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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Newton Brenneman offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Mayor Handwerk presented resident Jessie Walton with a "Fast Thinking" certificate for excellent use of basic first aid skills on October 24, 2014. Her fast actions saved her mother Paula's life when she choked on some food.

Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the December 15, 2014, regular meeting be adopted and Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

No report for Finance, Utilities, Parks and Recreations, Planning, Ordinance & Personnel  
Health & Safety – Vance: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to call a meeting of the Health & Safety Committee for January 26 @ 6:45 or at the conclusion of the Public Utilities Board meeting. We're meeting just to get a status update of the countywide dispatching discussions that have been taking place and so thought it would just be a good time for us just to get an update on all the discussions that are taking place, no decisions will be made, no decisions are being recommended, we're just getting an update at this point.

Transportation – Shupp: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report but I hope we've got plenty of salt for tomorrow.

Wheeler: Indeed we do, sir.

**Special Committee Reports:** None

**Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk: Nothing much tonight, Mr. President. I just want to announce that I will, at our next council meeting, do our State of the City address and then those will be followed in order the of the last couple of years, our directors will give their annual reports the next few weeks after that. So that will be our next council meeting we'll start that. Other than that, I'd like to just wish the Ohio State Buckeyes all the luck next week, next Monday night.

Vance: Is that the regular council meeting time or I know sometimes you've done that before the meeting.

Mayor: Right, yes, it will be right at council meeting time.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. This Thursday, January 8, is the first pick-up of the new carts, both recycle and waste carts. They are still in the process of delivering those if you haven't gotten yours yet, don't panic. They are still out and about delivering those. If you want to check in with us on the status, you are absolutely welcome to do that. But unless your neighbors have them I wouldn't worry about it too much. They did work the south end over the weekend. I think most of the south end did receive theirs. All of us are putting them to good use already I'd assume. And just a reminder to everyone, all trash is now being picked up only on Thursdays so make sure you have your trash out there Thursday morning or Wednesday evening. As Mr. Shupp mentioned, we are preparing for the winter weather advisory which is in effect from 1 am -1 pm tomorrow or tonight at 1 am. We are

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ready. We have plenty of salt in reserve and we do expect the roads to be a little bit rough in the morning. Obviously we will be working on them all night but use caution when driving in the morning. And hopefully we don't need all the salt we have ready but it's there and waiting if we do. And that's my report for tonight.

Shupp: On the trash containers, are we to use those this week if we have them?

Wheeler: Correct. Yes, sir.

Shupp: Will everyone maybe have them by the 8<sup>th</sup>?

Wheeler: Everyone should have them by Thursday. If for whatever reason you don't, you're still welcome to put your trash out regularly. It's not that we're saying don't put your trash out unless you have the carts. But I fully expect everyone to have them if not by tomorrow.

Shupp: Good enough. Thank you.

Wheeler: Yes, sir.

Utility Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple brief comments: This week the AMP scholarship packets went out to all the area high school guidance counselors. These are for graduating high school seniors in school districts where they are served by the electric utility. So that includes Orrville and the surrounding areas. Those scholarship information packets are due back into their respective guidance counselor's offices towards the end of the month. They need to be in our office by January 27<sup>th</sup>, so all of you that have procrastinating seniors, if such a person does exist out there, ask them about that scholarship package. If you recall last year we did have our first award winner that was Joel Zook. And that is a \$2,000 scholarship that our state electric association provides and they provide up to 8 of these scholarships on an annual basis. So if there's any questions concerning that, check with your high school guidance counselor office. There is an application form, there will be some transcripts that will accompany that application, and there will be a short essay on the benefits of public power in our community. So be looking for that and again have parents get after those high school seniors and make sure that they turn that in on time. I know this is the time when a lot of those academic scholarships and all those activities start coming into play as kids get ready for the first year in academic world. And the last note, a new year, I want to congratulate or thank everybody and wish everybody a happy new year. We will have a busy new year even though congress does not start work until tomorrow we are a little more optimistic with the 114<sup>th</sup> congress this year. Trying to be an optimistic person there, we still have a lot of work to do. These folks can't undo a lot of work that's already come out of Washington there but maybe they can make what's coming down the road in the future a little bit more palatable to us. And with that, that will conclude my small amount of comments tonight.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to follow up on our last council meeting and our reporting on House Bill 5. It appears as though there may have been some inconsistencies in the interpretation of the City's position in regards to that bill. The Mayor is setting up a meeting with Senator LaRose and also Representative Amstutz to better explain our position and the potential impact of the bill in years to come. We will let you know when that meeting has been arranged, if any of you would like to attend.

Mayor: Ms. Strimlan, I can tell you that it has been arranged. I've been texting back and forth with Senator LaRose tonight and he's going to be here Friday afternoon about 3:30.

Strimlan: Okay. Great. So Friday at 3:30 pm if anyone would like to attend. I'm sure it will be in our conference room downstairs. At our next meeting I will be distributing the final appropriations calendar for 2015. The schedule will be very similar to past years. We'll have our first reading, a workshop the following week, and then final reading of that resolution before the end of March. The exact dates will

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be distributed at the next meeting. Also I distributed the Fund Balance Report for November 30, 2014. I would ask for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Hamsher so moved. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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

Council President Baker: I also have no report this evening. And we have no old business on the agenda so we will move to our new business. Mr. Lorson.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Lorson moved that Resolution 1-15 be place on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for project administration and inspection of the WAY-Mill Street Demolition project, in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Any news for us Mr. Wheeler.

Wheeler: I don't know about news but just to update you. This resolution allows us to enter into a construction administration contract with K. E. McCartney & Associates out of Mansfield. We are opening bids tomorrow on the demolition of 400 North Mill Street. We do anticipate DOT will then allow us to proceed with awarding that contract. As a requirement of it being a local project, we are required to have construction administration oversight, another layer of oversight if you will, required by the Department of Transportation. This contract allows us to do that. You have to be certified with the Department of Transportation in order to do this type of work so it's not simple as getting someone, picking someone, you have to have someone that's on the DOT approved list and K.E. McCartney is. And in effort to keep the project moving forward, as you know this has dragged on a little bit for us, so I would request approval as expeditiously as possible.

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 1-15 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: Thank you. That should end our new business for this evening also. Anyone have anything for the good of the order this evening?

Lorson: I would like to publicly thank the folks who put together the holiday canned food drive in this area every year; the Orrville Fire Fighters Association, the Salvation Army, the Lion's Club, the public library and the University of Akron Wayne College all teamed together this year to help collect and distribute the cans. So many people are involved in that operation and so many businesses are very generous of their time and equipment and their employee's time and it's really a fantastic thing. One hundred eighty families received right around 100 lbs. of food a piece. Sara Ecker at the Salvation Army tells me that's about 600-800 individuals served by that program. So I'd just like to publicly thank them.

Hamsher moved to adjourn the council meeting and Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned 7:47 PM.

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Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

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