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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Victor Esquivel offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Excused: Aspiras

Vance moved and Wilson seconded that the minutes of the May 19, 2014, regular meeting be adopted. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Finance – Aspiras was excused. Corfman gave the report – Thank you, Mr. President. We will have a first reading for our budget at the next meeting June 16. On June 17 we will need to have a special meeting at 6:30 and then followed by a workshop. We are under a certain time crunch so to speak. Ms. Strimlan may expand on that. We will also have a public hearing at the June 16 meeting concerning the budget. And I move we have the Special Meeting at 6:30. Hamsher seconded. Roll call; all yeas; motion carried.

Utilities – Corfman – Our utility department and our director are working hard. I believe a lot of the power plant is coming back together and Mr. Brediger will speak to that. Again, I'll re-state that I will not be at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and now I will miss the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

### **Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to remind everybody that June 15 will be the GOBA group coming into town. That is a Sunday, on Father's Day. They will be arriving mostly during that day, primarily in the afternoon. And then just a reminder also that that evening we have a concert in the park, the lower park, Rumours which is a Fleetwood Mac tribute band. That will be at 7:00. And also, this is partly for the GOBA people for some entertainment but it certainly is open to all the community too as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We hope to have a nice large crowd at the park that evening. The Memorial Day service I thought was very well attended and I want to thank Rick James from the VFW. He did a really nice job this year of organizing that and planning this year. The Service Department did a very nice job too of getting the cemetery all prepared as they always do but it's always a challenge especially when we had the rain that we had earlier this month even though now we're kind of dry already, interesting how that goes I guess. Also the Service Department worked very hard that same week with the seeding project out on Ella Street and Mineral Spring where the street lights were hooked up and they had to run conduit underground and so forth so there was quite a bit of work to be done then and they tried to get that all done before graduation which they did, of course all the grass didn't grow by then, but at least it was all leveled out and smoothed out. Good job by the Service Department for both of those things. Just to remind everyone that Heartland Point anniversary, their 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is this Thursday and that involves several different things. There's a cookout over there

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from 11:00-1:30 and then also around that time frame about 11:15-1:00pm is the University of Akron steel drum band. And then they also have a concert in the evening, the Wayne County Chorale Union at 6:30-7:00. And that's all at Heartland Point for their 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary. And lastly I would like to congratulate the OHS baseball team for being regional champs and making a trip to state tournament. That will be also Thursday; they will be leaving about 11:00. We're going to have a police escort for them out of town. That will be going the same time as our Heartland anniversary party so there will be lots going on. The girls track team and the boys track teams will be leaving for the state track meet about two hours later, 1:00. And so we're going to have a police escort for them out of town too. Again congratulations for all of those teams. The girls were also regional champs as well as the baseball team were regional champs and the boys have a relay time team and one high jumper going down to state track meet. We wish all of them the best of luck this week.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. The asphalt overlay project at Lakeview, Magnolia, and Primrose will resume this week, weather permitting. Grinding, sealing, and final overlay is all that remains on that project. The Street Department continues to work on playground equipment, patching potholes, and repairing basins. The Orrville Compost Center which is located at the end of Apple Avenue, which hopefully everyone is aware of, is available for Orrville residents only. It will be open every Wednesday weather permitting from 7:30 am to 11:15 am and then 12:15 pm to 3:15 pm as well as Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm. The site will accept tree trimmings, brush, grass, clippings, and leaves excluding stumps and roots. The City will also have composted material available for free to residents who wish to pick up during the time the site is open. The compost center does not have any equipment available to load vehicles. Leaf, mulch, and wood chips are also available at no cost to Orrville residents. The City of Orrville has changed our tornado siren activation policy to more closely mirror the policy of Wayne County and the neighboring municipalities. This was something that I mentioned at the last council meeting. Our old tornado siren activation policy required activation after the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a tornado warning AND a funnel cloud has been sighted traveling the direction of Orrville. The new policy requires activation of the tornado siren after the NWS issues a tornado warning OR a funnel cloud has been sighted traveling the direction of Orrville. The City has not and will continue NOT to issue any kind of all clear signal once there is no longer a threat of tornado. There will also be some articles in OrrViews similar to this in regards to just trying to educate people so we're trying to get the word out. Believe it or not it's time for our first Orrville Performing Arts program for 2014. It's next Thursday, not this Thursday, next Thursday with the group Voices of Ohio who will take you on a walk through the popular music songbook of the last 70 years. Then on Sunday as the Mayor mentioned, June 15, is a special performance by Rumours – a tribute band to Fleetwood Mac. And both performances begin at 7 pm at Rehm Pavilion. Our first Family Fun Night Movie is in Orr Park. Its Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> featuring the movie Frozen sponsored by The Hummel Group. The movies are shown at Rehm Pavilion as well and start at dusk. In case of bad weather the movie will be moved into Schmid Hall.

Hamsher: I've had a couple of residents, Mr. Wheeler, asking me about the playground equipment at Orr Park, the upper areas are roped off or ribboned off I guess, the status of that? Maybe fill us in on that.

Wheeler: Yes, that's part of the installation they're working on currently.

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Hamsher: Is there a target date for, they want to have their kids playing on the new stuff, of course.

Wheeler: I know that's something we're focused on now that we've made it through Memorial Day we'll be able to focus more personnel on that. But we're opening the pool, we're opening the, getting the cemetery ready so we should be able to get more done. I don't have a time table for it.

Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. In the Electric Department, we are conducting a customer service study over the next two weeks. An outfit called SDS will be working on behalf of Orrville Utilities and they will be contacting a number of our customers by phone for some views and opinions. We're participating along with several other AMP communities on this trial process and this may be a feature that our association offers on a more periodic basis. So Orrville was one of the communities that kind of volunteered for this effort. So if you do get the phone call they will identify themselves as SDS participating on behalf of Orrville Utilities. We would appreciate your participation. The survey will only take a couple minutes. An update on Turbine Generator 10 work, that assembly is, or that assembly is now in progress. The new blades have been installed in the rotor, all the parts are back, the areas that we identified as causing vibration are currently being addressed and we do expect to have that machine up and back in service ahead of our original schedule. The Utility Board has scheduled budget committee meetings for this week. The Water will be held this Tuesday at 2 pm and the Electric and Water committee will be meeting Wednesday at 4 pm. And we needed to make an announcement required by the EPA that the Orrville Water Quality Report is now available for viewing online. In the past we have sent those out in individual mailings. This year we're doing everything over the internet and through our website to save a little bit on postage and to save a few trees. This report contains important information about the source and the quality of our drinking water. We had no violations this period. If you would like a paper copy we would be more than happy to mail that to you just call 684-5130 and we will mail you a copy at home. The last item, I did send out a couple of emails. Federal EPA issued the proposed Greenhouse Gas Rule today. This is dubbed "The Clean Power Plan". This 626 page document targets mainly carbon emissions, mainly carbon dioxide, as it looks to reduce carbon pollution from power sector utilities by 30%, smog and soot by 25% by 2030. And this is the good part, while keeping energy affordable and reliable using proven and flexible approaches. During this period the EPA will have an open public comment period for about 120 days. There will also be some public hearings that will be held. And if you really want to know a lot more you can visit [www.epa.gov/cleanpowerplan](http://www.epa.gov/cleanpowerplan).

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. As Councilman Corfman mentioned we are in the middle of our budgeting process which we do each year at this time. As Mr. Brediger mentioned the Utility Board committees are reviewing the budgets this week. Your budget books will be delivered next week with legislation going on first reading along with the public hearing on June 16. The workshop on June 17 at 6:30. Those dates and times are necessary so that we can return the completed budget to the county in a timely fashion. If you have any questions after receiving your book feel free to give me a call or we can discuss them at the workshop in detail. Our audit is coming to a close. You should be receiving some information soon about a closing meeting. Also hopefully all of you have had a chance to notice the beautiful flower baskets that were put up by the Distribution Department for the Bloomin' Orrville program. This year we did expand the program. We added over 50 baskets. It's important to note that

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we couldn't continue and expand the great program without the help of our generous donors, the Chamber, and also the Utilities. The City and the Utilities and the Chamber are partnering with this program but it's the donations that make it possible and we appreciate everyone's help.

Law Director Kirkbride: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

Council President Baker: This evening I have no report but I would like to congratulate the people that put on the Memorial Day parade. It's always one of the smaller parades. I noticed it was a little bit bigger this year. Also there were more people lining the streets than there have been in the recent past anyways. So I hope this continues to grow. It's a great thing and it's something we all need to remember.

**New Business:**

Leathers moved that Resolution 21-14 be place on first reading. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 21-14,** A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the 2014 Concrete Street Improvement Project in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: This is the 2014 concrete street improvement resolution which allows us to go out for bid so that we can do some repairs on the streets mentioned in the resolution. We did budget \$300,000 in the capital improvement fund. Council was generous enough to give an additional half a million so we have \$800,000 to work with. I know it sounds like a lot of money but when it comes to concrete streets it's not. So we will definitely do the areas most in need of repair. Obviously our main focus will be on the primary roads which would be Elm as well as Hostetler and we will try to get as much done as we possibly can. Collins Boulevard has a very small section but it is a critical section that needs repaired. It shouldn't be much money but it is in dire straits. I just emphasize we will focus the dollars on the main arteries but \$800,000 does not go nearly as long and far as it should. I do request Council's approval of the resolution tonight so that we can move forward as quickly as possible in going out for bids.

Wilson: Just curious. Does it require a complete rip up of the current?

Wheeler: Yes. Most of what you'll see is rip up of the current and we'll examine the base. Anywhere there is need for base repair will be done. I would say most of the areas will need some things repaired in there as well. We have specs on that. It should be a fairly straight forward project in regards to the repair work.

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 21-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council