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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Paula Marbury of Trinity United Methodist Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Corfman moved and Aspiras seconded that the minutes of the January 21, 2014, regular meeting be approved as posted. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports: None

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have a couple items tonight. One would be just to announce our February employee of the month and that is Mr. Steve Harmath from the Electric office. Steve has been with us since 1992 as a staff engineer. Steve's job entails overseeing upgrades to and the protection of the high voltage electrical systems at the power plant as well as improvements to the distribution transmission system. Steve works closely with plant and distribution personnel to insure safe and reliable electric service gets to our customers. "His complex work assignments place him in a position that if things are not just right, lights go out" said Jeff Brediger, Director of Utilities. Steve is a registered professional engineer and prior to coming to Orrville, he worked for Ohio Edison. And we will be having lunch together Thursday at Jerry's. Also I'd like to just mention that the next 150th anniversary event is the music concert at the Trinity Methodist Church. That will be Feb. 23, that's a Sunday afternoon, and that starts at 2:00 and there are about 10 different churches that will participate in this event. So hopefully a lot of people will show up for that. And lastly, many of you or some of you might have received a letter from Armstrong Utilities this week about some rate changes. There are a couple of increases and then actually one decrease. The telephone rates will decrease from \$49.95/month to \$39.95 so actually going down \$10. The Television Plus customers will see a \$5 increase in their monthly rate. The standard speed level of Zoom Internet will also see an increase from \$39.95 to \$44.95 so that's \$5. If you are a customer that has all three of those things basically it's a wash for you. And if it doesn't affect you my understanding is you won't even receive a letter. The letter will go out to the people that are affected. So I would assume this week if you don't get a letter then you can assume it doesn't affect you. Some people only have them for just internet or just cable TV so depending on what you have, it could affect your bill. Leathers: The basic cable is going up \$5 as well \$67.36 or something. I got my letter today. Handwerk: Okay that one wasn't mentioned in the letter. Just keep people aware of that and if you have any questions you can always call Armstrong and ask that. And I believe that's all I have.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. I did receive an alert this afternoon from the National Weather Service. They are predicting 6-8" of snow for us beginning tomorrow afternoon running through Wednesday afternoon. We are ready. We were well aware that it was coming so we are prepared. Mr. Shupp had asked us about our salt usage at our last meeting. Currently we have used

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925 tons of salt which is actually 40% above last year at this same time. What's interesting though was February and March of last year were very busy months and as a result the usage actually ended up about the same as where we're at right now. Obviously we're going to exceed it but hopefully we have a quieter February and March than last year and that percentage will decrease from what it was last year. Also I was looking into it I thought it was interesting our first salt usage for this year was actually November 23rd. Our first salt usage for last year was December 21st. So it's already been a busy year for our street crews. In the meantime the Street Dept. was out patching today. They do expect to patch tomorrow as well and will continue through the week as weather permits. They've also been out working on playground equipment installation of the new equipment and will continue to do so as well as weather permits. And that's my report for this evening.

Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. It's been quiet in the Utility department despite all the cold temperatures we did have in January we did not set any peaks. Our peaks normally is in the July or early August periods there so anybody was looking forward to that, hopefully the cold will be behind us for the balance of the year. The last item is we are wrapping up our Turbine Generator 10 overhaul. We do expect to start that unit up later on this week and that will wrap up almost a four month outage on that work. All that work was completed using our in-house personnel. And that's all I have for tonight, sir.

Finance Director Strimlan: No report.

Law Director Kirkbride: No report.

Council President Baker: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 2-14 be placed on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION 2-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts for the lease of concession stand space for the sale of soft drinks, ice cream, candy, popcorn, peanuts, and other like items at Orr Park for the years 2014 and 2015.

Wheeler: Mr. President this resolution allows us to go out for bids for the concession stands at Orr Park. Interestingly enough over the last 22 years we've had two different operators only at the concession stands. We've been fortunate to have really good people running those. Unfortunately Mr. Plybon who's had that contract since 2004 and actually worked for Pat Lonier prior to that, is not going to continue and put in a bid this year. So it is available to others to bid. We have had some phone calls of interest and will go out for bids and see what happens.

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.

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Leathers moved that Resolution 2-14 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 3-14 be place on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION 3-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts for engineering services for the 2014 OPWC City reconstruction project: Heatherwood Lane, Kenwood Drive, Meadow Lane, Tammy Court and a portion of South Crown Hill Road, and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: At this point we are ranked high enough in OPWC rankings to receive funding in 2014. I do expect that funding to come through. The official grant documentation doesn't arrive until July. We'd like to do it similar to the way we've done it with Ella and Mineral Springs the last few years where we have the engineering done and actually go out for bids in June and then when the appropriate documentation arrives where we can get started we will be ready to roll with the low bidder at that time. We do plan to do these streets similar to the way we've done Lakeview and Viking except for the South Crown Hill portion which actually extends from the radius to what we refer to as the graffiti bridge. It's concrete and we plan to keep concrete in that location. The others are concrete currently and would go to asphalt similar to the way we've done Viking and Lakeview as I mentioned.

Vance: I'm sure you hear this a lot too. But I get a lot of complaints about Hostetler Road and other streets. Can you address why these streets instead of Hostetler for example?

Wheeler: These were some of the worst condition PCR streets and these are assessed every few years actually by John Scott who is here tonight. Hostetler is absolutely is on that list. We actually have money budgeted in this year's budget for concrete street repairs. I do plan to address Hostetler and in fact was making out a list of some streets that need it. North Elm has some portions that can definitely use some replacement as well. So we will definitely so some repairs on Hostetler as well. These were actually grouped together for the neighborhood so it worked out well. And then I was able to throw in some of South Crown Hill as well that I thought would be available for funding. We're not by any means forgetting about Hostetler and some of the other concrete streets that need some TLC.

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 3-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Ordinance D-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **ORDINANCE D-14**, An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: This is what I would call an annual housekeeping item. Basically it's approving the editing and inclusion of any kind of changes that have occurred within these ordinances either by Council or by some kind of State code change. What this does is technically just allows us to codify those changes.

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

Leathers moved that Ordinance D-14 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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

Safety Service Director Wheeler presented his annual report. Copy on file.

Shupp: The Lakeview, Magnolia and Primrose that \$531,000 does that include the finishing touches in the spring?

Wheeler: Absolutely. That's the whole bid. We haven't paid out that amount in 2013 but rather than confuse it the whole dollar amount is reflected in that.

Aspiras: Go back to the cemetery receipts and expenditures slide, page 8 in the handout, could you just explain the maintenance endowment fund. It obviously has a steady growth, how that is, how funds come in and how it's expensed?

Wheeler: Sure. When they constructed section 10 of the cemetery it was for flat headstones only with the idea being it was much easier to maintain, mow, etc., the flat headstones. What we found out historically was most people didn't want flat headstones. As a result we weren't getting in, or weren't able to sell those lots like what was originally hoped. The City decided to charge \$150 what they call an upright fee. So if you're in section 10 and you want an upright headstone you pay an addition \$150. When you do that that actually goes into this endowment fund for maintenance of that particular section of the cemetery. So that is what that fund is. We do the maintenance and take out the money as used. That's the background on that. Every year I have to ask Karen to remind me because that's one that I just don't get into much other than during the presentations and financial reports.

Paul Locher (reporter): Can you tell me how many interments have been there have been in the mausoleum other than niche interments?

Wheeler: I believe there's been one. That's another area that we continue to look at ways that we can either change the direction there or encourage folks, find some ways to encourage people to use that. We actually have met with the cemetery directors locally as well just to get their ideas. That's something we continue to work out and find ways to maximize that space.

Wilson: Just curious if you could explain a couple expenditures that take place for the movies.

Wheeler: The only expenses reflected there are the costs that we are charged for the movie. Which is typically fairly hefty believe it or not, anywhere from \$350 and that's charged by the studio in order to show the video in a public setting. Disney charges anywhere from \$500-\$550 and they have very specific times when they'll allow us to show Disney movies which is why if we have them they are late July.

Basically what I think they're thinking we don't want you to go to the free public movie instead of going to a theatre movie so we'll wait until later in the summer when maybe the attendance isn't as big in the movie theatres anyway. We do also have the lifeguards who do a great job at the pool they actually help with the setup of the screen as well as the projector. So any kind of costs there for their hourly work is also part of the expense there. But the large majority of the expense is the actual fees to rent the movie.

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Baker: Mr. Wheeler, thank you for that report.

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Corfman: A final reminder that there is a GOBA organization meeting this Feb. 8 at the Hoover cabin out at the Wayne College 6:00. We'd like to see everyone that wants to get involved with non-profits or the for profits even, anyone concerning vendors when all those people come for a Sunday evening in June. They'll be showing up Father's Day night, that afternoon actually about noon, 1:00. It's been in several newspaper articles and just a final reminder. Thank you.

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council