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

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

Aspiras moved and Hamsher seconded that the minutes of the April 7, 2014, regular meeting be accepted as documented. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance – Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. Just one thing, I will remind the group here tonight of our Finance Committee meeting next Monday, April 28, immediately after the Utility Board meeting. That's all I have tonight. Thank you.

No report for Utilities, Health & Safety, Parks, Transportation, Planning, Ordinance & Personnel.

No special committee reports.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I have several brief items and then one other thing after that. Number one: just remember that this week is actually our Clean Up Orrville Week. You might have seen the dumpster out there at the lower park on High Street and a sign on there that mentions Clean Up Orrville or Community Clean Up Week, I think, so that's there for people or groups or individuals, anybody that might be doing a little project around town cleaning up trash in the streets and so forth. Secondly the National Day of Prayer, the Mayor's Breakfast, is May 1st, that's a Thursday. I'm pretty sure you can still register for that. It's at 7:00 AM at the YMCA on May 1st. And lastly we have a special presentation tonight to a very special Orrville citizen and I will turn things over to Chief Carozza at this time to let him do that.

Carozza: Good evening. Tonight we're going to honor Maria Galan. Maria has helped our police department for a number of years by interpreting the Spanish language. And so we want to present her with a letter of recognition for that unselfish service that she has provided our agency for many years. So I am going to go ahead and read the letter of recognition at this time. (Read letter.) Congratulations, Maria. Thank you for everything you've done for us.

Galan: I hope I can continue to help.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. We have received 68 applications thus far for our police officer opening. So we should have a good number of qualified candidates to choose from this go around. Mr. Shupp is going to be shocked by what I'm about to say. Norfolk-Southern has completed their work on Raspberry Road. The City contractor is coming in this week to tie in the crossing to the road and the road should be open either late this week or early next week. We are finally nearing completion of Raspberry Road. As far as Street Department, patching continues. They have hit Hostetler and Back Massillon. They also continue to work on the playground and park preparations as well. The stop sign on Maple Street at the intersection of Church and Maple will be removed tomorrow. That's after two weeks of notice that we gave just as a heads up to the community. And this is obviously as per the Transportation Committee's direction.

Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple of brief notes. You may have noticed, if you've driven by the school complex, the new LED street lights. That was a collaborative effort between the Utilities and Street Department to install those. Those are up and running right now. The second piece of information, we may be bringing some legislation to this body next council meeting for we're having some difficulties from an operational perspective on our Turbine #11. This is the unit that was overhauled about two years ago. We're experiencing some high vibration and some significant loss from the efficiency department. We're evaluating some options. We may be wanting to fast track some legislation to get some work started before either prior to the summer period or later on this fall. So I just wanted to give you a heads up for that. I also distributed a copy of the 2013 EPA water quality report. There's a lot of information contained in there but the gist of that is we had no violations. I do want to thank Mr. Todd Fetty and his staff for their excellent work in providing something that we all take for granted. I will occupy all of your committee report time for our annual report later on during this presentation. There are a lot of pictures. That's all I have tonight sir.

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Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. Just one quick item. The Fund Balance Report for the period ending March 31, 2014, I distributed prior to tonight's meeting. I would just ask for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Aspiras moved. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas, motion carried.

Law Director Kirkbride: I have no report but I would also extend my congratulations to Maria Galan. I know how important those services are to law enforcement and to the legal system in general. I appreciate your service to the community.

Council President Baker: I also would like to congratulate Maria. Maria has been a friend of mine for many, many years. I've come to appreciate her and I'm glad to see that other people appreciate what she does also. Maris is just one of those really fine people that do things that not everyone gets to see. One other thing, I have a question for Mr. Wheeler. I saw the guys out patching on Hostetler Road today using the regular black top. Is our Dura Patcher not operating? Or is the weather not great yet?

Wheeler: No, I think because of the severity of what we were dealing with, the blacktop is a little more effective for us in regards to the long stretches of patching that were required on Hostetler. Just more of a choice in regards to how best to deal with some of those issues out there.

New Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 16-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 16-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with the State of Ohio Purchasing Cooperative, Department of Administrative Services, to purchase one (1) 2014 or 2015 Ford Interceptor Sedan V6 AWD Police Cruiser; or alternatively to purchase said vehicle from another dealer upon equivalent terms, conditions, and specifications, but at a lower price than it can be purchased through the State Contract as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04; or alternatively to advertise for bids and enter into an agreement and/or agreements for said purchase to include an offset to the cost of said vehicle via the trade-in of a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Cruiser.

Wheeler: This resolution should look familiar as a similar one was approved two weeks ago. The only change is the language 2015 was added for the year. 2014's are a little bit harder to come by right now so we threw in the 2015 in case we need to go that route. The good news in all of this is that the 2015 state bid price is the same as the 2014 bid price. So if we do have to go with the newer model it won't be any new additional cost to us. I just request that we approve that so that we can keep moving forward and in hindsight we will put the 2016 in there next year just in case.

Vance: I was thinking before when we had to do this, just as a matter of housekeeping we had to rescind the previous resolution? Or no?

Kirkbride: It references the previous.

Aspiras: Res. 13-14.

Kirkbride: I don't know that it necessarily rescinds it.

Vance: If we need to fine, if not that's fine too. I know we did that before that's all.

Kirkbride: This one is just adding an additional year so I guess as a matter of record we could rescind or we could just leave it the way it is because it's just adding an additional year.

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 16-14 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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

Baker: Thank. We have no other regular business but we do have our Utility Department Annual Report this evening. So that's what's coming up next.

Utility Director Jeff Brediger presented the Utility Department's annual report. Copy on file.

Aspiras: Are there any opportunities out there? Have we looked at any opportunities in Bio Mass energy?

Brediger: We have. We've talked with a number of people. One of the issues with that is being able to have enough to be sustainable. It's the amount of bio mass that would have to displace coal for example

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might be, we may have to burn 2 or 3 times as much of that material as we do coal but the bio mass doesn't have as much heat in it. That's a lot of volume. That needs to be coming from a source that's going to be there not just next year, but some years down the road. We haven't been able to find enough suppliers out there that want to commit for those longer terms because it would require some retrofitting on the units. It would require some re-permitting. If we go that step, it's not a complete committal but it's a big commitment, a financial commitment to install the different equipment and go through the permitting process. So when we want to look at alternative fuels, we want to know those fuels are going to be one, out there for a long time and, they're going to be affordable. We don't want to buy in at some cheap fuel and then in two or three years we start seeing those costs start ramping up or the availability of that fuel starts drying up and we've already made plans for it. Those two, the supply and demand pieces haven't come quite together yet. They're working on that but that's going to be out there a little bit. It is more environmentally friendly from an emissions perspective. It just kind of depends on what's in the makeup of that material. Right now it's been a tough matching up. But they came in here and took a look at our units, our units are very small, relatively speaking but we looked at trying to find that amount of material that can come in on a continuous basis. We're not quite there yet. But it is an option that we have looked at from a number of different perspectives and different definitions and makeup and compositions from a bio mass perspective. But that is a renewable resource out there that does have low emissions associated with it and those lower emissions can help offset higher prices if you pay for that fuel and you don't have to make those capital investments on the backend for additional pollution control equipment. But their viable they're just geographically constrained for us. If you recall 5 or 6 years ago we did do some experimental burning of chip tires and that was one of the problems we ran up against it. It worked out pretty good, our testing went really well but we couldn't find, the company we were partnered with could not bring in the kind of volumes that we needed. We just don't have those components coming together just yet.

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Brediger. We will now move to the Good of the Order. Does anybody have anything this evening?

Hamsher: I know the Mayor mentioned it and Mr. Brediger referred to it, the lights on Mineral Spring and Ella Street look amazing. We are very fortunate to live in a community where we have companies like Smucker's, Campbell Oil, Aultman Orrville Hospital, Gerdeau Bright Bar, and Stoller's Floors who contribute of their own free will to help our community look tremendous. So thank you to those companies for enhancing the school area.

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council