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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Randy Gehres from Christ Church, offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Corfman moved that the minutes of the September 2, 2014, regular meeting be approved as posted and Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Utilities – Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. Those that participate in the City gas aggregate program will see, thanks to the new negotiations of our City administration, a new price of \$4.25 per thousand cubic and that's down from the \$4.77. So you do get a price cut on your natural gas and you can contact utility department if you want to sign back up or sign up if you've never signed up.

Baker: You need to do anything if you're currently signed up?

Corfman: If you're currently signed up, you're fine

Health & Safety – Vance: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know if anybody else got feedback or not. We did pass a resolution to enter into a new trash agreement last meeting. I've gotten positive feedback on the new trash receptacles and recycling receptacles and a couple of questions of when those would be coming and that agreement begins January 1st of 2015 so it will be, I imagine, sometime in December.

Wheeler: The goal of Kimble at this point is to have those out and everyone have theirs by mid-December both receptacles for the recycling and the solid waste. They will be getting out letters as well here shortly. They are actually working on drafts for us to review and once those are done, they will get those out.

No report for Finance, Parks & Recreation, Transportation, Planning, Ordinance & Personnel.

No Special Committee reports.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to just mention one thing and that is to thank the Rotary Club for their efforts and their work with the parade of flags program. I know that started a couple years ago and it has grown, I think, each year. I don't know what the number is right now but I know I see more and more flags out every time we have a special occasion for those to be out. I know that's a lot of work for those rotary members and friends that help them put them out and I certainly thank the people that are supporting the program by paying each year to do that. So just want to make sure we appreciate that. That's all I have. Thank you.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. The Street Department is currently out crack sealing this week. They are also out at the park completing some installation of drainage on fields one and two prior to the field receiving new fencing. Both of those fields, the old fencing is down and is ready to be replaced. Construction of the new restrooms at lower Orr Park is underway. They started

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that project last week and are actually moving along quite well on that. The Apple Avenue extension project continues, the contractor is working on basins and drainage structures this week. The Heatherwood, Meadow Lane, Kenwood, and Tammy Lane resurfacing continues. They are working on saw cutting this week before beginning their basin work. Dominion has started a project on South Main Street, they moved off East Chestnut onto South Main. There will be a period of time when South Main is one way as a result of this project from Sassafras to south of the city limits. Once we know that schedule, of course, we will post it on the various social media sites and try to get word out as quickly as possible. Norfolk Southern has closed down South Crown Hill extension for the week for crossing repairs. That's one that we received very short notice on and passed it on as soon as we had it but much needed repairs obviously but it is an inconvenience to folks and we hope that people can avoid that area if possible. Hostetler Road project is moving along well as well with the concrete replacement. That's their primary area they're focused on so far. They plan on starting to pour concrete later this week and have already removed several sections and done the base repair on those areas as well. And that's my report for tonight.

Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a few more notes to add to Councilman Corfman concerning the natural gas aggregation program. One of the bigger drivers for those prices to be lower is the fact that will all this shale gas being produced in the region those additional volumes have helped out quite a bit. They are ahead of the injection into the storage areas mainly because of the mild summer that we had so mainly a combination of the fact that utilities did not see the heat this summer and burn through a lot of that gas has helped bring those prices down. And again if you're currently enrolled in the program, you do not have to do anything. If you want to switch you can visit our website or give our office a call. And again that price is fixed for the entire year and that season begins November 1st and runs through October 31st. Just to give you a comparison where those prices are relative to the site that is operated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, that's the apples-to-apples comparison chart, prices today for similar offerings are in the \$4.77-\$6.79 range. So a far better deal at \$4.25 and again this is just for the gas portion only there'll still be Dominion fees, your monthly service charge, transportation charges and the usual tax, title, license and all that other stuff added to that. The only other item I have under electric, we did, I believe, saw our peak this year that occurred on August, or excuse me, September 5. And that peak is about 3MW lower than we were last year. The good news about that is those peaks establish a rate that we pay for our transmission fees. The lower our peak the lower our fees are. The flip side of that is with the mild summer, we saw probably about an 8% drop in our wholesale sales and we use those additional revenues to pay for a lot of additional expenses throughout the course of the year. The good news is we had the plan in very good position to take care of the winter heating needs that we had this past January and February so our wholesale sales we made during that period will more than make up for this lower summer period that we had. The last item I have for you is I did pass out AMP's 2013 report on sustainability. This report has been coming out for the past couple years and it highlights some of AMP's efforts and the members efforts in the areas of economic and environmental and other measures and actions that are taken by the general membership from a sustainability perspective. There's more information also on their website but it gives you an idea on what the various members are doing in that area and there's a lot of good information in there. If you have any questions on that or see anything there that you find of some

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interest that you want us to take a look at, feel free to let us know. Other than that, that's all I have tonight.

Finance Director Strimlan: No report.

Law Director Kirkbride: No report.

Council President Baker: I would like to make a comment about the same thing that the Mayor did about the flags that the Rotary Club has put up. This weekend I had a family group come to visit me so that means that the Marines and the Navy both came to Orrville. There were two retired marines and one retired naval officer and they were impressed that I have two flags in front of my house. I had the regular flag and then the one on the street and the one marine made the comment that he saw a lot of flags when he came through town so he appreciates Orrville. And he lives in Kentucky. I told him you can probably contact your rotary club there and maybe they'll do something for you guys too. But they are noticeable and people do appreciate them. So I thank the Rotary Club also. That's all I have for this evening. We'll move to old business, Ms. Leathers.

Old Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 29-14 be place on second reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 29-14**, A Resolution authorizing transfer of property located in Baughman Twp., NE, NW and SW Section 8, Wayne County, Ohio consisting of 17.765 acres.

Baker: This is the second reading for that. I see no hands going up. That completes our old business for this evening. That will go to a third reading. New business this evening.

New Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 34-14 be place on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 34-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to obtain quotes and enter into a contract and/or contracts without bidding for the replacement or overlay of the roof on Lacy Center and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution actually rescinds the prior resolution 25-14 which required us to go out for bids. As we went through that bidding process it's been very difficult to get apples-to-apples comparisons of the types of roofs. We've had folks interested from various states and as we went though that I felt more comfortable getting quotes so that we can try to keep it local contractors so if there's any warranty issues we have people that are able to respond and we also can get apples-to-apples comparisons of prices and those kinds of things so that we can make the best decision possible financially as well as quality wise for the Lacy Center roof. Mr. Scott is here as well if there's any questions in particular in regards to the quote process. But obviously we want more, or as many quotes as we can locally but to get the best price possible we also wanted to make sure that we're going to have good quality of service and product with the roof knowing how long we will probably keep it.

Shupp: Are we doing an overlay on the existing roof that's there or is it going to come off?

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Wheeler: The plan is similar to last time. We still plan to take it off completely. That wording was in there in case there was exorbitant prices. We've already filled out some of the local contractors in regards to what that number will be and we'll be absolutely able to do it under the bid for under the budget price, to be able to tear off and replace which is absolutely what we want to do with it. We have no intentions at all at this point to do anything but complete replacement.

Shupp: And you're going back with a steel-rib type roof?

Wheeler: Correct.

Shupp: Thank you.

Corfman: Thank you for the, I know it was late and an emergency, but the email's pretty thorough and I thank you for that. I know some of our emails weren't, didn't get through, but it was good, I thank you for that.

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 34-14 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 35-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 35-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety – Service Director to enter into any agreements with the Ohio Department Of Transportation necessary for the WAY-Mill Street-Demo (Pid 98896), and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Anyone have any questions? If not, I do have one or maybe you'll cover what my question would be.

Wheeler: If I could just give a quick detail in regards to what we are doing here. As everyone's aware the part of the High Street extension truck route project with the acquisition of the Dehart property on Mill Street, that was acquired several months ago and it is now ready under the ODOT process to be demolished. Part of that demolition includes an agreement with ODOT to have it demolished and this resolution allows me to enter into that agreement. Cost share and everything remains the same as it has throughout the entire project. Obviously our goal is to expedite the demolition as quickly as possible as much as the ODOT process allows and keep the process moving forward and keep the project moving forward.

Baker: My question was, it seems that everybody anymore likes to use abbreviations especially government agencies. What does the W-A-Y stand for? And the Pid?

Wheeler: Well the Pid is the Project Identification Number. And the WAY is the, I don't recall off hand what that is.

Kirkbride: Wayne County.

Wheeler: That's right. It's the shortened Wayne County, it's the ODOT abbreviation for the County. Thank you, Ms. Kirkbride.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler, can you just give us a quick update on the timing of this whole project. I actually had a few people ask me.

Wheeler: The High Street portion of the project as hopefully everyone is aware, is the portion that's been prioritized in regards to getting moving as quickly as possible, not that both facets aren't important. The demolition is really just one part of the project, the engineering, and all those kinds of

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things have been completed. Construction drawings are now in the works. Once ODOT approves those our goal is to begin construction in the spring of 2015 on that portion of the project. If you were to ask the Mayor and I what our goal is for the other portion, it would be really quickly thereafter. But understanding the ODOT process and where we're at in that, I think 2015, late 2015, would be a reasonable goal but to be very candid I wouldn't be surprised if it goes into 2016. We're realistic at this point with this project but we'll keep pushing of course to keep it moving forward and ODOT is well aware of where we stand on the project in regards to trying to keep it moving forward.

Mayor: The really nice thing about this is when we first started this whole procedure; Raspberry Road wasn't even in the mix, that all came about later. But it's going to work very nicely with these other two projects once they finally get finished. As Mr. Wheeler said it is one of those projects that you can get really get frustrated at pretty quick, it's been a long time.

Shupp: Mr. Wheeler, I wanted to ask again so everybody knows, the section from Main Street on High from Main to Mill, are we going to be replacing all that concrete or are we going to make base repairs and do an overlay on those two blocks in this project?

Wheeler: As part of this project, actually it will go from Main to Walnut there is not impacted per sea as part of the project. So that portion at the intersection of Walnut and Church we'll do as part of the concrete replacement this year, that's an area that's breaking up right now. That will be an area that we'll address on East High, I'm sorry, East High and Walnut.

Shupp: So from the intersection at Main on High Street to Mill Street we'll be demoing that and replacing all of that in part of this project or it will be separate from the project but they will coordinate together.

Wheeler: Correct. There is a separate portion but we are doing the East High portion, that intersection, ideally this spring to coordinate.

Shupp: And we will be widening the radius at Main and High also.

Wheeler: The widening of the radius is part of the truck route project and that easement acquisition has been ongoing and is actually fairly close to being wrapped up. Knock on wood.

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

Leathers moved that Resolution 35-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Nothing for the Good of the Order.

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council