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Council President Baker called the meeting to order.

Pastor Marvin Zuercher from Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Wilson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting April 6, 2015, be approved as documented and Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Standing Committee Reports:**

No report for Utilities, Health & Safety, Parks & Recreation, Planning or Ordinance & Personnel

Finance – Aspiras – Thank you, Mr. President. Finance Committee did meet earlier this evening to discuss the opportunity of an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant that would be in the amount of \$500,000.

Vance: It's a loan. Aspiras: Excuse me? Vance: It's a loan. Aspiras: Excuse me. Correct. A loan for \$500,000 that would be a zero interest loan that can be stretched out over the course of 20 years. And that loan, if we decide to procure that loan that will be used toward street and concrete repairs and replacement. So Ms. Strimlan is going to be drafting up some legislation and we're going to move forward with that. There's certainly, if you look around town, there's no shortage of street work that needs to be done. And that's all I have this evening. Thank you.

Transportation – Shupp – Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report but I would have a question for Mr. Wheeler. Do you have any idea when the Kenwood and Meadow Lane projects are going get rolling? Wheeler: Yes. They are scheduled to begin that next week. Weather permitting as always if the rain would cooperate with us that would be helpful. Shupp: I've had numerous people asking me where are they at. Wheeler: I'm sure. It won't be long; they should be back in there in the next week or so. Shupp: Thank you.

**Special Committee Reports:** None

**Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I have two items tonight. The first one would be just to mention our employee of the month and that is Matt Curren. Matt was hired in 2014 and is a Lab Technician at our Wastewater Division. Matt is originally from Marion, Ohio, and is an Ohio State graduate. Matt was previously employed by Florida State University. I don't know what happened there but we'll excuse him for that. And his research when he worked there included working in Antarctica. So that's pretty interesting background for Matt. Matt's lab experience and organizational skills and positive attitude really make him a valuable asset to the Wastewater Division. He and his wife Kara, and son Addison live in Wooster. Matt chose to dine at Jerry's and we're actually doing that tomorrow. And then secondly I would like to announce that we will, as we do every year, we have our Arbor Day service which will be this Friday and that's at 2 o'clock at the park. We will be doing a proclamation celebrating Arbor Day but also in memory of Dave Steiner who was an employee of our Utilities Tech Services Department who passed from cancer this past year and a tree will be planted in his memory at Orr Park this Friday. And that's all I have.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a reminder that the compost center is now open on Wednesdays and Saturdays. I was out there this past Saturday morning; it was very busy. So it is being utilized on those Saturday's so we're glad we were able to add that extra day of service and that actually started last year. Water and the restrooms are now open at the park. Mowing has begun at the cemetery and the parks. As everyone knows potholes are being patched. Storm drains are being repaired and replaced. And finally the salt spreaders were put away. And the East High Street truck route work which is part of our ODOT project actually we had a pre-con meeting last week. They are scheduled to start next couple weeks. We do have one final approval that's required in order to get started but it should be here any day now. And also if you notice Apple Avenue is down to one lane that's just some punch list items being done by the contractor that they weren't able to

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complete last year. So most of that is just grading and seeding and some work like that. They should be out of there in the next couple of weeks as well. And that's my report for tonight. Baker: Anyone have any questions? Shupp: Yes, thank you. Mr. Wheeler, on the recycle center down there that's opened Wednesday and Saturday's, you're allowed to take trees, cut trees, branches, what about shrubbery? Wheeler: Yes. Shupp: If the root ball is on it? Wheeler: Oh, yeah, I would think so. It is really anything they are able to compost. So I don't think that'd be an issue at all. Shupp: So even if you pull the whole shrub out it can be down there. Wheeler: Sure, if you're man enough to do it that way.

Utility Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. I just have a couple of informational items. Over the past couple weeks several of our residents have received a letter from AEP talking about their electric service and some options they may or may not have. I just wanted to let you know that if you're a customer of ours you can disregard this letter from AEP. But they are offering you to stay with them or switch suppliers. So apparently they don't know who their customers are. I'd like to think that we do. So just ignore any publications that were sent to "Attention AEP Customers in Orrville". The second item is Orrville was selected to be a small entity representative as part of a small business administration office of advocacy representative. What this office does and what this group does is they convene panels of impacted small entities like ourselves that may be affected by proposed EPA regulations. And this process has been engaged as a result of a proposed greenhouse gas rule. I will be joining 2200 other executives and small municipalities and co-ops throughout the country to get some of our issues brought up more in front of the agency especially from an economic perspective. It is one of the statues that's imbedded in all the major EPA rule makings as they have to pay some special attentions at least on paper anyhow the impacts that these regulations have on smaller entities like ourselves that may not have the resources or the ability to spread the cost of these regulations across multiple plants. So we have already begun that process. We've had a couple of webinars so far, some information has exchanged the group already. This will go on while this rule is being proposed and studied over the next several months. We participated in this process on two prior occasions. One of those I would categorize as it was moderately successful. The other one was more or less a check the box. The EPA convened a panel, they said they did, the panel convened, didn't have a chance to do any work but they were able to move on to the next step and move the rule forward regardless. So we'll see how this process goes. I always try to be a little bit optimistic and believing that some of our issues and concerns can be heard at the Federal level. It's nonetheless an opportunity for us to be a little bit more engaged in this rule and another direct response or an opportunity to directly engage the Federal EPA on major rule makings that will not only have an impact on our plant but also the Prairie State coal fired plant asset that we have out in Illinois and somewhat will have some direct impact on our Fremont Natural Gas plant too. Other than that, that's all I have tonight, sir.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I did distribute the Quarterly Investment Report for the City for the first quarter of 2015. We do not require a motion but rather just the minutes to reflect that it was distributed to all of Council. My annual report is this evening so I will defer my comments to the report.

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

Council President Baker: This evening I have no report but I do want to remind everyone that our parks are now open. Actually they've been open all winter just not very many people wanted to go out and play in the snow there. But the weather is improving. It may have been rainy today but I've noticed over the weekend and as I drive by after I get off work each day, there's usually either ball games or practice going on there. When you drive by the park just remember to keep in mind that some of those young kids don't notice your car as quickly as they ought to so it's up to us that are driving by to keep our eye out for them. We have no old business scheduled for this evening so we will move to new business. Mr. Lorson.

### **New Business:**

Lorson moved that Resolution 9-15 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION 9-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a

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contract and/or contracts for the resurfacing of City Hall parking lot, Section 12 drives in Crown Hill Cemetery, and Country Lane, in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: Well just wanted to clarify on the resolution obviously we have budgeted for the City Hall parking lot as well as for section 12 asphalt overlay. Country Lane is one of the worst condition streets in the City currently. I mean obviously we have a few on that list. But I'm curious to see what it would cost to asphalt overlay that. So I'm asking for permission to go ahead and advertise for bids for that to be an alternate bid. But we're actually going to add it on to Back Massillon resurfacing. It really doesn't make sense for it to be as part of those two fairly small projects. So it will be an alternate. If the price comes in fantastically where there's some economy of scale to do it then maybe I'll come back to you and say hey I want to do that this year. I don't expect that to happen unfortunately but I wanted to get it on the radar and I thought this was a good opportunity to at least see what, see if there might be some economies of scale of doing that. It does make tremendously more sense though to add it to Back Massillon. So it will be added to Back Massillon project and not to this particular project.

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 9-15 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 10-15 be placed on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION 10-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts for engineering services for the Back Massillon Road Reconstruction Project, and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: I think this one is pretty straight forward. Just want to get moving on this project. And obviously the first step in that is the engineering. The engineer has actually already done some preliminary work on it with some cost estimates and such so that I could, we could, plan appropriately and so we're ready to go as soon as the resolution gets approved to get them going full force.

Vance: Thank you, Mr. President. Are we still working with the County engineer on this or...?

Wheeler: They're in the loop. I will definitely make sure that they're aware that we're proceeding with engineering. I've already made those calls as well but I know they were trying to delay their portion at least until they came up with a game plan on it. But in the meantime since the funds are there and there is an urgency to it obviously from the condition of the street, I say let's move forward on ours.

Vance: So we'll, when you say "ours" is that our portion? Or are we doing the entire road?

Wheeler: No. We'll do our portion. We'll do all what's in the City limits.

Vance: Which is about where?

Hamsher: About to the bridge?

Wheeler: Yes. Right around there. Just back a little bit.

Vance: So the worst part really?

Wheeler: Yes. And the other part isn't tremendously better by any means but it is a little better; right.

Shupp: Mr. Vance kind of asked my question there. I was going to have him clarify for the people what sections of the Back Massillon Road was our responsibility.

Wheeler: Our responsibility is in the City limits.

Shupp: Yes. Is, that's just slightly west of the bridge.

Wheeler: That's correct; yes.

Shupp: Thank you.

Wheeler: And to clarify, maintenance – routine maintenance of that street is our responsibility all the way up to Main Street. That's part of an agreement that was reached many years ago. But any kind of major replacement or repair is not included in that agreement.

Aspiras: I would just say this can't come quick enough. I actually had four people this weekend ask me when are you guys going to fix that thing up?

Wheeler: Probably the most popular street as far as ones that whenever I'm out someone says what are you doing about Back Massillon. So, yeah, and we did recently do some patching and repair work there to try to get us through until this project occurs but as we know that's a band aid at this point.

Shupp: Just tell them it's the County's.

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Lorson moved that Resolution 10-15 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: That finishes our New Business for this evening. This evening we are going to be entertained by Ms. Strimlan's annual Finance Report.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan presented the Finance Department annual report. (Copy on file.)

Baker: Ms. Strimlan, thank you for that report. We will now move to the next part of our meeting which is comments for the Good of the Order. Anyone have anything this evening?

**Good of the Order**

Corfman: Beautiful city and lots to do; have fun, it's great out there.

Vance: I'm going to Rich's house. He's going to have fun and enjoy the beautiful city.

Hamsher moved to adjourn the council meeting and Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned 8:17 PM.

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Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council