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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order and offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

Vance entered 7:31 p.m.

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

Corfman moved and Aspiras seconded that the minutes of the February 3, 2014, regular meeting be approved as posted. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

No Report for Finance, Utilities, Health & Safety, Parks and Recreation, Ordinance & Personnel
Transportation – Mr. Shupp: Thank you, Mr. President, I have no report but I would like to thank the crews for a job well done this morning. The streets were in pretty good shape to get around. Tell them thanks. Wheeler: I will do that. Thank you.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to update you on the hotel. John Seibert from Cobblestone Hotels was actually in Orrville today down from Minnesota. He met with three different parties about investment opportunities. His trip from Minnesota was quite interesting. He started yesterday at 4:30 in the morning and was delayed and transferred and all kinds of stuff. His luggage ended up, he knows not where. I don't know he'll get that back but it was quite a trip for him. Nothing really more concrete to report on it other than we are continuing to work on that and hopefully that will be a project that will keep moving forward. Number two just a reminder that the Community of Faith Musical Celebration will be held this Sunday at 2:00 at Trinity United Methodist Church. I think there is actually prelude music that starts at 1:30. So a good afternoon of music there and remember this is part of our 150th Anniversary. And lastly, we will be having our second program to honor Vietnam and era veterans on March 26th. That's a Wednesday and that will be at noon. We did this for the first time last year in conjunction with a celebration that the State was having in Columbus. We had a really very fine turnout. That was at the Baptist church on Bell Avenue last year. This year we will be moving that to the high school auditorium and that will be Wednesday at noon on the 26th. We have a speaker, Mr. David Taylor who is a retired colonel from Special Forces in the U.S. Army. He has also written a book about his time in Vietnam. So I think it will be very enlightening for all that attend. The high school choir will be singing a couple of numbers as well as Mr. Tim Neal. All are welcome. It's not just a thing for veterans. Everybody's welcome. We'll have more on that as we get closer to that. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Trash pickup remains the normal scheduled days of pickup this week. No changes due to the holiday on Monday. The National Weather Service has issued flood warnings for later this week as a result of the temperatures warming up and the rain to go with it that's expected on Thursday. We'll be using tomorrow to make sure all the basins are working properly and free from debris. We also will be filling pot holes this week as weather permits. Salt quantities remain steady. We should have more salt arriving later this week. Currently we have about

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110 tons which would take care of us in a bit of a storm but we expect to have more in the next couple of days. And that's my report for tonight.

Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Updates from some of our utility departments, we did start up turbine generator 10 last week. We did experience some vibration issues resulting in the need to bring in a factory technician to resolve. Those have been addressed. We're just wrapping up some secondary issues this week and we expect to put the unit back in active service Monday morning. The power plant maintenance crew did an excellent job on all aspects of this work. They were responsible for disassembly, reassembly, and startup of this entire project this time. And it's the first time in probably about 15 years that we did one of these overhauls completely utilizing our plant personnel. So very successful on that and we saved ourselves several hundreds of thousands of dollars by doing it that way. Last Wednesday night the fire department was called to the Water Treatment Plant around 9:30 pm due to a report of smoke in the building. The cause was traced to a failed blower motor on one of the HVAC units up on the water plant roof. There was no damage to the structure or the offices or any of the systems. We did have one plant operator that was on duty at that time that was Cliff Leeder. I just want to thank Orrville Fire Department for their quick response and Mr. Leeder's quick actions. That turned out to be a good event for us considering we had the entire fire department there which worked out pretty good because they were just wrapping up some training there on Wednesday night. So we literally had all hands on deck. In the Waste Water Department we will be discussing some upcoming capital improvements during the next Utility Board meeting. And I did fail to mention under the electric department update we will also be updating the Utility Board on some recent activity concerning our negotiations with Federal EPA. Last item I have is the Mayor and I will be down in Columbus next Tuesday. We do expect to meet with Representative Amstutz and Senator LaRose as part of the OMEA Annual State Legislative meeting. That's all I have on my list, sir.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. The Finance Department as well as the Administration have been busy with Final Appropriations. We're still on schedule though to distribute the books to you on the 28th of February. Hopefully that will give you time to review those books prior to our workshop on March 13th. There are some changes from the 2014 budget that we prepared and reviewed last June. Primarily in the Utilities they were driven by purchase power changes, some working capital changes which is a good thing, working capital transfers, and also our capital expenditures. On the tax supported side some of the changes will include grants, some different capital expenditures and some other small line item modifications to adjust with the historical patterns. But we'll go over all of those and other line items when we go through the workshop on the 13th. After you receive your books though, if you have any questions going through them feel free to call me prior to that workshop. We can discuss those if you like. Also tonight I did distribute the Fund Balance Report for the period ending January 31st. Some of the funds do look a little unusual this month with regard to the net income. I just want to caution you that for most of those it is the nature of the fund or simply a timing issue that will adjust throughout the year. So I would ask for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Aspiras so moved. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Law Director Kirkbride: No report.

Council President Baker: For my report this evening. I have a request. Those of you that may have fire hydrants either in front of your house or close to your yard there, most of them have been cleared but a few of them have got snow piled up around them. If you would, if the fire hydrant is close to your home, please clear the snow from around it. You never know when something may happen even though you're sure your homes never going to catch on fire, those guys may need to use that hydrant. A second thing I've been a little bit disappointed when I drive around town and I've noticed that almost everyone can clear their driveway but there's a lot of people that are not clearing sidewalks and some of those are businesses. So it's great that you clean your driveway but let's work on sidewalks also. We worked hard to get sidewalks around town. There have been some accidents in neighboring communities where people walking in the street because the sidewalks weren't clear managed to get hit by a car. So get out there; do it. I know it's a headache because we've had a lot of snow this year over and over again maybe not all at once. Let's work on it and make sure that we give those people a good place to walk. That's all I have for this evening. And we have no old business so we will move to new business.

New Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 4-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION 4-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities and/or the Public Utilities Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the replacement of electric distribution truck #37 with a truck which meets the specifications of the City of Orrville and declaring an emergency.

Brediger: In the narrative it does mention the fact that this truck is 19 years old. It is the one and only digger derrick unit that we have in the distribution fleet. It has a little bit over 100,000 road miles but from an engine hour perspective since this truck mainly sits idling doing its job it has about the equivalent of over 300,000 road miles on it. Over the past couple of years we've been experiencing a kind of downward trend or an increasing trend of maintenance repairs that's starting to impact the reliability and availability of the unit. This is one of our critical assets and we do have some of these pieces of equipment on a planned out rotation. Our bucket trucks generally go in about 15-18 year lifecycles before we trade them in or retire them all together. This is something we budgeted for and we planned for and it's something we planned on doing. We're looking at an estimated cost of between \$220,000-\$250,000 for this unit, has about a 9 month delivery time on it. We paid about \$170,000-\$175,000 when we bought this truck brand new in 1995. If you have any other questions concerning this I'd be happy to answer those.

Hamsher: What does a comparable truck, I know you've looked, run nowadays, that's cost wise?

Brediger: Comparable?

Hamsher: To replace this truck?

Brediger: To replace this one we're looking at between \$220,000-\$250,000. Not cheap but we get a lot of use out of it there. It's something that gets tested on an annual basis, a wide barrage of inspections and things along that line. It's a reliability thing. It's a safety thing. And it's just basically reached the

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useful life the manufacturer is saying it's time to trade it in and move on. It's part of our rotating fleet program.

Shupp: Do you run the diesels in these or gasoline?

Brediger: They are all diesels.

Shupp: Oh, all diesels. Are they going to have to deal with the new engine emissions?

Brediger: Yes they do. We replaced a bucket truck a year and a half ago and it has the new diesel engines that utilize the urea in it. So we have one of those in our fleet. The Mayor asked me earlier whether or not we would consider this truck to be a natural gas candidate and due to the nature of the use of this truck it being the only one we have and sometimes we're in position to offer mutual aid to other communities, this truck has the capability of being out of the range until we get some more of these CNG fueling stations out there. This probably isn't a good candidate for a natural gas vehicle. Some of our upcoming bucket trucks we may look at that being possibilities for that. But since we don't have a very good distribution system for that, this truck being one of our more critical pieces of equipment, I didn't consider this for a natural gas candidate.

Corfman: Thank you for answering that before we got to ask it. But this is a vital part of our distribution.

Aspiras: This is in the 2014 budget, it's appropriated?

Brediger: Yes, sir.

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 4-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Gault: The fiscal officer's certificate for Ordinance E-14 is on file.

Leathers moved that Ordinance E-14 be place on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **ORDINANCE E-14**, An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,100,000 Notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of improving the municipal water system by the acquisition and construction of improvements to that system including, but not limited to, the development of a new well field, extending raw water mains to that well field, constructing a building and a booster station in connection therewith and improving the site thereof, upgrading the control system at the water plant, increasing the capacity of and otherwise improving and upgrading existing raw water mains, installing additional pumping capacity and water mains, upgrading existing water mains, and otherwise improving that system, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Strimlan: Thank you for reading all that Julie. Hopefully all of you received my memo. Just to review that again in detail, this is the same note that Council has seen for many years. The note was originally issued in 2008 to finance the Water Utility projects that Julie read off. We roll it over every year. Last year we issued the note for \$1.3 million. This year we are issuing for \$1.1 indicating that pay down of \$200,000. Traditionally we have paid down \$100,000 each year on the debt. Last year we did not make a pay down on the note because we were in the process if you recall of refinancing our outstanding water system

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refunding revenue bonds and at that time there were some costs of issuance that were unknown so we declined to make that pay down. This year we are doubling up on the payment because of that. And we're working on a more aggressive repayment schedule to retire the debt sooner than we had originally anticipated. The ordinance is similar, exactly the same as last year. It provides that the note will mature exactly a year from the issuance date. The interest is defined within parameters set forth in section 3 of the ordinance. It also gives the water utility the option to sell the note in a private sale or take it to market whichever might be more advantageous. If you recall last year we did issue the note to the County. They are interested in the note again this year with a rate similar to the one that was negotiated last year. We'll pursue that option once the ordinance is passed. We don't need the ordinance to be passed tonight. We can rollover up to 90 days prior to the expiration but the sooner Council passes that the more time and more flexibility it allows us in trying to secure something with the County or if we need to take it to an independent financial institution to market for us it allows us that opportunity.

Wilson: The interest rate is good for one year?

Strimlan: Yes.

Wilson: So this is a sale every year for what goal, to get a better interest?

Strimlan: No, it's in anticipation of issuing bonds so we have until 2028 to rollover the note and take advantage of the market if we determine at some point it's necessary or more appropriate to lock it in for a longer period of time we can issue bonds rather than. But this has worked very well for the Utilities since 2008. Last year the interest rate was .55%. I would assume it's going to be, if you recall last year when we did the water revenue bonds they were at 2.25%.

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

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

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

Police Chief Dino Carozza presented the Orrville Police Department's annual report. Copy on file.

Hamsher: Thanks Chief. Your vacation check is a great service. I've used it several times and always nice to be away and have a piece of mind with that. Actually got a phone call once since I left a window open. Question about Josh Hunt's resignation and move on to Medway. He was our detective on the force. Are we replacing the detective position and how are you handling that?

Carozza: Well, Josh filled three roles: detective, school resource officer, and Medway liaison. We've kind of parceled that out. Mitch Zimmerman is our now SRO and Nate Maimone is detective and our Medway liaison officer. So we decided to split the duties and both Mitch Zimmerman and Nate Maimone are doing a great job in those two roles.

Aspiras: Thank you Chief. Some really nice trends in here looking at the criminal offenses that have gone down, juvenile arrests, adult arrests, even traffic accidents. What's going on? Is Freddie the star? Or do we need to get another canine unit or what?

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Carozza: Well I can tell you there is a little bit of a national trend where crime is starting to go down as far as major crime but really I attribute most of it to our officers being out on the street. We have a very young patrol officer force. And they're always out on the street. These guys really do a great job and they are very determined to solve cases to make arrests. They just do a great job. And you know when you first get a young group of officers you'll see a lot of arrests for the various offenses like OVI's but then after a while it starts to come back down because the words got out that you can't drive drunk. Or it was common knowledge in some communities that there's nobody out at night. But our officers are out there all the time and they're very visible and I think that's a deterrent as well. They're always out there doing their job.

Baker: Thank you Chief Carozza. That's the last item on our agenda for this evening.

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council