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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Bruce Smucker representing the Orrville Ministerial Association offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Aspiras moved and Wilson seconded that the minutes of the March 3, 2014, regular meeting be accepted as documented. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance – Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. City Council met with the administration last Thursday, March 13th to review our Final Appropriations 2014. Ms. Strimlan had went over the positive and negative variances so it was a good opportunity for us to take a close look at those variances from the 2014 budget. So I believe everybody's had a good opportunity to look at that. So that was our workshop last Thursday. It was also up for 2nd reading hence 3rd reading under Old Business tonight for Resolution 8-14. The other things I have is just fair warning to City Council tonight to be on your best behavior and be on top of your game as we've got four young ladies here. They're here to observe us. We have Ainsley Hamsher a 4th grader. We have three high schoolers: Taylor Leeder, Brittany Ricer, and Sophie Aspiras. Those three juniors in Orrville High School are studying local and state government so we appreciate them being here tonight and their interest in local government. I will just say double best be on your behavior to Mr. Shupp. Thank you and that's all I have.

Utilities – Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report. I would like to thank Mr. Brediger though for the packet that he brought back from Washington DC and also everyone has, he has distributed to you a highlight packet which would be good reading to just breeze over at least. There's a lot of good stuff in there that I've already, in the other packet, please review that in your spare time of course.

No report for Health & Safety, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Planning, Ordinance & Personnel
No special committee reports.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I have just a few items tonight. Just a reminder that next Tuesday night is the Chamber of Commerce banquet if you are signed up to go to that. The following day Wednesday the 26th will be our Vietnam Era Veterans program and again that is at noon in the Performing Arts center at the high school. Tomorrow I will be doing the Meals on Wheels program. This is their annual March for Meals campaign. This is an annual event that's designed to generate public awareness about senior hunger and celebrate senior nutrition programs across the country. So I'll be helping with that tomorrow. And also would like to welcome all of our visitors. I know I had several of you ladies in school a few years ago when you were littler. Thank you for coming tonight.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, have a short report tonight. Just a few updates on the Street Dept. is going to take advantage of this warmer weather this week hopefully finishing up our leaf pickup this week. Better late than never, right? So we appreciate everyone's patience on that as the winter snuck up on us much earlier than we expected this year. Also they're out

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doing street sweeping which you might have seen them out there today as well as pothole repairs. And they're also hard at work on Ella Street lighting project. And finally the couple we have left are also out at the park doing installation of the new playground equipment. It's a busy week and a busy season for us and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Vance: I noticed on Saturday that the leaves I left there last fall had not blown away much to my chagrin. So I was raking, I think that's what might have thrown my back out, but anyway can someone call and say hey, I've got some leaves to pick up. Can you come over to my house?

Wheeler: Yes. If they have any leaves that we've somehow missed or that were there, we think most of them are concentrated in one section that are left. But if you do have any that are still there we'll try to swing by and get them. Obviously this isn't a second leaf season, there's plenty of other things for us to do so we just ask if we missed you and we didn't get you the first time, then by all means we'll swing by and get you.

Vance: There is no leaf fairy that made them go away. Just wanted to report on that.

Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. No reports from the utilities. But the Mayor and I did attend the APPA Legislative rally last week in Washington. We had over 40 officials from 23 AMP communities and we joined about a thousand other public power folks that attended that annual meeting. We heard some updates on some federal issues mainly impacting the electric industry. We did have the opportunity to meet with Senators Brown and Portman and Congressman Renaci. Some of the issues that we did talk about and probably our biggest issue that we have on the table was the preservation of tax exempt financing especially as congress continues their talks on budget and tax reform. And we also talked about the impacts that the sequestration has had on the Build America bonds as part of this program. If you recall we did use that bond program to finance the Prairie State, Fremont and our hydro projects. We issued as participants close to \$5 billion in bonds, roughly \$3 billion of that financing was through the Build America bonds and as a result of the latest sequestration and the subsequent extension of that sequestration the participants in these projects will lose close to \$63 million and we could stand a chance of losing even more if congress elects to repeat their recent actions. Some of the other issues that we focused and spent a lot of time on were grid security, energy market reform, improving the hydro licensing process with the Army Corp. of Engineer, the support of modular reactors and of course our favorite subject, EPA regulations. I did distribute some position papers and some fact sheets as Mr. Corfman mentioned. As your reading over those materials in the future if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer any of those. And that would be my report tonight.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I have just one item this evening. That is the distribution of the Fund Balance Report for the period ending February 28, 2014. I would just ask for a motion from Council to approve this subject audit. Aspiras so moved; Shupp seconded; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Law Director Kirkbride: No report. I will have some information to share with you in our executive session regarding some pending litigation.

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Council President Baker: I have nothing to report this evening so we will move to old business.

Old Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 8-14 be place on third reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 8-14**, 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.

Baker: This is the resolution that we had our workshop on last week. Does anyone still have any questions or comments concerning this legislation?

Leathers moved that Resolution 8-14 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 10-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 10-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept bids and to enter into a contract and/or contracts for the purchase of hydraulic rescue tools for the Fire Department of the City of Orrville, Ohio.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a resolution allowing us to go out for bids on the hydraulic rescue tools for the Fire Department. You should have in front of you a list of the tools that we're going out for bid on. Also below that is a current inventory of hydraulic tools with a short narrative below that. As you can see most of the tools are 20 years old. We're also running into issues with repair. There's no local dealer, distributor or service rep. And also we're running into some occasions where they haven't worked appropriately which obviously is unacceptable. This is budgeted in the Final Appropriations and has been budgeted throughout the budgeting appropriations process. And we have Captain Ballentine's here for his report tonight so he's here to answer any questions as well as Mr. Ballentine and Mr. Bishop as well.

Baker: You've been demoted Chief.

Wheeler: What did I say? Oh, Chief. You know he's the Chief. Sorry.

Corfman: Thank you Mr. President. I think in explanations to me, stop gap measure have been done. We've rigged up some of this stuff beyond some of it. We've had to go to special machine and after that it just gets too expensive to repair parts when you're literally manufacturing the replacement parts or going to shops and that's where we're going to be shortly without just the whole kit.

Shupp: Chief can you tell me how many companies out there are in this line of equipment? Are we kind of limited? Or is there 4 or 5?

Chief, Ballentine, and Bishop: Six.

Shupp: Several different manufacturers. So you could probably get some good bidding with each other on this situation?

Chief: We used to have our first set of tools, which was the first set in about a four county area, were Hurst originally. We've moved away from Horst years ago. We went to the Phoenix because we thought they had a far superior tool at the time. Now Phoenix has since kind of dropped by the wayside. Serviceability, they're out of Tennessee, they do still exist. The last time I called for service we had one gentleman show up that had one arm that couldn't even run the tool by himself without us having

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somebody out there to help him out, literally, that's the way it was. Not overly impressed with the company any longer. The original founder passed away and his family sold the company. The people that bought it just did not maintain it like it used to be.

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 10-14 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 11-14 be place on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 11-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to sign an Agreement and/or Agreements on behalf of the City of Orrville for the purchase of salt from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2014-2015 season, and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Believe it or not we're preparing for the wintertime already. Because of some of the shortages the Department of Transportation dealt with this year they're getting a head start on this bidding process this year. Also as part of that they're doing what they're calling a summer bid. That's an opportunity for folks to refill their salt bins that have been completely drained so that they're ready to go when the snow comes. We are going to take advantage of that as well just to fill it up completely. We have about 200 tons on site right now. We have within our bid hope to have another 200 as part of the summer bid package. And then we'll be ready for next winter. As a result of being filled up we did decrease it slightly on our estimated amount. We still are allowed to exceed the estimated amount by 10%. That's actually slightly lower than this year which was 20%. The bids that have come in, we actually did a 10 year poll today to see how the bids have been, literally this year was the lowest of the 10 years. With the high being in '08 which I think everyone remembers the salt shortage during 2008. We've continued to have good service and they've been prompt with their deliveries. We have no complaints and which to continue with the Department of Transportation's bid. With that being said, as you can see, they give us very little notice. And as in Section 3 it has to be back by April 8 so the sooner we can approve that the better.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler I know a few years back we looked at, I think we actually purchased some Halide and we also, I'm not sure if we did anything with beet juice. I think that was something we looked at. Is there any interest in that?

Wheeler: We will continue to utilize those kinds of things. We also, I brought in the green salt before. We are going to utilize that this upcoming year. The DOT actually went out for bids on those and had some issues and as a result they didn't actually award that bid. If they don't do that this year then we are going to bid it out ourselves so that we have that as an option. The City of Wooster's used both and found it to be very effective and actually it has reduced their usage. I believe it's called ClearLane. So we hope to use some of the ClearLane as well in the upcoming year. That's actually a premixed with a brine so that you don't have to apply additional brine. The idea behind that is to reduce our brine usage. We did use some beet juice this year as well.

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 11-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Leathers: And that concludes tonight's new business, sir.

Baker: We'll now move to the annual report for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Bob Ballentine presented the Orrville Fire Department's annual report. Copy on file.

Aspiras: In your slide, the total EMS calls the 10 years trend, the 2004 was 277 and just about doubled 10 years later at 526. A continual trend up, can you speak to that? I know you also have calls by type and you mentioned falls were the largest contributor and then heart and breathing. Is it an aged population? Or what are we seeing?

Ballentine: I think you're seeing that you're seeing more of a trend for people to actually call 911 now where we're sorting them out.

Aspiras: And can you offer up anything Chief from the 82 falls here from your investigation is there anything preventative that you could see people using ladders like they shouldn't be?

Ballentine: On the falls side, it's the aging generation. Most of those are elderly people that we're running on the falls. We've had people slip on ice. We went to one here this past month or so ago, we got called out to Lynn Drive for a lady that had fallen and one of her neighbors went out to help her and then she fell so we ended up with two patients there both with broken bones until we got there. What we're seeing mostly is the aging generation. I could put myself right in there with that group as well.

Shupp: The box alarms continue to be somewhat of a problem. Are we billing for some of these?

Ballentine: We actually are billing yes.

Shupp: We talked some last year about that.

Ballentine: We have an ordinance that gives them three free and then after that we start to charge. I forget how the break down is on that, 3-6 is a set amount and then 6 to another number is a set amount and after that it is the actual cost to send the fire department. I know there was one industry in Orrville that paid five or six of our calls where they paid the cost to send the Fire Department. So we are recouping those costs.

Shupp: So do you think this may see a slow down?

Ballentine: Well, you know with the number of businesses we have and the number of commercial buildings and a good example is your downtown buildings and the old Johnson's Hardware building, that was never an alarm before. Now we have alarms on that building. So the codes that we're coming up and requiring as these people renovate all these buildings that we're getting, they're having to install more alarms in these and of course they're mechanical devices and they're going to malfunction once in a while or they're going to have maintenance problems or accidental trips. We've had tow motors knock pull stations off the wall and knock sprinkler heads off in some places. So we're always going to have that kind of stuff. Accidents happening but we still have to respond. Now, we have I would say downgraded our responses to box alarms because 99.999% of those are going to be false alarms but it's going to be that one that's not that when the first truck rolls in and said I've got flames showing out the windows. So we still respond to everything but the first truck whether it's out of Station 1 or Station 2

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goes like any other call, lights and sirens like they're responding to a real call, and then the rest of trucks kind of come in at a reduced rate, they run lights and sirens but at a reduced speed. We don't want to wreck any trucks going to box alarms; we don't want to cause any accidents getting there for a false alarm. So we want to get that first truck there, get a size-up done, determine if we need the rest of the trucks, if they're not needed then their cancelled right away or they're even told to stay in the station before they get out. Usually an officer will respond direct to those calls whether it's Captain Ballentine or Captain Hostetler that gets to those right away.

Aspiras: I'll ask you but maybe your captains can chime in but as far as fire and smoke alarms, I know there's pros and cons with the photo electric versus ionization. For the average homeowner what would you recommend.

Ballentine: You're going to find a big push put out by a lot of the inspection groups and I happen to belong to one out of the Canton/Akron area called Data Exchange. Technology has shown that photo electric is by far the most accurate smoke detector on the market. You can get a better and a quicker alarm out of that. But the stand is that any alarm is better than no alarm. So if you have an ionization alarm then we would much rather see you have that than no alarm at all. But if you're going to go out and buy a brand new one, then we recommend you buy a photo electric or dual sensor. They make dual sensors too. On the studies that have been done photo electrics alert much quicker and are saving more lives than the ionization ones are. Any other questions? Thank you for your time.

Baker: Thank you to Chief Ballentine. We'll move on our agenda to the good of the order tonight? Anyone have anything this evening? I see none there.

Leather moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss a litigation matter at this time. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas, motion carried. TIME 8:17 p.m.

Baker: Mr. Locher, we no plans to pass anything else after the Executive Session.

Locher: Okay, Thank you.

Enter executive session 8:21 p.m.

Hamsher moved to adjourn the executive session and Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. 8:48 p.m.

Resume regular session 8:48 p.m.

Hamsher moved to adjourn the council meeting and Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council