's on February 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have some interest in attending that event, let myself or let Mayor Handwerk know about that. The program is basically includes legislative updates from 2-5pm. And then there is a reception at that time, we do have the opportunity to meet with our state legislators in their own backyard at that time. Since the last meeting I have sent out a couple of emails concerning some new ever flowing regulations still coming out of Washington. These concern some new greenhouse gas regulations and new regulations that will be placed on new generating units that maybe contemplated coming on line in the future. These proposed rules that came out in the month will have an impact on our current assets, those being our Prairie State Coal plant and our Fremont Natural Gas plant. And they will affect any type of new generation that we may possible contemplate being installed at our facility. The senate has already jumped on this regulation with some concerns. They've already introduced a resolution to block portions of it. Others have already come out and voiced some displeasure against that. The State of Nebraska has actually filed a lawsuit against the EPA on this thing. This rule isn't even finalized yet. We expect the rule to be finalized later on this June and we along with our AMP members will also be putting some comments forward for that. On about January 9, Marc Gerken the President of AMP Ohio, Mayor Rick Humrighausen Dover's Mayor who's the president of the Ohio Municipal Electric Association, and myself were in Washington. We met with some senior EPA officials that are highly engaged in regulation and policy with the purpose of talking to them about these upcoming regulations, what they mean to our current generation assets even though they don't currently affect the power plant but could have some future impact and also to bring that group of individuals a little bit more up to speed on who we are from a municipality perspective. The fact that we are a little bit different or a lot a bit different than a lot of the investor owned utilities that they often tend to issue this one size fits all regulations. So we had a very productive meeting with that group and there were several items for us that they requested some follow up on there. So we were fortunate to be able to meet with a pretty select group of people. Also while I was in Washington I had the opportunity to meet with Senator Brown and Senator Portman's staff and we updated his folks on where we stood on some of our pending negotiations with the agency. With that, that concludes my report tonight.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a reminder to everyone that it is approaching tax time again. Just to give you a little bit of history last year our income tax department processed over 3800 returns. As of today we mailed approximately 88% of our individual returns. The remaining returns as well as all of our business returns should be mailed in the next 7-10 days to you. So if you haven't already received yours don't worry it's coming pretty quickly. Just a reminder with that universal filing everyone that is a resident of this City and is over the age of 18 is required to file a city income tax

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return regardless of whether or not you had tax due. That does include our retirees. I know the process can appear cumbersome, I apologize for that, however it is something that is necessary for us to insure compliance to our local tax code. Another item I'd like to make our residents aware of is a change to the account number on your returns. In years past we had used your social security number. For your privacy and safety the new account numbers do not include your entire social security number so when you look at that, it looks familiar, looks similar to a social security number don't be alarmed that it isn't your social security number. We've done some encrypting on that for your privacy. One last thing, we do follow the same due date as the IRS so those returns must be postmarked by Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do have a federal extension all you need to do is supply us with a copy of that and we will grant that same extension to your City tax return. If you have any questions or concerns or need help with the form you can feel free to call myself or Dave Nussbaum, he's our income tax administrator and we can walk you through any of those issues you might have. Mr. Aspiras did mention the final appropriation calendar. It is very similar to past year's calendars. The one minor change he discussed with the workshop being on Thursday night is necessary because of the legislative rally in Washington DC and due to the approved appropriations having to get to the County Auditor in a timely fashion it is necessary to have that meeting on Thursday. Also prior to tonight's meeting I did distribute the quarterly fund balance report for the final quarter of 2013 as you peruse that you will see the rates again are not close to what we've experienced several years ago. In a few months when I give my annual report you'll see how the total investment earnings for the year again were a little disappointing. I don't need a motion to approve that distribution I just need the minutes to reflect that it was given to City Council. Also tonight I did distribute the Fund Balance for the end of the year. You can see again overall we had positive net income in 2013 which is very good. Of course that is citywide. Some funds went up, some went down, but overall you can see it is positive particularly in the major funds that we have and we will go into a lot more detail about that income, the net income column as well as the ending balances during my annual report. Also I do have some legislation on the agenda tonight that Mr. Aspiras spoke of and I'll give you some more details when we get to that on the agenda. And that's all I have. Oh, I do need motion to approve the Fund Balance Report for December 31, 2013 subject to audit. My apology. Aspiras so moved; Vance seconded; roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Law Director Kirkbride: No report.

Council President Baker: No report.

### **Old Business:**

Leathers moved that Ordinance B-14 be placed on second reading. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **ORDINANCE B-14**, An Ordinance changing the name of portions of North Ella Street, Olive Street, and Congress Street in the City of Orrville, County of Wayne, State of Ohio, to Red Rider Drive.

Leathers: I went out of order. Sorry.

Aspiras: I'll just share one thing. I know I said quite a bit at last council meeting; actually all of us had quite a bit at last council meeting. So I'll just share one thing, I shared quite a bit about the



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commemorative sign as an option to this legislation. And as I got out into the public and over the last couple weeks, it was, some people that I ran into weren't 100% on what is a commemorative sign. So I just want to share one thing to clarify that. I actually made up a mock example of what that commemorative sign would look like. This is an example here. Basically what the commemorative sign you see here its Red Rider Drive is the red and white sign. Can you zoom in on that Andy? That's your commemorative sign. It's in coexistence with the municipal street sign in this case the example is North Ella and Red Rider Drive. So I just wanted to share that just to clarify what that actually looked like. Again this is just a mock example. So this is an example of a commemorative sign that coexists with a current street sign, municipal street sign. So just wanted to share that and as I said that's an alternative to this current legislation if anybody feels they would like to move forward with that, I would recommend they see the transportation chairman Mr. Shupp.

Hamsher: I appreciate your work. Thank you for putting that together. However what is the name of the street? I think we'll get more confusion with the double signage. You mentioned last week, or last meeting, that there's a lot of these in New York City, and there are. New York City has 1.3 million street signs not all of those are streets they're yield and so forth but they do have a lot of commemorative signs. They have so many that they don't mean a lot to a lot of people. Now you mentioned a fella Keith Roy Maynard had a nice sacrifice for 911 and no one disputes that he did a great thing. But those signs aren't used. In this particular one would be used. You mentioned Brooklyn. Brooklyn in 2011 had 59 street sign changes in one meeting alone. They have so many they have a special meeting 3-4 times a year. I'm not sure that comparing a commemorative sign in New York City to one in Orrville that looks like it would be fairly confusing. I look at this and I don't know what street I'm on. I'm on Ella or Red Rider Drive? I don't see the benefit of going to a commemorative sign at all.

Baker: Any other comments?

Vance: I don't know, I think if we want to say this is an alternative. It's not an alternative. It's not legislation. What's before us is what our options are. I've said before I was originally a proponent of a commemorative sign but our Mayor working in conjunction with our Safety Service Director determined that wasn't in our best interest to do that. So I respect that decision. I respect his reasons for doing that and I think the principal one is that he wants to honor and recognize the commitment this community has made to improve our school systems. I respect that. I would much rather that we do honor that rather than not do anything at all. As far as I can tell there has been a pretty good agreement on Red Rider Drive. I've seen less enthusiastic support for Education Lane which is a different topic and perhaps we can address that at that time. I hear what we're talking about with commemorative signs. I don't know that the fact that New York City has 400 commemorative signs or however, whatever the actual number is, is an argument to say that this is the best way to go. I don't know if New York City would say it's the best way to go. I think that if New York City were to actually change those street names millions of addresses would be affected by that so I can see that this commemorative sign is being impractical to change the name of a street where many, many, many people live on it. In this case there are very few people that live on these streets. So I don't know that that argument means that that should be a template for us to consider that that is the preferable alternative. Those who I have spoken with I think would be fine with a commemorative sign but I think if we chose to change the names of the streets I don't know that they're opposed to that either. So on balance I think as I evaluate everything I've heard

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so far and of course people can engage me on social media, we've been doing that. I've heard support for changing the names of the street. Of course it's not unanimous support. We will never get that. Each one of us is going to have a different idea of what the names of these streets ought to be and how it ought to be done. I think that we need to work hard at just simply arriving at something that we can at least all agree that we can live with and that should be our goal. Thank you.

Hamsher: We've spent more time on this legislation than any legislation, bar none, since I've been on council and it really doesn't mean as much as the other things we've done. This is a nice gesture. It's a way to celebrate the relationship and partnership we have with the community, the City, the school, the citizens, there's lots of support for this. I agree with Paul, we're not going to get 100% on anything but we do have a large portion of the population, in fact I talked with someone that talked with Mr. Shupp earlier this weekend and he called me and said, "What's the big deal, just get it done." His comment was I don't understand why we're not doing this. So I think he listened to both sides and made up his mind and called me and said hey I support it, one instance. There's zero cost to the City. None of the reasons that have been brought up in my opinion hold any water. This is a simple thing to do. Something that again celebrates the partnerships we have within the city with the citizens, schools and the community.

Leathers: I've grown up in this town. I attended Orrville City Schools. My parents supported the school district both with their tax dollars and with volunteerism. I do the same through my tax dollars and my service to the schools. I don't have any problem with putting a name on a street to commemorate the schools and what has been accomplished in the school buildings. My issue is a City issue. It has nothing to do with the schools. My issue is taking a street and naming one portion of it one thing and another portion of it another thing. In my opinion and this is my opinion only, we are creating the same thing that we fixed on Hostetler Smithville Road. That's the way I see it. My issue is not to do with the schools, not to do with name, not to do with anything with the schools, it has to do with the City issue in my opinion in a dual, in the streets being one way one name and one way the other.

Hamsher: I would contend that it's not the same because Hostetler Smithville was one continuous road. This has a marked division. We have Ella Street to the south and Red Rider Drive to the north which is not uncommon in many states in fact we have another one in this town, Apple Blossom and Independence. And that doesn't seem to be a problem to anybody.

Shupp: Did you say something about talking to me last weekend?

Hamsher: No. I talked to someone who talked with you. Asked you some questions and then he called me asked some questions and then he made a decision on which way he would support.

Shupp: Oh, okay, I thought you said you talked to me.

Hamsher: No. Someone else who talked you who you had a conversation with mentioned, I talked with Mr. Shupp. I want to talk to you as well. So I appreciate that from the citizen that he's looking for...

Shupp: What did they say that I said?

Hamsher: He didn't. He just said he talked to you and then his comment was I don't understand what the big deal is. This seems like a no-brainer why don't we just go ahead and do it.

Shupp: Everyone has their own opinion. I kind of agree with Julie on this. I think being 150 year anniversary this year we're talking about the history of the community. I think the names have been there for a very long time and it's part of the history of our community. Even people that don't want to change the name officially are not saying no to support the school system. I think we all support the

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school system. I was in Columbus this weekend for a grandson's birthday and the Mayor mentioned Wild Cat Drive in Columbus.

Mayor: No that was in Westerville. Not Columbus.

Shupp: Yes, it is in Westerville at Westerville South High School. I drove over there and took a picture of it. I'll pass this around. It was a nice gesture by their community but the sign is on the school property right off the public right of way. It's the drive coming into the school for the pickup zone for the buses and the students. Orrville could do the same thing. We have a pick up zone and a street going into our new school that you could put Red Rider Drive on at any point in time or any place on their property that they want. And I think that would be very appropriate also. As possibly another alternative to what we've been discussing here.

Hamsher: Now we're asking the school to do something?

Shupp: I'm just showing what other people have done.

Hamsher: Do we know that the school system did that?

Shupp: You mentioned at the last meeting that 15 schools have changed street names.

Hamsher: That's minimum.

Shupp: We've not been able to find that on a public street yet. They've all been situations like this. I'm just pointing out what I found.

Hamsher: Do we know that school paid for that? Or city pay for that?

Shupp: Doesn't make any difference who paid for it. This is how they handled it.

Hamsher: Do we know who did it? City? Or school?

Shupp: I don't know. I don't know.

Hamsher: Okay.

Shupp: That's all I have.

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring a reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; Vance voted No, all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Ordinance B-14 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; Leathers, Shupp, Aspiras and Corfman voted No; Wilson, Vance, Hamsher yeas; motion failed.

Leathers moved that Ordinance A-14 be placed on second reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **ORDINANCE A-14**, An Ordinance changing the name of Mineral Spring Street as it runs east and west parallel to High Street in the City of Orrville, County of Wayne, State of Ohio, to Education Lane.

Baker: Any comments on this one?

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring a reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; Vance voted No; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Ordinance A-14 be adopted as read. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; Aspiras, Corfman, Leathers, Shupp voted No; Vance, Hamsher, Wilson, yeas; motion failed.

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**New Business:**

Leathers moved that Resolution 1-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION 1-14**, 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, 2013, and declaring an emergency.

Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I did send a memo detailing this legislation. Just to give you another brief explanation, we do need to issue a purchase order for our annual audit expense. The expenses split among several funds primarily the general and the enterprise funds. It has to be approved by the safety service director as well as the utilities director but because we do estimate the potential charges on the city side to be over the \$15,000 limit to be safe we'd like to have this resolution to cover the full potential of that expenditure and to enter into the agreement with the State of Ohio to conduct our audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.

Wilson: Thank you, Mr. President. Is this, I assume, an annual requirement?

Strimlan: It is; of the State. We don't have a whole lot of choice.

Aspiras: I will just add that yes it is an annual requirement and that we are contracted with the State Auditor's office this time around and I had conversations with Ms. Strimlan and she does have the luxury of trying to contract this service out. However, it needs approval by the State. And the State will not allow it this year. In that situation in some occasions Ms. Strimlan can save a few thousand dollars by going that route but unfortunately the State has to approve that.

Baker: Any other comments?

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 1-14 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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

**Good of the Order:** None

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council