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Council President Pro Tem Paul Vance called the meeting to order. Pastor John Mulpas from Orrville Christian Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Vance: Mr. Hamsher will be here momentarily. He had parent/teacher conferences and is on his way.

Corfman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 8, 2015, as posted; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; Aspiras abstained; all remaining, yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

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

Utilities – Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. Utilities, there is a Power Cost Adjustment coming. Mr. Brediger will go into details during his report. And at the end of New Business I'm going to make a motion and I will ask that we go into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Health & Safety – Vance: I would like to call a Healthy and Safety committee meeting for next Monday, September 28, immediately following the Utility Board meeting usually 6:45 PM or 7 PM. The purpose of that meeting is to discuss the MARCS radio system which a number of departments in the county are considering purchasing so we are considering going in along with that so we'll have some representatives here to learn more about that system. And discuss a possible purchase here by the City. So that would be next Monday, the 28th.

Hamsher arrived. 7:34.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, President Pro Tem. I would like to just mention that most of you probably are familiar with our Proud to be Your Neighbor program that we've had and it's actually now eight years since we've started that. Actually Councilman Lorson's wife was one of the ones that helped get that started with me those eight years ago. Just want to thank all the people in town that do such a good job and not necessarily just those that have been chosen for that over the last years but we have a number of people that do a very nice job keeping their property's up and making our community look nice. I just want them to know that that's very much appreciated. Whether you own your own home or whether you rent, for all of our community it's just nice when people take pride of where they live. We're also doing much better with the trash and recycle containers. Now that we have had them for a while. Most of our citizens are doing a great job of getting them off the curb and back to their property either on the same day or at least by the next day after trash is picked up. The ones that we've had problem with in general are the same people that left the yellow recycle bins laying out there before. So that really has nothing to do with the new containers it's just the same issue. And hopefully that will keep getting better. Our tree removal program, Mr. Wheeler may be talking a little bit about that in his report, I don't know. It is ongoing. If you're in town you've seen that quite a few trees have come down the last week or so. And these are mostly all trees that are affected by the emerald ash borer and most of them it's very obvious why they're coming down, they're visibly dead already from this insect. There's a few other trees that have been taken down that have caused people to show some interest about why is this one taken down. Some of them are coming down because of other issues. Could be that it's pushing sidewalks up and causing problems with the property owner and so forth. Or it might have been requested by a property owner. So there are some other ones that are coming down but predominantly it is mostly the ash trees. Just the procedure that's followed, some other questions have come up about the wood that's laying out on the tree lawn after those trees are taken down. When a tree is cut down, the homeowner has the first option to keep the wood for firewood if they choose to. If people are not interested in that, then our city crew will leave it lay there for a few days. If someone else is interested in that wood, it's always a good practice to go ask the property owner first because you don't know if they've already told somebody else that they can take it. But if you can get a hold of the property owner, check with them. If they don't want it then it's basically free to whoever wants to get it out of there. That actually saves our crew some work if other people are interested in using that for firewood. So that works out for everybody. If no one takes it after a few days, when our crew can get back up there, they will pick it up and take it back to the location where they usually have wood

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there and that doesn't usually last there very long. There's been times where they've taken trees down there, behind the service center, and by the next afternoon it's gone already. There's radar out there for people that are looking for firewood, they know when it's coming down. Okay. I think that's all I have. Thank you.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. Concrete streets obviously, we're currently working hard on those. Elm Street's been completed, we're now over to Hostetler, purely on Hostetler. All traffic is one way eastbound. We're hoping within the next week to two weeks, weather dependent, we'll be starting the portion east of Elm Street. And once that occurs, traffic will be one way heading east to west then so that there's access into the industrial park for deliveries. Back Massillon, the asphalt is done. If you haven't been back there, I recommend it. It looks like a new road compared to what it was before you won't even recognize it. You won't even feel like you're on Back Massillon any more. So I do recommend you take a look at that. They are doing some berm work tomorrow and doing the painting of the lines on Wednesday and then they're out of there. So that work is literally done road wise just a little bit of TLC now on the berms and painting. City Hall parking lot is obviously closed currently. Today they actually did grind the asphalt and are scheduled to pave yet this week. I suspect they'll probably get to that Wednesday or Thursday. Cemetery drive, after they do the parking lot, they move to Section 12. And East High Street, still working on widening. There's a few more weeks of work left yet on the widening of the intersection there on Main. October 12, Eclipse, the contractor, is scheduled to tie in Orr Street and High Street and then they'll be able to begin the work of removing concrete on Orr Street and asphalt. And believe it or not, we have our first burial tomorrow in the ash garden. And just a reminder that all the ash garden lots are for sale at a discounted rate currently; \$200 for residents, \$400 for non-residents through the end of the year. And then at the first of the year they will be their regular rates at \$300 and \$500. We have had some sales already obviously. So folks are showing an interest in those lots. That's my report for tonight.

Utility Director Brediger: Thank you, sir. Just to follow up on Councilman Corfman's comment, the Public Utilities Board did make an adjustment to the 2nd quarter Power Cost Adjustment Factor at its last board meeting. The power cost factor change will result in roughly 2.9% increase on a typical residential customer's bill that's a little bit over a dollar a month. The change is mainly due to lower credits that we received in the wholesale sale markets. We had some real nice sales the first quarter of the year and those, any wholesale sales that we made go to drive down those purchased power costs. We just didn't have those sales due to the mild temperatures. As a reminder the first quarter

Power Cost Adjustment Factor actually went down 2.9%. So for the year we're at net zero from a rate perspective. Just a reminder on the natural gas aggregation program, customers can still sign up for that program any time they like. You may have received in the mail a brochure from Ohio Natural Gas and one of the rate comparisons that they do have on this is our current supplier IGS. They do show them on their little chart as being at a higher rate than our natural gas aggregation program is. So I just wanted to bring that to your attention because our rate is \$3.23 mcf and on this particular chart they show that as higher but they obviously aren't aware that we have this aggregation program that saves our customers a lot more money on that. And again you can sign up any time. If you're currently enrolled you don't have to do anything. If you want to be enrolled, you just give our office a call or look for the 1-800 number on the Dominion Gas invoice you have. With that, that concludes my report tonight.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, sir. I have one item this evening and that is the Fund Balance Report for the period ending August 31st. I would ask for a motion from Council to approve the report subject to audit. Aspiras so moved; Hamsher seconded; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. That's all I have this evening.

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

Council President Pro Tem Vance: Our Council President Mr. Baker is not here tonight. He is suffering from sand-between-the-toes; spending time on the beach with his kids and grandkids. You all know how important his family is to him. So he is, I'm sure, in 7th heaven right now with all his family. Hopefully he's having a good time. Moving on to old business. We have no old business or new business on our agenda this evening.

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Corfman moved to go into executive session to discuss items of legal matters. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. 7:44 PM

Corfman moved to adjourn executive session. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. 8:09 PM

Corfman moved to adjourn the council meeting and Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned 8:10 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council