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Council President Baker called the meeting to order. Brad Dews from Orrville Baptist Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Vance moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting October 19, 2015. Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

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

Finance – Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't have anything new tonight but I will take the time just for two reminders that I mentioned at our last regular council meeting. We do have a Finance Committee meeting and council workshop after Utility Board next Monday, November 9, and that's just after the 6:30 Utility Board meeting. We will be talking about our new income tax ordinance and reflection to HB5. The other reminder, I will remind the group that 2016 temporary appropriations calendars were passed out and workbooks are expected to be to council sometime next week and then that will be up for first reading on November 16 at our next regular council meeting. And that's all I have. Thank you, Mr. President.

Utilities – Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. Utilities didn't meet however several members of City Council got to enjoy a tour of the Wastewater plant last Monday. It was very informative; very entertaining as always when you visit a wastewater plant. And I want to thank the Director Brediger for arranging that for us. That's all.

Baker: We have no special committee reports. We'll move to administrative reports, Mayor Handwerk.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to just hope that everyone can get a chance to get out and enjoy this weather this week. I have a hunch we probably won't see too much more of this after this week, sounds like maybe even after Thursday. If you're looking for something to do, I'm sure there's people that could use leaves to be raked. So if you don't have any of your own, there's plenty of them out there if you need something to do outside. Also I wanted to wish good luck to the girls' volleyball team as they approach the regionals this week and hopefully they have a successful week. And that's all I have.

Baker: Thank you. Our Safety Service Director, Mr. Wheeler.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Just an early reminder, it's hard to believe that I'm already reminding everyone of this, but Home for the Holidays is November 27th, that's Friday at 5pm. Also Shop with a Cop tickets are now in and are available for sale at the Orrville Police Department. They will be available in a few businesses through town but we're still finalizing those details. East High Street work continues. Actually the tie in to Orr Street has been completed. They actually striped the new road today and are in the process of moving forward on some removal of asphalt and concrete on Orr Street. Armstrong is going to be in to move some fiber optics out of the intersection there. And the poles have to be installed yet too. So we're getting very close to be able to open up East High. Hostetler, they'll be pouring concrete Wednesday or Thursday of this week. They do have about two weeks left to work on Hostetler and then we'll be able to move out of there and wrap up our concrete work for the year. And also today was the first day of leaf pickup. They did start on the

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south end. They'll continue on the south end for the rest of the week and head to the north end next week and give everyone a week or two to recollect leaves if there are any left and then we'll be out for final pass the week of November 30th. Also, not necessarily in the City limits, but definitely impacting everyone, hopefully everyone's aware that Church Street on Route 57 is closed this week. So if you're trying to head out of town going south on 57 you will not be able to do that. There is a detour around and that does goes down West Oak Street. So I would urge everyone to avoid that area if possible. That is actually for some railroad crossing reconstruction and the roads are being closed and detoured by the Ohio Department of Transportation. And that's my report for tonight.

Vance: Is the City responsible for the signage there for the detour?

Wheeler: No. But I will say we weren't happy with some of the signage. They were detouring people down Sassafras instead of Oak so we did do some afternoon rearranging obviously because it makes no sense to send folks down Sassafras in order to go around the detour.

Vance: Ok. And it just says it's closed at the railroad crossing but it doesn't mention that you can't turn down church road. And I know at our location we had semi's that were continuing down South Main with no way to turn around. I didn't know if there was anyway, we just need a sign that says turn around here.

Wheeler: We'll talk with them. Actually we were down there today and unfortunately we didn't, DOT is the one responsible for the signs and we weren't able to find them. It's a railroad project so the railroad folks were there but they didn't know when DOT would be there. So we'll check it and keep checking it and try to get them to add some signage down there. We had the same concerns though.

Vance: I was glad I wasn't at City Hall today because I'm sure the phone was ringing. Anyway I know we had a lot of semis with nowhere to go. But of course if it says road closed, I don't know why so many people continue down the road.

Wheeler: I don't think they believe it. Also I'll mention today was our first day of rentals for next year, Schmid Hall, pavilions, etc. We had almost \$3000 in rentals today alone. So the phone was ringing off the hook but most of the calls were for Jeanne for rentals.

Shupp: Mr. Wheeler, I was wondering do you have kind of a date set for the completion at High Street and Main with the poles and the light fixtures?

Wheeler: The poles are actually in and they are now, the subcontractor is going to come in and do that work. DOT has asked for a revised schedule. Once we have that I will get it over to you. It's literally all that's waiting now is for those new poles to be installed there at the intersection.

Shupp: You're getting new poles. We're not going to use the existing poles for that correct? 'Cause I noticed one of them pretty badly damaged.

Wheeler: Correct. And that's actually all that we're waiting for now in order to really get the street open is the poles.

Shupp: The controls for the lights and everything has been moved so that's out of the way also in the radius there.

Wheeler: Yes, sir. And actually that work was actually done by our folks.

Shupp: We did that here recently. It wasn't done last week, it wasn't completed. And a number of people asking when that's going to get finished.

Wheeler: That was in the last couple of weeks. I understand. We actually met with DOT again today and there's definitely a sense of urgency to get that completed.

Shupp: And also how much of Orr Street are they going to tear out at this point in time?

Wheeler: Orr Street will be torn out from the tie-in area on Orr Street obviously, Orr Street will be torn up, east of that to Mill and then Mill will still pass through and then on the other side of that, it will torn out from Mill to Walnut and that's all that's going to be torn out right now.

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Shupp: Okay. Eventually though it will closed between Walnut and Main also, correct?

Wheeler: Correct.

Shupp: At some point in time.

Wheeler: Correct. To be very honest one of the things we met up with DOT about today was about that intersection so I'll update you on that when I hear more on that as well.

Shupp: Thank you.

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Wheeler. We'll move to our Utility's Director, Mr. Brediger.

Utility Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Nothing to comment on from the utility front other than last week Congress did adopt their two-year budget. When we were alerted by AMP and OMEA last week that they were fast-tracking this budget, and we had some current concerns over the continuation of the sequestration. I did pass out a white paper position concerning that. But the Mayor and I did reach out to both our senator's offices and Congressman Renacci's office to let them know that hopefully as part of their budget discussions that they were going to end the sequestration with respect to how that impacted the bonds that we have taken out for our Prairie State and hydro projects. Unfortunately we weren't very successful in that. The House and Senate did adopt to extend the sequestration and those subsidy payments for the Build America Bonds that finance both of those projects. We have taken out, collectively, between 85 municipalities that are participating in those two long-term generation projects over \$2.2 billion in bonds. This latest round of sequestration will cost us roughly \$70 million in interest fees which that will translate back into higher energy costs for all of us. So far, through two sequesters we have collectively lost over \$11 million in interest due to those, they were supposed to be recession incentive bond offerings by the Federal government. So every time we are in Washington and they talk about the budget we do bring up this matter with them. It was a covenant that we entered into with the Federal Government when we went out for some of this major financing a number of years or so ago and each time they have saw fit to reduce some of those payments and put those back into the general Federal Government coffers as well as raising the debt ceiling out there. When we're in Washington again later on this spring for our annual legislative rally, we will be having those discussions again with our elected officials and all I can say is elections can't come soon enough. If you have any questions on the handout that I provided that does give you a little bit more history and background on why we chose those bonds, the tax incentive behind them and why they've made investment in some of these long-term power projects so attractive to us and now they are losing some of that appeal to that. So when you have the opportunity to meet with our elected officials in Washington, let them know we're still not happy about that. They still have options on that. They can repeal some of those incentives that have been taken away in prior sequesters. We were asking for that, too. And didn't get our way on that one either. So we'll continue to work on Washington on some of these larger, more-broader projects for us. But we will think twice again before we look at utilizing this mechanism as a long-term financing tool for us in the future. Other than that, that's all I have tonight, sir. Thank you.

Baker: Thank you. We'll move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Strimlan.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. As Mr. Aspiras mentioned, we do have a workshop for our municipal income tax ordinance next Monday, November 9 after the Utility Board meeting. At that time we'll provide Council with a comparison of the new and old ordinance and the reasons for the changes. Also, the actual legislation will be on first reading then on November 16 along with temporary appropriations. Council should expect to receive their temporary appropriation books in their mailbox on November 13 or before that date. We also have on the agenda tonight an appropriation change for

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2015. It's mainly a housekeeping item but I'll review the details when it comes up on the agenda. And that's all I have.

Baker: Thank you. Our Law Director, Mrs. Kirkbride.

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

Council President Baker: Thank you. This evening I have no real report but I would like to congratulate our young people and the other citizens of Orrville. Halloween at times could possibly be a problem but all the kids that I saw were well behaved. We had maybe 100 or so at my house and I was walking around with my grandkids. And all the kids were well behaved and it was a lot of fun. Thank you for our citizens for behaving themselves during this time. It was a lot of fun. We have no old business for this evening. We'll move to new business. Mr. Lorson.

New Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 37-15 be placed on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 37-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a purchase contract and/or contracts to meet the requirements of the City of Orrville, Ohio, for calendar year 2016, for the following materials and services: liquid insecticide for mosquito control; traffic paint services; and crack sealing services.

Baker: Okay. Mr. Wheeler.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. This is an annual housekeeping item that we do every year around this time. And it's just time again for this resolution so that we can plan appropriately for our purchases in 2016.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 37-15 be adopted as read. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 38-15 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 38-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a purchase contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for the purchase of the following materials and services to meet the requirements of the City of Orrville, Ohio, for calendar year 2016: purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel; purchase of medium curing asphalt, asphaltic concrete and asphalt emulsions; concrete; services, supplies and machinery needed to chip and seal roadways, alleys and/or city-owned parking lots and driveways; general miscellaneous engineering and architectural services; Police Professional Liability Insurance; and Public Officials Liability Insurance (with Riders for Employment Practices Liability, Extended Employment Practices Liability).

Baker: Anything new for us here?

Wheeler: No. It's, again, another annual housekeeping item that we do every year. Normally for these items we do call and get some different prices, we don't want make it sound like we're just going with one. But it is just an annual housekeeping item.

Baker: Thank you. Yes, sir, Mr. Shupp.

Shupp: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Wheeler, I know this is usually a housekeeping thing but you've got equipment needed, machinery equipment needed to chip and seal roadways. We're not buying the equipment to actually do those?

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Wheeler: Oh, no. No. No. No. That would be if we were to have someone come in and do it like we have in the past.

Shupp: Okay so the wording.

Wheeler: I noticed that too when I read it and it is a little funky how it reads.

Shupp: I thought possibly we weren't going to be able to get that done in the future.

Wheeler: No, let's be honest. There's usually one contractor that does it. As long as they're willing, we'll let someone take care of it.

Shupp: I wanted to make sure that they weren't out of business also.

Wheeler: Knock on wood.

Shupp: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Vance: I want to comment. I was having a hard time trying to figure out why there were two resolutions that were so similar and just a question occurred to me I mean, we're supposed to only have one subject for each resolution and this one has like several items in it. And so I assume that we're meeting that requirements since it is an annual resolution but when I looked at the very broad areas here we're talking about insurance, concrete and gasoline and stuff and it just seemed like, I just wanted to make sure that we were following the guidelines there for a single subject for a resolution. And I'm assuming that we are but the question came to mind when I saw the wide array of items being purchased with one resolution. So I'm just making that comment.

Kirkbride: I think that based on the fact that we've got services that are being annual services without bidding, that seems to be the subject, I think we're okay from that perspective as well. And I have looked at that.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 38-15 be adopted as read. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 39-15 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 39-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Utility Board of Control to bid and contract, for no more than a one year period, for purchases of electric distribution poles, electric meters and components and chemicals for all utilities.

Baker: Mr. Brediger.

Brediger: Thank you, sir. And keeping with the momentum that Mr. Wheeler started, this resolution and the resolution that follows is utilities annual ordinances that allow us to address a number of services and materials that the utility utilizes over the course of the year. This resolution 39-15 will be formally bid out and contracted. We do keep detailed records on all these purchases, all these vendors that we use, so if you see anything on this list that we can further define or answer any questions for, I'd be happy to answer those. But the obviously, in Section I, items A & B, apply specifically to the electric utility. Item C is the chemicals that we use in all three utilities. And if you'd like an entire list of those, but these are bid out annually. One year contracts. I'll entertain any questions you might have on that.

Baker: I don't see any hands.

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 39-15 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Lorson moved that Resolution 40-15 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 40-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Public Utilities Board of Control to enter into contracts, without bidding, each for no more than a one year period, for various services and supplies required by The Department of Public Utilities, Orrville, Ohio.

Baker: Mr. Brediger, you said this is similar to the one previous?

Brediger: Yes. A little bit more diverse in the services and the products but again these are, all of these items listed A-R will have at least 3 bids that will be informally requested on that. And again, all these services and products do cover all three of our utilities. And I did fail to mention this resolution and the one prior to that both were approved by the utility board at their meeting last week. And I'd be happy to answer any questions on any of these particular items. The same list pretty much that we present to this council every year.

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 40-15 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 41-15 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 41-15**, 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: Ms. Strimlan.

Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I did send a memo to council outlining these appropriation changes last week. But I'll briefly review the changes with you. The Electric Revenue Fund increased \$1 million dollars. This is for potential expenditures that may be associated with the natural gas conversion. We're not certain those will occur this year so we will provide an update to council if those are expenditures that we go through with in 2015. The Wastewater Utility Reserve has increased \$65,000. This is for the potential expenditure of a gravity thickener. This purchase is still being evaluated. If it comes to fruition, again, we'll notify council. The Water Revenue Fund is also increasing. This is to account for a higher than anticipated working capital transfer. We originally had appropriated \$600,000 and the actual transfer to the reserve fund was \$876,000. The changes to the Permissive MVL and the Permissive License Fees are simply to reflect where the actual expenditures going to occur. All the other changes are simply a reclassification of line items and they have no impact on total appropriations. The legislation does not need to be approved tonight. If you want it to go three readings or if you want to discuss in more detail with me, we can do that.

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

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 41-15 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Mayor: I just wanted to comment just to help answer Mr. Vance's question there on some of these ordinances, those first four, I was actually on council when we used to vote on individual things like that and over the years as the lists became longer for supplies that were needed, I think it was just determined, you know when you're looking at gasoline and diesel fuel and things like that that you know you're going to buy every year or else you're not going to be able to do the work that you're supposed to

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do, that's when we started combining those in. And I think you'll find that all of the things in there are the same things that are ordered each year. It's not new items.

Vance: Yes, after the explanation, I was like well that makes perfect sense. And after I thought about it, I was like that was really a dumb question. They say there is no such thing as a dumb question but that was not the brightest question. But I will note that I have not asked a dumb question yet this year so I was allowed one. And so I got one out of the way and now I gotta behave for the rest of the year.

Mayor: You made it to November. No, it's not a dumb question. It makes sense. Just to help explain that a little bit better for any of the folks watching too.

Baker: That finishes our new business for this evening. Does anyone have anything for the Good of the Order? No.

Shupp: Get out and vote.

Baker: Get out and vote. Alright. Anyone else?

Hamsher moved to adjourn the council meeting and Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned 8:03 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council