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Council President Baker called the meeting to order.

A Public Hearing on **Resolution No. 24-16**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2017, and declaring an emergency. There were no comments.

Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor John Furno from the Augsburg Lutheran Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited.

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

Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of June 27, 2016; Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; Hamsher abstained; all remaining, yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports No report for Utilities, Planning

Finance – Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. We have one new business resolution tonight; Resolution 24-16 addressing the 2017 budget. I will not steal Ms. Strimlan's thunder so that's all I have this evening. Thank you.

Health and Safety – Vance: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee has not met but I wanted to say a quick work. I don't think we can say enough about the Orrville Firefighters Association and all of the safety services that put on the past couple of weeks here in Orrville. We just really have something special here because of their hours of dedication, there's a couple of thousands of man hours of volunteer work that goes on in there as well. It just seemed like we had a very special couple of weeks here capped off with the fireworks. I'll tell ya, I've been to Washington D.C. and seen their fireworks and I'd still say Orrville's is better. So, just a fantastic job and all of us in the community are very appreciative for all the work that they do.

Parks and recreation – Wilson: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report but I did want to comment that driving by, the park looked extremely clean and put back in place after the departure of the carnival. So, likewise there's a lot of work involved with that so very appreciative and thank you and good job to those who had responsibility of putting it back together, looking so nice.

Transportation – Shupp: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report but as some of my colleagues I think the Fireman's Association put on another 4th of July celebration. And the fireworks were just awesome. Thank you.

Ordinance and Personnel – Lorson: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee has not met. But I'd like to echo the sentiments of my colleagues and pass along what an out of town visitor said to me the day after the parade. They couldn't believe that a parade had been here because the streets were entirely cleaned up and the place was looking spiffy again. And I think that's just the nature of both our street department, and the volunteers and the people along the parade route too.

Baker: Thank you. We have no special committee reports this evening. We'll move to administrative reports. Mr. Handwerk.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a few items tonight and one of them is of course, to kind of repeat what a few of you have already said, just to thank our firefighters association for all the work that they put into last week. I was thinking toward the end of the week as you get tired, that's when those guys have to just really suck it up and go 110% with, you start off with the parade and a lot of that clean up gets done by our firefighters after the parade is over when everybody else gets to go home. And then to continue the week, with the ball tournament the way it is, with a lot of those volunteering their time during the week to clean and get ready in between games with the ball diamonds and then to come back and finish off with the fireworks and then stay after the fireworks until 3 in the morning or later picking up and cleaning up. I noticed also that on Monday morning, things looked really pretty darned cleaned up. And I would also like to thank Coach Davault and the football team who helps the firefighters

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every year do that. I know Coach Davault said they were there until about 2:30 in the morning picking up. So, appreciate all their work, for sure. And the fireworks were very, very good. Every year there's some new things in there you haven't seen before and they do a great job with that. Along those lines, just to thank the police department also for all the extra hours that those guys put in the security. There were certainly things that they were involved in during the week as there are with that many people. Our Street Department as well. All those barricades to get moved around after the parade and the set back up again for the fireworks and streets closed and everything else gets done by those guys. And this year, I think, we don't often say this, but this year especially, I would like to thank the dispatchers because they're under a lot of pressure right now anyway. The new dispatch center is close to being ready to open, not quite ready yet. There's still a few things, nothing on any employees part, its technology that holding things up over there right now that needs to get fixed up. But they're close to being open. Our dispatchers are still working here but they're also training and helping the new dispatchers that were hired for the WARCOG to come on line and look at the new software and work with that. And so, things have been extra hard for them too and then of course when you add the whole week of the 4th of July with extra calls that makes a big difference too. And Mr. Wheeler may be giving you some numbers. I know I saw some numbers today that there were quite a few more calls this weekend than there would be on a normal weekend. Very appreciative of all the hard work from all those groups. And that's all I have. Thank you

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

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President.

Baker: By the way, I hear that there may be a special day tomorrow. Is that true?

Wheeler: I don't know what you're talking about, sir.

Baker: You don't know what I'm talking about. Well, somebody will probably remind you that your birthday's going to happen and so congratulations on another year.

Wheeler: Thank you. Glad to be back. Actually the bike trail construction project is actually beginning this week. They began mobilizing this morning. As well, if you noticed, the depot trailhead restroom project is still moving along quite well as well. That's still on schedule. Just a reminder to everyone that due to the 4th of July holiday, trash pickup is delayed one day this week due to Independence Day so pick up will be Friday morning this week. Also, this Thursday is another concert for the performing arts. It's Gaetano's Underworld Blues Band and they specialize in audience oriented blues done in a funky fun style that you can dance to. How do you say no to that? So hopefully everyone can attend that and the weather cooperates for this as well. Also Dominion will be beginning work soon on their project. They have a few going on but their first one will be at West Oak and Markley. So there will be some work done there. They are so far what we're seeing is they're going to stay out of the actual roadway. It should be all done within the right of way. Which obviously would be very nice for everybody. But two lanes of traffic should stay open throughout so there shouldn't be any traffic issues. Also a reminder the next Family Fun Movie Night is Friday, July 15 at Orr Park. Featuring the movie Goosebumps. And this movie is sponsored by Armstrong Cable and the movie starts at dusk. And also Monday, July 11th is the annual Monday Moonlight Mega Madness Ice Cream Social. Say that fast five times. At Orr Pool from 8 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Season pass holders are free otherwise adult entry is \$4, children are \$3, obviously ice cream is included within that. So hopefully all the families can come out and enjoy the pool. And also just to note, as the mayor mentioned, the fire department put on a great show, a lot of players involved in that. I want to thank the police, thank the streets. Interestingly this particular year we had 6 EMS calls within 1 hour of the fireworks. So not only are they balancing getting the fireworks in but we had various calls: broken ankles, broken wrists. We had 4 that were transported on the ATV's to the hospitals. So just to give you some information on the use of the ATV's. One of them was a heart attack so those are definitely being put to good use. Not only the one that we have but also the others that we borrow during that time. And that's my report for tonight.

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Wheeler. We'll not move to our Utilities Director. Mr. Brediger.

Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just two items. The generator 9 update, I think I reported at our last meeting that we had damage to the generator stator, that's the stationary part of the unit, the scope has crept into the rotor itself. Last week we did issue purchase orders to two vendors for the repair of the stator. That first order went out just a little shy of \$1.2 million. The rotor repair was about \$500,040. Both of those items should be accomplished within a two month period. So we hope to have this wrapped up before the end of August maybe early September at the latest. Still working okay with the insurance

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company. Still sorting through some details so that work's still going good. The stator work is being done on site. Those contractors mobilized Thursday. They're working around the clock and actually worked through the holiday weekend. Their parent company is from England so fortunately about half of their crew doesn't recognize the 4th of July. So Sunday night wasn't a big deal for those folks. The company that's doing the rotor work is just out of Columbus. That, again, I know combined with some of the other miscellaneous work, we don't have the cost for the replacement power that we will be picking up once we get into the heat of the summer. But just the repairs alone, we're approaching about \$1.8 - \$1.9 million just in the mechanical part. There may be an exposure to about another \$800-\$1 million worth of power cost and transmission type costs that are going to be associated with this. So this is, from a claim perspective, not a huge event for the insurance company, certainly a significant claim for our part. As Ms. Strimlan mentioned, as we get closer to getting our arms around some of these costs, we may be coming back and making some appropriation changes. We've already been in discussion with the insurance company about having some reimbursements now that these purchase orders are back. And we'll work that cash flow out over the next couple of weeks. Also last Monday at the Utility Board meeting the board did approve an increase in our power cost adjustment factor that resulted in a net increase to our rates of .4%. That translates into about 33¢ a month to our average residential electric customer. And that covered our first quarter of 2016 period and the cost went up just a little bit just due to the increased coal purchases that we made during the winter months. And that's all I have tonight, sir. I'll take any questions on anything. Thank you.

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

Strimlan: Thank you Mr. President. The budget books were distributed this evening. That legislation is on first reading tonight. We also have a workshop scheduled for next Monday, July 11 immediately following the utility board meeting. On another note, the first phase of our software implementation, the utility billing package that is complete. The transcript added to the new system and the verification that occurred on June 25 and 26, and on Monday the 27th, that was our first go live day with the system. Everything did go extremely well. Our processing time has improved with both the software and the implementation of the new hardware. It's certainly has made a difference for us. We'll implement customer connect in September after we have a few month's experience under our belt with the new package. Customer connect will enhance the web access for our customers. It will offer more billing and payment options as well as just better insight into your utility usage. There are other changes that should streamline the utility billing process for our customers and also improve customer service for them. And so we'll announce those features as they come onboard. As we get each module and each package under our belt, we'll roll out one at a time the other features. We're also working on Phase II of the implementation and that will include all of our financial reporting and the other modules, inventory and some other things, purchasing, payroll. Once we have that schedule complete, I'll share that with you as well so that you know the timeline for that. Hopefully we can have that wrapped up by the end of the year. Also, I believe, Mr. Aspiras at the last council meeting, requested a workshop on July after our budget workshop, which will discuss the feasibility of presenting some legislation for lodging tax. I distributed to each of the council members, hopefully you received that, rates and amounts that were collected by other local governments and counties relative to that tax. I also included some preliminary projections on room occupancy and the potential amount of that tax. Obviously those are very early projections and subject to change. But at our meeting, we'll need to determine if we should implement this legislation and what the proper rate would be and also an allocation methodology for that collection of tax. And that's all I have this evening.

Baker: Thank you. Anyone have any questions for Ms. Strimlan? We'll move to our Law Director, Mrs. Kirkbride.

Kirkbride: Thank you, Mr. President, I have no comments tonight.

Baker: Thank you. This evening I have one comment. And that has to do with our festival. Everybody talked about how smooth everything went. I happened to work at the baseball spinning wheel, it's a gambling thing and you know it didn't matter if people won or lost, they all just stood there and smiled. And that's amazing when you get that because you'd think that if somebody's going to lose money, they're not going to be real happy. But they didn't care. It was Orrville Youth Baseball and Softball and everyone that came up seemed to really be enjoying themselves. So I appreciated that. That's all I have for this evening. We'll move to old business. Mr. Lorson.

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Old Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 21-16 be placed on third reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 21-16**, A Resolution authorizing the Board Of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the Fire Station #2 Parking Lot Resurfacing Project in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Thank you. Mr. Wheeler, do you have anything for us?

Wheeler: Mr. President, hopefully Mrs. Endsley, I believe she did answer any questions you had. Be glad to answer any now. It's a fairly straightforward project. It's going to involve, honestly some significant storm water improvements there as well, which I think are going to help us with some of the water coming off the fields as well that seem to retain within the driveway area as well. Our initial estimates are within the \$40,000 as well, so everything looks smooth assuming the Council gives us the go-ahead.

Shupp: I did have a concern with the water runoff, there's about 4-5 acres behind that, and Dan Lowe talked to me last week, which I appreciate him getting a hold of me, and we discussed it and he promised me that it would be looked into thoroughly with the engineering. Because I didn't want that sub-base to end up destroyed like you've had in the past.

Wheeler: Absolutely. I believe, I'm sorry, I cut you off.

Shupp: But I was satisfied with talking to him on that. Thank you.

Wheeler: And I believe, I know, not I believe, I know Mr. Lowe touched base with the engineer as well to express your concerns. I think we even looked at potentially adding some initial under drain in there to address any kind of concerns of that coming off the field.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 21-16 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: That's completes our old business this evening. We'll move to New Business. Mr. Lorson.

New Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 24-16 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 24-16**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Okay. Do you have anything for us this evening, Ms. Strimlan?

Strimlan: I'll just make a few comments. Again, this is the legislation for the 2017 budget. It is a statutory requirement. The budget will be presented to the Wayne County Budget Commission in early August after Council has approved the budget for us. It's simply a proposed plan for providing services and any community improvements for the City and the Utilities in 2017. We're projecting right now the budget at \$58.9 million and this is a reduction from the final appropriations for 2016. Some of the changes that contributed to that on the tax supported side, we do have a significant reduction in payroll in anticipation of the WARCOG being fully operational by 2017 and actually well before that time. We also have some changes for capital expenditures and grant receipts. On the utility side, similar changes to previous years. We have working capital transfers, purchased power and coal are changing to reflect the new mode of operation and we also have some capital project modifications for them as well. We can go over all of those in detail at our workshop next week. If you have any questions though between now and then, feel free to give me a call. Thanks all I have.

Baker: Thank you. That completes our new business for this evening. Anyone have anything for the good of the order tonight?

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

Baker: Ladies and gentleman, thank you for attending our meeting this evening. We are now adjourned. Council was adjourned 7:55 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council