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July 6, 2015

Council President Baker called the meeting to order and Newton Brenneman offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Corfman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting July 6, 2015, as posted; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; Hamsher abstained; all remaining, yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

No report for Finance, Utilities, Health & Safety, Parks & Recreation, Transportation, Planning, and Ordinance & Personnel.

Baker: This evening we do have one item that our clerk is going to bring forward tonight.

Feudo: Thank you, Mr. President. We have an application from Robert Lepley at 1780 Smucker Road requesting a rezoning from R-1 to C-2 to put in a daycare facility. And we need to refer this to Planning Commission.

Baker: Thank you. That does not require a vote right now. That just gets referred.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple of items tonight. This evening at 6:30 p.m. several of us were able to see a demonstration by our police dog, Freddy. I want to thank Sgt. McGreal for making that possible for us, arranging that. And Officer Smith, who is the dog handler, Mike Smith, and also Officer Cory Shane who was there to wear the padding and run away from the dog. Brave guy there! But very, very amazing demonstration out there. We did that at the Boys Club soccer field, football field out there. Very impressive. I think we can all be very lucky that we have Freddy on duty here in town. He's made a big difference in our Police Department, I know that. Also since we are off the month of August as far as council meetings are concerned, I wanted to mention that the Orrville Lion's Club will be doing the Rib and Music Fest again this year, August 14 & 15th. This group puts a tremendous amount of effort into planning of this with meetings going back almost as soon as the one was done last year. They do a fabulous job of preparation and so I want to invite as many people as possible to come down and enjoy one of those days or evenings on the 14th and 15th. That's also the same weekend and in conjunction with the all school class reunion for Orrville. And so we'll have many different people here from different classes Orrville High School that graduated and will be here. Some have their own class parties going on and class reunions, others will just be mingling and enjoying the whole Rib and Music Fest. So should be very nice and we thank all the groups, the reunion group, the alumni group, working together with the Lion's Club and vice versa and all the downtown businesses, there are some, they're very cooperative. We do close down Market Street on Friday afternoon for that so things can get set up. Smith Orr Homestead works very well with the Lion's Club on that with the car show. All we need is nice weather. We had great weather for that last year and hopefully we will this year too. That's all I have.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. The new defibrillator went into service last week for the EMS. Hopefully we don't have to use that very often but it is there. East High Street will be closed at Main Street for the East High Street extension project. This will take the next few weeks. There will be access off of Orr Street onto Walnut but there will not be access off of High Street. The concrete street replacement project will be full speed starting next Monday, a week from today so you'll see those folks out and about in town. The next and final Family Movie Night, final for the season Family Movie Night, is Friday, August 7th featuring McFarland USA. I've actually seen this one and it's a great movie actually. Great family movie. It is sponsored by The Hummel Group. July 23rd is the next concert performance out at the park and that's The Dan Zola Orchestra. The sounds of bands like Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, and Sinatra just to name a few. So that should be a great night as well. And then the final performance is August 6th and that's The Belairs. And I've seen that band as well and they actually are phenomenal as well. And they take you on a trip back in time to the fabulous 50's and 60's, journey to the days of the Twist, the Mashed Potato and the Stroll which I'm sure everyone here can do. And that's my report for tonight.

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Utility Director Brediger: Excused.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. The 2014 audit is going to be released by the Auditor's office for the State of Ohio tomorrow. So when you return from break we'll have a copy of the CAFR on CD for you to review again, in a little easier format. The statement of work was delivered last week from Harris. That's our chosen ERP vendor if you recall. Our law director is reviewing the agreement. It is a 23-month implementation schedule with a payment schedule that does coincide with the implementation tasks. So when Council returns from break we should have a schedule worked out and we can begin sharing progress reports with you on that implementation. Two and a half days last week Mr. Nussbaum, the income tax administrator, and I were in Columbus for Municipal Income Tax seminar to review the necessary changes that will need to be implemented to comply with House Bill 5, that as you know was passed December of last year. So in the next few months we're going to be making many changes with our software, with our income tax ordinance, with notifying all of the businesses and residents in town of changes in filing dates and requirements. We'll also begin working on that ordinance while you're on break and we'll probably have to schedule several workshops when you return so that we can review that sample ordinance and get that passed prior to January 1st so that we can retain our ability to collect income tax. Also, I did distribute the Fund Balance Report for May and June prior to the meeting. I would ask for a motion to approve those subject to audit. Corfman moved to approve the fund balances subject to audit. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yes; motion passed.

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

Council President Baker: For my report this evening I want to echo the Mayor. I enjoyed my chance to get to see Freddy run. It's amazing how quick a dog can run with his nose touching the ground. And I learned something. Freddy doesn't look at what he's looking for, it's all by nose. And I was amazed watching him run back and forth with his nose down the whole time. It was interesting. They did ask me at the beginning if I was willing to be the decoy. I did turn it down. I didn't figure they had enough padding to go around my arms and the rest of me. So Cory got to do it instead. But it was a very interesting demonstration. It was something that hopefully they can go again so more people can get a chance to see Freddy work. You can tell he enjoys it. He's having a good time out there. That's all I have for this evening. We have no old business scheduled and we have no new business scheduled. So Mr. Lorson you got a pass tonight. It's your lucky day too. Does anyone have anything for the Good of the Order this evening?

Good of the Order:

Lorson: I do, Mr. President. Since we won't reconvene until school has begun I would like to remind people that really actually starting now with sports practices and band practice and things like that, there are a lot of kids coming and going all the time on bicycles and mopeds and on foot. Kids are out on the roads training for running events and things like that. It's really important to be super vigilant at this time of year when you're behind the wheel. I know that Councilman Corfman and I have spent a lot of time through the years on bicycles and noticed that in August of every year, I don't know what it is, people just quit paying attention. You know I can number in the dozens just this past week the times that people would almost pull out in front of me or something like that. Summer gets long, people get tired. You know, you're in the car with your windows up and the air conditioning on and it's easy to become complacent and you really, really need to pay attention. Especially in town where kids are coming home tired from practice or going back to their second practice of the day tired. Please just be heads up.

Baker: Thank you. Does anyone have anything?

Wilson moved to adjourn the council meeting and Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned 7:44 PM.

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Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council