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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Law Director Kirkbride swore in new councilman John Lorson.

President Baker asked to have Councilman Vance appointed as President Pro Tem. Corfman moved to appoint Mr. Vance as President Pro Tem. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; Vance abstained; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

President Baker offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

Roll call: Shupp, Wilson, Vance, Hamsher, Corfman and Lorson were present.
Aspiras was excused.

Corfman moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2014, regular meeting as posted and Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports: None

Special Committee Reports: None

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to congratulate Mr. Lorson and welcome to Council. Glad to have you with us. I would also like to mention the Firefighters Association. Those of you that were at the Home for Holidays got to see an excellent fireworks display and I just can't say how much I appreciate what those guys do, all those people back there on the street working the fireworks and doing that were not able to be with their families like a lot of us were so certainly appreciate what they did and I think it added a great deal to our Home for the Holidays. Thirdly, I'd like to mention our Employee of the Month for December is Jeff Fenningsdorf. Jeff is the Utility Computer Systems Administrator. He has been with us since March 2005. Jeff heads up the IT group for the entire organization, utilities and City, and is responsible for all things IT. Jeff and crew have done a tremendous job of bringing the state of IT up to present standards. Jeff resides in Canton, Ohio, with his wife Melanie, and son Noah and daughter Abi. He is very active in his church and his hobbies include cars, computers, firearms and boating. He and I had lunch today at Jerry's. And after a two second conversation where I told him all I know about IT, we talked a lot about sports and everything else. I enjoyed that very much. Lastly, I'd like to mention and Mr. Locher, I have this news release I can give to you afterwards, but this came a few weeks ago. It's actually from the Government Finance Officers Association. Most of you are aware that we've already received the State Auditor's Award for our finance department and Ms. Strimlan received this award and I know she wasn't going to say anything herself so I decided to do that anyway. This is from Chicago, it says: The Certificate of Achievement of Excellence for Financial Reporting has been awarded to City of Orrville by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to: Janet L. Strimlan, Finance Director. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and

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motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional organization serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C. And while we receive this award quite often, I think we kind of have a tendency just to accept it as a common thing and there's an awful lot of communities that do not receive this award. I just think it's a real tribute to Ms. Strimlan and her whole group down in the finance department that do a great job for us so I wanted to mention that tonight. That's all I have. Thank you.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. We have a couple different moves that have occurred in the police department. We have a new hire, we have a new police officer coming on board. His name is Ryan Mace. He'll be a full-time officer. This leaves us still just one officer short as a result of retirements of being fully staffed in that department. We also have a promotion to sergeant; Andrew Dalessandro is being promoted to sergeant. That promotion will occur tomorrow morning. And we congratulate both those gentleman on their promotion and new hire. I'm sure they'll do a great job. Leaf pickup continues. The weather thankfully has cooperated a little more for us over the last few days. We will continue to work on leaf pickup as much as we need obviously as long as there's leaves out there we'll keep working. We do hope to have that wrapped up by the end of this week, if not early next week. Some project updates for you, Apple Avenue actually continues. That road has been completed, sidewalks are currently being poured on that project, they're back-filling and final grading and then we'll be done obviously after the sidewalks are completed. That Apple Avenue extension will be open to traffic two weeks from today. So that's exciting to have that project completed. That was completed in two phases over the last few years and it's been in the planning stage, well, since I got here in the last 5 or 6 years. So it's exciting that that project is nearing completion. South Crown Hill which is part of the OPWC project is completed as well. We're scheduled to do final walk through in the next week or two but that project is done. The Heatherwood asphalt overlay, base work has been completed but the final asphalt overlay will not occur until the weather improves which most likely will not be until spring unless we get this abnormal Indian winter which I don't know if there is such a thing. Concrete street projects as well is wrapping up. There is a small section of West Market Street that they're completing and actually that is going to be removed tomorrow with the pour on Wednesday and that will be, believe it or not, that will be the extent of the concrete street project and hopefully we'll be able to get back on and do some more concrete streets next year. That's my update for this evening.

Utility Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple of updates from all of our departments tonight, the electric utility did file its comments to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency concerning the greenhouse gas rule. AMP and other communities also included some of our comments in their broader comments. Our national association APPA filed some rather extensive comments a little bit over 200 pages of comments on some of the more global concerns that we have as an industry with this proposed rule. If you recall both our community and the City of Hamilton had a couple of units included in a data base that based on the EPA's definition of size and the units generating capacity it does not meet that definition. So our comments basically provided the technical and some legal support to get our name off of that list so as that rule moves forward we will hopefully be excluded by the burden of the requirements on that. We did have support of Ohio EPA as well as both of our senators and our congressman on this issue. Also in the timeframe where the EPA does its best work during Thanksgiving and Christmas the EPA has rolled out another rule. This one is targeting ozone. I did hand out a flier in your folders tonight. The first page basically shows back in 1977, or 1997 excuse me when the EPA first started regulating ground level ozone. You can see all the areas, all the counties across the nation that did not meet the standards. On the second page you can see today roughly 90% of those meet those standards that were established by the EPA. On the third page you can see the new standards and the areas that are potentially impacted by this. Currently Wayne County is sitting on the

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fringe of some of these areas. And the last page, assuming everybody plays nice, that's where the EPA believes the world will resolve itself as far as compliance goes. I'm not too sure what the folks out in California are going to do because that whole state's in trouble in there. Some of that they bring on themselves. But this will be a rule that we'll be watching rather closely. It's very closely tied to economic development in all the states. So the State of Ohio has its eye on the impact on anything that involves construction activity, plant expansions, new projects that may include road construction projects are areas that kick up some concerns that generate ozone out there in these lower standards will have a tightening or griping effect on economic development going forward as well as some things that start targeting utilities such as our as well as the investor owned co-ops in the state and across the nation. The water department has been very busy the past couple of weeks. This past Wednesday and Thursday we had two significant water main leaks on High Street. The first one was in front of East of Chicago Pizza; that was Wednesday, and then Thursday in front of Dravenstott's. The Thursday event just about drained our south water tower. That water leak was pretty catastrophic. Fortunately we were able to address those in a timely manner. We didn't have very much disruption to businesses. We did have Dairy Queen and Dravenstott's under a boil alert just for one day until we got favorable results back from our bacteria testing. The 10" water main has been on our target list. It's in our 5-year plan. We are currently reevaluating that for possible early replacement. The line is only 60 years old which is kind of young in the water pipe department but it looks like we may have some substandard piping. We're seeing some premature corrosion on the pipe and some premature stressing on that pipe. We're still doing some investigating and looking on developing a couple of contingency plans. But I do want to take the time to commend some of the workers who spent at least two back-to-back days working 'til 10-11 at night and that was on Thursday, that leak appeared right around noon time and those gentlemen didn't get home until close to 11 o'clock. And that was Todd Fetty our superintendent, Bob Steiner, Dave Brenneman, Duane Steiner and Dave Graber. And they did an outstanding job getting access to that pipe which was about roughly 10' underground and getting that repaired in a very timely manner. East of Chicago Pizza also stepped in and provided some hot food and beverages for the guys Wednesday there so we appreciate all the work they did for us there. In the Wastewater Department we've passed a number of resolutions dealing with the upcoming bid for the plant expansion projects. Last week we did receive seven bids. They fell within the range that the engineers estimated. The prices range from \$1.4 to \$1.8 million. We should have a recommendation coming from our engineers before the end of the week. We're expecting barring no surprises in that contract to issue those contracts before the end of the year. And just something to put on your 2015 calendar, March 9th -11th is APPA's annual legislative rally in Washington D.C. That's an event that every year roughly 15-1800 public power communities representatives converge on Washington D.C., get to meet our state associations folks and talk about some federal legislative issues that are currently on our radar scope and it's also a good opportunities to meet with our federal elected officials. If you have some interest in participating in that event let me know or my office know about that. And later on in May is the OMEA Mayor's Reception and that's in Columbus. That's a similar event but being held on a State level. The mayor, we've had some council members and some board members attend that in the past. That's an afternoon and early evening event and that's a good chance to meet with our state association AMP and also meet with our State legislative officials and it's a good opportunity to touch base with them and also convey some issues that we have going on back home. And with that, that would conclude my comments tonight, sir.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to thank Mayor Handwerk for sharing the information on the release of the GFOA award. I don't need to go into any more detail about the award, you've heard about it for quite a few years now but it is important to recognize that it's all the employees in the City that help make the award possible. They're all very conscientious which leads to clean audits and then clean reporting. And it is something that the City can be proud of. It's an

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accomplishment. Also I'd like to tell you that we're very busy with our yearend procedures. It's hard to believe we're here already. The auditors have already contacted us about coming in to start to do some preliminary work. So we're gearing up for that. We're also starting to get information together for our final appropriation discussions which will begin shortly after the first of the year. So it's very busy time for us. We'll keep you apprised of all the dates for the final appropriation meetings and as they'll appear on the agenda. I also do have several items relative to appropriations on the agenda tonight and I'll speak to those as they're presented. I did present to you the October Fund Balance Report and I do need a motion from Council to approve that subject to audit.

Vance moved to approve the Fund Balance Report; Hamsher seconded; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Law Director Kirkbride: Thank you, President. I don't have a report this evening. I just did want to mention I had sent an email out regarding a housekeeping matter this evening. We have a correction to make on a prior legislation so we have a motion that will be made, I believe as part of Old Business, to make that correction. I don't have anything further.

Council President Baker: I have no report this evening but I would like to congratulate John Lorson. I look forward to working with you on Council. And I would also like to congratulate Ms. Strimlan even though you've kinda of sloughed this thing off a little bit for the award that you received, it is a big award and it's something that I really appreciate and I'm sure that you appreciate the work that your staff does.

Strimlan: Absolutely. Thank you.

Baker: Thank you. We'll move to Old Business.

Old Business:

Wilson: As Mrs. Kirkbride mentioned I would like to make a motion to correct that error from previous motion made by Councilwoman Leathers at the November 17th meeting. The previous motion was made to amend Resolution 44-14 to rescind Resolution 34-14. That is the incorrect resolution to rescind. I hereby move to reinstate Resolution 34-14 and rescind Resolution 32-14. Corfman seconded; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 47-14 be placed on second reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 47-14**, 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, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Anyone have any comments for this one? This is the second reading. I think Ms. Strimlan explained it to us before. No more comments. This will go to the third reading then. That should finish our old business. We'll move to new business please.

New Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 49-14 be placed on first reading. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 49-14**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts in 2015 with other political subdivisions or districts to provide Police, Fire and/or EMS dispatch services and mutual aid to said political subdivisions or districts, and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: This is just an annual resolution we do just allowing us to move forward with any kind of EMS, Police, Fire, dispatch agreements or fire services agreements. It's something that we do every year in case we have anything that comes up.

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Lorson 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.

Lorson moved that Resolution 49-14 be adopted as read. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 50-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 50-14**, A Resolution authorizing the City of Orrville to sell by internet auction, or otherwise dispose of, Municipal personal property.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler, we do this each year. Is that correct?

Wheeler: That is correct. This simply allows us to sell any kind of personal property of the City's via eBay, GovDeals whichever avenue is most appropriate for what we are trying to sell. Obviously if it's cell phones we do very well on eBay. Karen Flinner handles those auctions and does a fantastic job. They have proven to actually do quite well for us as compared to the previous ways we used to dispose of our property.

Baker: I see no questions.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 50-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 51-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 51-14**, A Resolution authorizing the City of Orrville to sell by internet auction, or otherwise dispose of, unclaimed or forfeited property held by the Police Department.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler, this is similar.

Wheeler: Very similar the only difference is it is specifically for Police Department personal property as opposed to the City as a whole property. Again, Karen Flinner does these as well and does a very good job. We do typically use eBay or GovDeals on these as well.

Lorson 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.

Lorson moved that Resolution 51-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 52-14 be place on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 52-14**, A Resolution authorizing the extension of a certain agreement with Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc., for trash.

Wheeler: This is sort of just the second stage of our piggyback on the Newburgh Heights contract. Obviously with the amount of money that Kimble is putting into our contract with the free recycle carts and refuse carts, they've asked us to approve years 4 and 5 so that they know they have a 5 year commitment from the City. The terms of that commitment are outlined in the resolution and those are obviously the exact terms as the Newburgh Heights terms so there wasn't a whole lot of gray in regards to what those numbers will be. There is a CPI condition on that but not to exceed 5% which of course we've taken into account when considering what our rates may look like and we still feel very comfortable that the rates that are currently in place will still fit for those years 4 and 5 as well. And so that's our plan.

Baker: Anyone have any question?

Vance: I just wanted to make a comment that in the resolution you will see a different amount being charged per year for trash collection but that's the charge that goes to the City. What we're doing for the City is we have some savings in the initial few years and the savings that the City will see is going to

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be accrued and then when the increase comes in the later years in the contract, it would be above what we are currently paying, those savings will then be used to fund that increase. And so, therefore, we're able to offer a level trash rate for the next 5 years even though the rate that the City's paying is changing each year. So that was simply an approach we took, we thought would be a little bit more convenient for our citizens to know what their trash bill will be, it will be fixed for the next 5 years.

Wheeler: Well said, Mr. Vance. The only other thing to add, which is maybe a little unique in regards to the way things have been previously, is we do have a household unit rate plus we are paying per tonnage. So it is advantageous not only for the City obviously but for our residents as well to recycle, recycle, recycle. The less refuse, the more we save and potentially the more we can offset future increases after the 5 year term.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 52-14 be adopted as read. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 53-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 53-14**, A Resolution to appropriate fee simple title to the hereinafter described real property for the purpose of highway improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler, I think you explained this one last time but things changed a little bit.

Wheeler: This is actually like the second stage of that process. The previous Resolution 42-14 was a declaration of our intent to file in court. This resolution is actually, hey, we're filing in court. In the meantime, literally right before I walked up here, I did receive an email from the folks that are working on our right of way acquisitions for us and they did let us know that Beazer has signed all the documents needed for us to proceed with that title. So this process most likely will not be necessary, in fact, it will not be. The closing will occur on December 12. In talking to our law director she said while we're here just go ahead and move forward with this process just in case which is probably not a bad idea. So with that being said, this resolution allows us to file in court for eminent domain for that half acre of property which is needed on that far corner of the Beazer property for us to proceed with the High Street extension project. And if I may, the following resolution is for the temporary construction easements for that same project obviously that is a little over 7/10th of an acre and is required for us to utilize during construction and then obviously once that construction is completed that property would revert back to Beazer. With all that being said, I don't think we'll need either resolution but I'd better be safe than sorry. There is a deadline from DOT that all the right-of-way acquisition be completed by December 19 which is why we feel like we should go ahead and have the resolutions approved just in case since there is such a tight deadline and we want to keep the project on track. As you know we've been waiting anxiously to get this under construction. Be glad to answer any other questions you might have.

Baker: I don't see any questions. Move on.

Lorson 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.

Lorson moved that Resolution 53-14 be adopted as read. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 54-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: This is the other half of what Mr. Wheeler just described so we'll move on.

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RESOLUTION NO. 54-14, A Resolution to appropriate temporary construction easements in the hereinafter described real estate for the purpose of highway improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Questions or comments? I see none.

Lorson 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.

Lorson moved that Resolution 54-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 55-14 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 55-14,** 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.

Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll share a little bit of information. Hopefully all of council received a memo outlining each of these changes. This is mostly procedural or housekeeping in nature. But just to go over these changes, there are reductions in appropriations to the FEMA Grant Fund and also the Flexible Spending Fund. The reductions are necessary for the FEMA because the grant was not received in 2014 and our Flex Spending Fund was replaced with Health Savings Account that is handled externally. Because neither of the funds were used to the extent that we had originally anticipated in March, the revenue is less and needs to be revised with the County and in turn we should also revise the appropriations to the lesser amount. We're also modifying the gas tax MVL which is something we do every year at this time based on the work that's completed and the funds that have been received. The other modification that is slightly different this year is to our Capital Fund. It's to address a change in the OPWC grant procedure for just this year. Typically OPWC pays our contractors directly. This year it was necessary to expend the funds first and OPWC is going to reimburse those, in fact we're trying to work on that reimbursement right now. Hopefully it will be received before year end. The last change that's necessary is to our Health Insurance Fund for the additional costs that were incurred during the transition from self-insured to a fully insured plan. These costs will not reoccur. We were covering 2013 expenditures and claims that carried forward. So the premiums that Mr. McFarren outlined to you in his memo about the health insurance policy for 2015 for the employees should be the absolute cost of the program in 2015 barring any changes in personnel one way or the other. This doesn't need to be approved tonight if you have any further questions and want to sit down with me and discuss those we can do that as well.

Baker: Anyone have any questions for Ms. Strimlan now? No.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 55-14 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: That ends our New Business for this evening. You did a good job, Mr. Lorson. We will now move to the Good of the Order. Does anyone have anything for us this evening?

Mayor: I have one thing, Mr. President; you just kind of touched on it. Mr. Lorson, I did your job in the early 90's for 4 years and I know to step in there the first night and do what you did was not easy. So again I think you did a very good job with that too. I would also like to extend, as well as to all the council members, any time you have any questions at all, please feel free to get ahold of myself or any of our administration and ask because that's what we're here for.

Lorson: Thank you very much. I intend to do that.

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Corfman: I'd like to thank Mrs. Strimlan for the outstanding memo. And this is why you get the award and your staff. There's a lot of details and a lot of, I know how much work that goes into that thing. Just thank you.

Strimlan: Thank you.

Shupp: I have a question for Mr. Wheeler. How is the salt holding up?

Wheeler: So far so good. We're in good shape on the salt. Obviously with the initial storms in there we've had to use it a couple times already and already had some additional deliveries. We're full and ready for a couple months without salt use. Let's hope so anyways.

Vance: I just wanted to make a comment. I also wanted to congratulate Mr. Lorson and welcome him to City Council. And I thought it was worth noting that City Council broke with its tradition of traditionally appointing someone of the same party to fill a position, in this case we appointed the person we felt was most qualified and best suited for the job. Ms. Leathers was a republican; Mr. Lorson is a democrat. So naturally he will be wrong on some issues but we're used to dealing with that because we've got a couple other democrats on council as well. We can deal with that. We look forward to working together and I know you've got a smart comment because you're a very witty person and thanks for not saying anything immediately.

Lorson: Thanks for the vote of confidence, I guess.

Vance: Anyway, we appreciate your experience and your previous service to the City and look forward to working with you and just very glad that you stepped up and agreed to serve your community in this way. So thank you very much.

Lorson: It's a privilege to be here.

Baker: Anyone else?

Corfman moved to adjourn the council meeting and Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned 8:15 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council