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Council President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Brad Dews offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

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

Excused: Wilson

Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of February 16, 2016. Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Public Comment None

Standing Committee Reports: None

Special Committee Reports:

Finance – Aspiras – Thank you Mr. President. There is one thing on the docket tonight, that's Resolution 7-16. It's first reading for the 2016 Final Appropriations. All of council should have got their booklets, appropriation booklets, this past weekend. So it will be up for first reading and I would just remind all of council that we will have a workshop and special meeting and council workshop and second reading for this same Resolution 7-16, 2016 final appropriations on Monday, March 14, at 7:00 immediately after the Utility Board meeting. And then third reading at our next regular council meeting. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Health & Safety – Vance – Thank you, Mr. President. Health and Safety Committee hasn't met but we did get some good news that our Fire Department has received a grant to help defray the costs of the new MARCS radio system that many of the departments in the county are going to be moving to. And so this is a good example of cooperation among the various departments and the county commissioners that allowed our department to be a part of receiving that grant money. So it will be just the expenditure for the police department will be the last part that we'll be working on. Anyway I'm sure Mr. Wheeler will have more information about that and I just wanted to note that. Thank you.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President, two items tonight. Number one, I'd like to mention that our employee of the month for March is Matt Jones from the Water Department. Matt is a Water Plant Operator 2 and has worked for the Utilities for over 8 years now. His job is to operate the plant and analyze water samples in the laboratory and make sure the City of Orrville has a good supply of safe, high quality water. Matt lives in Mt. Eaton along with his wife and three children. In his spare time, Matt enjoys working on home improvements and traveling to visit family that lives out of state. We have not yet figured out when we're going to eat lunch but that will be coming up in the next week or so. Secondly, I'd like to just mention last Friday, Captain Birkbeck and I met with a concerned citizen, Audrie Saurer and Nonya Stalnaker from One Eighty organization. Our conversation mostly centered around the drug and alcohol abuse problems in our county and also in Orrville. We talked about many things that are being done to combat those problems and deal with those problems. Some things were things that we're doing that our police department's doing that they were not aware of. So that was good news for them. We also found out some things that are available to us through the One Eighty organization that maybe we weren't aware of. Basically we're hoping that all of these organizations can even work more together than we have already to try to combat the problems. And one thing that was

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brought out from that meeting was the fact that the Tip 411 program that, Chief Carozza, we've had that for what a year now?

Chief Carozza: Since May of '14.

Mayor: Okay so longer than that. A lot of people still don't seem to be aware of that even though we have had it posted as many places as we can. I know we've talked about it at Council meetings before. So I want to bring that up just to remind people this is a program that is totally anonymous and in fact from what Captain Birkbeck said, there's no way that you can actually even find out who made the call.

Carozza: That's correct.

Mayor: So it is totally anonymous. But if you suspect some kind of suspicious behavior in your neighborhood and that can be any kind. It could be you think maybe somebody's trying to break into somebody's house or suspected drug activity. Call. I can't tell you how many times I've had people tell me about things like that and I say, "Well, did you call the police?" Well, no. Well the police can't be everywhere everyday every minute of the day. So please call and again, this is Tip 411. It's anonymous. If you think something like that's going on in your neighborhood, make that call and help us all try and combat these kinds of problems. So we'll be meeting again with that group and try to come up with some other things too. We're very committed to hitting this problem head on as much as we can and try to put a dent in it. And that's all I have.

Baker: Thank you, Mayor. We'll move to our Safety Service Director Mr. Wheeler.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. The compost center is going to open Wednesday, April 6. Those hours are the same as they have been in the past 7:30 am – 11:15 am and then 12:15 pm – 3:15 pm. We also will have Saturday hours from 8 am – noon. Northeast Ohio Gas is going to be doing some work in Marsh Ridge phase II along Terrapin and Sunnyview Drives. So I urge folks to avoid that area if you can. And as Mr. Vance mentioned, we did receive word that we've received a State Fire Marshall grant for \$49,000. This was part of a combination of municipalities and villages that applied for the grant for MARCS radios. This does put a dent in the purchase for the fire department and it allows us to purchase 16 radios. We'll need more than that obviously for our department but we do have a FEMA grant still pending and there's some potential for some other grant money out there still as well so we'll continue to work on that. And that's my report for tonight.

Baker: Thank you. Well Mr. Brediger isn't here. We'll move to our Finance Director. Ms. Strimlan.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. The Finance Department has initiated several pieces of legislation that are on the agenda tonight so I'll address those as they come up. Also prior to tonight's meeting I did distribute the Fund Balance Report for the period ending January 31, 2016. Some of the funds look a little unusual this month with regard to Net Income. Most of that is simply a timing issue or the nature of the fund. So if you have any questions on that feel free to give me a call. And I would just ask for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Aspiras so moved; seconded by Corfman; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: Thank you, Ms. Strimlan. We will move to our Law Director Mrs. Kirkbride.

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

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Baker: This evening I have no report either and we have no old business. So we will move to New Business, Mr. Lorson.

Clerk: Mr. President?

Baker: Yes, ma'am.

Clerk: The fiscal officer's certificate for Ordinance B-16 is on file.

Baker: Thank you. Now Mr. Lorson.

New Business:

Lorson moved that Ordinance B-16 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance B-16**, An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$400,000 notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of improving the Municipal Water System by the acquisition and construction of improvements to that system including, but not limited to, the development of a new well field, extending raw water mains to that well field, constructing a building and a booster station in connection therewith and improving the site thereof, upgrading the control system at the water plant, increasing the capacity of and otherwise improving and upgrading existing raw water mains, installing additional pumping capacity and water mains, upgrading existing water mains, and otherwise improving that system, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Any questions or comments?

Strimlan: I can make a few comments about that, sir. This is the same note that council has seen for many year. This note was originally issued in 2008 as was mentioned to finance, quite a few different water utility projects. It's been rolled over every year. Last year we rolled it over for \$800,000. We are going to make a payment in April for \$400,000 which is why we are reissuing at \$400,000. And we do anticipate paying off this loan next April. The ordinance before you though allows for the notes to mature one year from the issuance date. There is a section that defines the interest parameters in section three. After passage by council this gives the water utility the option to take these notes to private sale or take to market whichever is more advantageous for the utility. If you recall the last few years though we have worked with the county to negotiate the sale of this note. They are interested in it again. It works well for both of us. So after this is passed by council that will be the first option we'll pursue. It doesn't have to be passed this evening. We can handle this up to 90 days before the expiration. It just gives us a little more time to negotiate and if we have to move to market, give us time to do that.

Baker: Thank you. Anyone have any questions? Yes, sir.

Aspiras: So, I'll add to Ms. Strimlan's comments. This note, will, if all goes well, will be retired in 2017.

Strimlan: That is the plan.

Aspiras: And we're trying to keep it again, the note, local to the county.

Strimlan: Yes.

Baker: Anyone else? Yes, sir.

Corfman: This action alone cuts the debt in half on this note so it's pretty substantial and quick moving.

Strimlan: Yes.

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 Ordinance B-16 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Lorson moved that Resolution 6-16 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 6-16**, A resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts for engineering services for the 2016 OPWC Concrete Reconstruction project: Church Street, Crown Hill Road, North Elm Street, Hostetler Road, Lynn Drive, North Mill Street, East Oak Street and Sunset Drive, and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: We did receive word from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) that we're going to receive a \$400,000 grant this year. We do plan to use that to continue on with our concrete street reconstruction. The list of streets that Mr. Lorson just names we do intend to target. Some of those like North Mill there's a very small stretch on there, very, very small. Hostetler we'll re-examine. After last year we actually thought we were in pretty good shape. There might be a small stretch in there to hit. But most of it will be focused on Crown Hill. There's some on Church that we've sort of been pushing off as well. If you've been on Church lately you may notice. Unfortunately it's gotten a little worse this past winter. Small stretch at the end of Lynn Drive before you get to Brenn-Field, right there as well. Most of the money will be focused on Crown Hill again, North Elm, and of course Church as well. The rest probably smaller projects.

Baker: Anyone have any questions for Mr. Wheeler? Yes, sir.

Mayor: Mr. Wheeler, on Church Street, that's the area between the church and Smith Dairy, in that block?

Wheeler: Exactly, yes, sir. And there's another, Ella intersection actually has been holding water which is causing some issues there so there will be some work there as well.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler, is this resolution just for the engineering work?

Wheeler: Just for the engineering. Yes, sir.

Aspiras: Okay. So we'll see another resolution in a couple months or so when the weather breaks. This is \$25,000?

Wheeler: Correct. This is just to get us trucking with the engineering to get us going. This will actually be, this will be even less, this might actually be under the bidding limits but we wanted to bring it to you so it didn't hold us down.

Aspiras: And this is to support the, I think it's just about \$1 M we have for

Wheeler: IT will be a \$1M project. We'll have \$400,000 which will be OPWC grant dollars.

Aspiras: And \$600,000 out of the capital.

Wheeler: Yes, sir.

Aspiras: Okay. Thanks.

Baker: Anyone else have any questions? Mr. Lorson.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 6-16 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 7-16 be placed on first reading. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 7-16**, 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, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Questions? Comments?

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Strimlan: I can make a few comments. These are final appropriations for 2016. There were a few changes from the 2016 budget that we prepared last June on both the tax supported and the enterprise funds. We made changes for contractual wage increases and modifications to the capital project allocations. Also on the utility side there were changes for the working capital transfer and some allocations for a few specific customer projects that were requested. On the tax supported side, we made some grant changes and also made allocations for revenue sharing that we can discuss at our workshop on the 14th immediately following the utility board meeting. And this legislation will need to go the full three readings.

Baker: Anyone have any questions or comments for Ms. Strimlan? I see none. That completes our new business. We now are ready for Mr. Scott from the Service Department to present his annual report.

Service Department Superintendent John Scott presented his annual report. (Copy on file.)

Baker: Mr. Scott, thank you; very informative. It's nice to hear from each department at the beginning of each year for what you did last year. Thank you very much. Anyone have anything for the Good of the Order this evening?

Vance moved to adjourn the council meeting and Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: Our meeting is adjourned. Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for attending.
Council was adjourned 8:13 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council