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Council President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Randy Gehres 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 July 5, 2016; Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Corfman moved to approve the minutes of the last special meeting of July 11, 2016; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; Hamsher and Shupp abstained; all remaining, yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports No report for Utilities, Health and Safety, Parks and recreation, Transportation, Planning

Finance – Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. As outlined in the agenda we did have that special meeting of Council last Monday, July 11. We also had the workshop on the 2017 budget. So council had a good chance to rub shoulders with the directors and iron that budget out. We did pass, on second reading, during that evening, so hence Old Business has Resolution 24-16 third and final reading for the 2017 budget. We also had a finance committee meeting thereafter and discussion with the potential lodging tax with the new hotel coming to town. I would just report that, there's pretty much the consensus was we want to move forward possibly with a 3% lodging tax but we still need to explore the allocation options so that will be ongoing work on that. That's all I have this evening. Thank you.

Ordinance and Personnel – Lorson: Thank you, Mr. President. Nothing to report from Ordinance and Personnel. But just for the sake of clarity, when we talk about the lodging tax, the hotel and lodging tax, that's a tax on guests at the hotel. So just wanted to get that out there so we didn't have those questions as a new tax that would apply to everyone in town.

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

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. One thing I might add there to Mr. Lorson's comment is that's also very consistent with other communities that have hotels so it's not like we're inventing anything or taxing somebody that wasn't taxed that way before. The 3% is pretty much the general rule as far as what most of them charge. Next I would like to just mention that our employee of the month is Doug Peppard. Doug was hired with the City in 1994 as a part-time custodian and has continued in that role to this day. Throughout his 22 years, he continues to serve the City well by making sure City Hall is always shiny and clean and well stocked. He also keeps up with maintenance of the city hall generator and the HVAC system which are critical duties that often times we don't think about until they don't work then we think about it real quick. Doug stepped into a larger role here as our sole custodian when John Donda retired in 2014, and that's been a lot for Doug to handle so there are time when there are things that we think, oh, that's not as nice as we'd like to see it but he's now doing the job of two people and he's still part time. So that's a lot to take on. He has made the transition very smooth though, overall. Safety Service Director Steve Wheeler said, "But what really makes Doug such a great employee is that he is always checking in on everyone at City Hall, to make sure that everybody has what they need, and seeing how everyone is doing, not just work-wise but personally as well." And so he is a true asset here with the City and here at City Hall. And we'll be having breakfast Thursday morning at Mrs. J's and that was his choice. We've been having more breakfasts lately because of the work shifts that some of people that have been picked. That's okay. That works out. I would also like to just advise council and also area local businesses that CGI will be coming. This is the company, I think I mentioned before, that did our video for the webpage about three years ago and they are going to be back in town just doing the update for that. They've already had a cameraman here doing some filming updating about two or three weeks ago. So if businesses get contacted, please be aware, that's what that's for. They're looking for advertising. That's what allows them to come and do this. They do this free for non-profits and also for the City and so the way they make their money is by businesses that wish to put a video on there and advertise. Don't feel pressured if that's something you want to do as a few did, I think six or eight did the last time they were

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here. And those videos go on our webpage, then by all means do that. Or update yours if you did one before. If you do not wish to do that, then don't feel, as I said, pressured to do that. They will be coming around probably starting next week and into the next week to try and contact as many of those businesses as they can. I think there will actually be two ladies in town this time. Last time it was two gentlemen that were here and so that should work out pretty well. They've made some changes in how they do things too so I think it'll be much smoother than it was the first time. The first time was kind of new to everybody. And I think that is all I have. Thank you.

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

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. A lot going on. We have both the Heartland bike trail as well as the depot restroom currently under construction. The bike trail is moving along pretty well. Both old bridges in the Blackwell Williams property have been removed. Footing has been poured for one of the bridges and will be poured for the other bridge yet this week weather permitting obviously. And a limited amount of trial excavation has also begun. The Depot restroom is moving along quite well. If you drove by there you might have noticed. The brick work is almost complete. The HVAC and inside electrical work will be starting very soon. As you drove by North Main you might have noticed Cobblestone Hotel there has been some basic grading completed. Still a lot of work to do. They are just getting started. Concrete streets construction will start soon. The low bidder was Tri-Mor which we had in here previously so they're very familiar with the process and are able to bounce around for us and they were able to do it quite well so we're looking forward to getting started with them. Dominion will be doing some work on West Market Street; it's scheduled to all be in the right of way and it will be prior to our overlay project as well. And they are going to stay out of the way of the festival as well. So hopefully there will be limited impact on traffic during that time. The Orrville Dispatch transition to the WARCOG continues to move along smoothly. Wooster and Orrville are now both on board and being totally dispatched through the WARCOG. Ashland is scheduled to start very soon. And that continues to move well. I just want to thank Mike Banks and all the dispatchers for the work they've done. They've really made it move quite smoothly so far. That's my report for tonight.

Baker: Thank you. Anyone have any questions of Mr. Wheeler.

Shupp: Thank you. You were speaking about the Market Street gas line project, do you have a timeline on that?

Wheeler: They're actually scheduled to start in, I believe, two weeks. Two to three weeks.

Shupp: And hopefully they'll be completed by the time we do the asphalt project?

Wheeler: Oh yes, we're not starting until they're done. And they will be out of our way completely.

Shupp: Do you have any idea how long they're going to be there?

Wheeler: I believe they said six weeks.

Shupp: Six weeks? Okay.

Mayor: That doesn't leave us a lot of time to do Market Street then?

Wheeler: Market Street won't take long.

Mayor: Just a few days? Or a week or so?

Wheeler: Yes, I'd say, with the planning and everything it will be, I don't want to say a few days but I'd say less than a month.

Baker: Anyone else?

Lorson: Mr. Wheeler, will there be inspection? Will there be open cuts on the, on Market Street?

Wheeler: Actually everything is scheduled to be in the right of way in the sidewalk so you'll see a lot of new sidewalk as well but shouldn't be any open cuts on West Market. Anywhere that they're needing to transition across will be a boring.

Lorson: Okay. Great. Thank you.

Baker: Anyone else?

Mayor: Spoken like a former inspector.

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Wheeler. We'll move on to our Utilities Director. Mr. Brediger is not here. Mr. Corfman did you have something to report for him or are you going to wait until the legislation?

Corfman: Wait until the legislation. Ms. Strimlan has some as well.

Baker: Alright. In that case, we'll move to our Finance Director, Ms. Strimlan.

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Strimlan: Thank you Mr. President. The 2017 budget is on its final reading tonight. We did have an opportunity to review that budget at our workshop last Monday. Just to recap again the budget is \$15.6 million for the tax supported side. We've included some changes in that area for contractual wage increases, capital project plans, and also projected grant receipts. The budget is \$42.2 million on the Utilities side. The major changes there again are the contractual wage increases, working capital transfer, changes: purchased power, coal, ash disposal all of those being associated with changing our mode of operation at the power plant. And we've also made some capital project modifications. The budget will be submitted tomorrow to the Wayne County Budget Commission and we'll present that to them at a formal meeting in August. Also I did distribute the investment summary for the second quarter of 2016. It doesn't require a formal motion but I do need the minutes to reflect that council did in fact receive that report. I also provided you a copy of the Fund Balance Report for June of 2016 and I would just ask for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. So moved by Aspiras; seconded by Corfman; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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

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

Baker: Thank you. I have no report for this evening so we will move to old business. Mr. Lorson.

Old Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 24-16 be placed on third reading. Aspiras 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: Anyone have any further discussion? This is third reading. We've been hearing about it for quite some time. Mr. Vance?

Vance: I'll just make a comment or two about Ms. Strimlan's budget. I think the highlights for me are a continued strong investment in capital improvements for our city. I can't remember. The numbers escape me but about how many streets we have paved; how many millions of dollars we've spent the past 7-8 years here on streets in our city and so there's a lot of improvement that's been made there and that will continue next year. Another highlight for me is the projected savings for switching over to the WARCOG. When that idea was first proposed there's always the idea and the hope for what kind of savings will be seen and then you see the reality and so far for next year, our projected savings are upwards of \$200,000 which is how the idea was pitched and so to see that come to fruition is encouraging to me. And I know, I heard some politicians say that that project wasn't a consolidation of services. And I think it truly is because now we have Wooster and Orrville both being dispatched out of the same building, same dispatchers right now and Ashland will be joining here in the coming weeks. So I think that project has come together pretty well. It's been a huge monumental undertaking requiring a tremendous amount of cooperation among all the various governments involved. I went to a few of the board meetings for that. It's just been great to see how well everyone has worked together and then for the savings that was supposed to result from all of it also come together. Anyway just wanted to report some good developments there as well.

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Vance. Yes, sir?

Mayor: Just wanted to add one thing to what Mr. Vance said because I know Mr. Wheeler's probably thinking the same thing. The savings part of that was always a carrot that was out there and we were hoping that was really going to be true. But really what sold us, and I know you guys have heard this but I don't know that the public has that much is just the fact that when we went to visit the various regional dispatch centers, what we found was the improvement in the equipment that was being used and having more than one dispatcher on duty. When there's only one person on duty that really, really puts that person in a bind safety wise for the whole community but also for that one dispatcher because if several things all happen at once and ones at one end of town and ones someplace else, maybe it's a fire, maybe it's a heart attack, maybe it's a bad accident somewhere else, things can get really crazy in a hurry and for years we were very, very fortunate that our dispatchers were able to handle that but you just felt like you were really walking a fine line as far as what was best for everyone. And so as we visited those not only did we see the improved equipment that they would be using, and I think it's interesting to note that at first some of them were not very much in favor of doing this, obviously because they didn't want to maybe move from their position where they are now, but what we've heard from Pam Morris and Randy Regan and Joel Hammer and Tim Brown, our four dispatchers that went to that, is that they're very impressed

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with the equipment and they're very impressed with how it's working. And it is new, it's new, strange for them too. They had to learn this new equipment just like the new dispatchers did. But our four have really stepped up and done an excellent job as far as helping the others learn quicker and did a great job in helping teach. So we're very pleased with what they've done and what they've done to make this work much smoother than it could have. Not to take anything away from what you said, but just to add to it. We're hoping it's going to be just exactly what we thought it would be. Thank you.

Baker: Thank you, Mayor. Anyone else? Yes, sir.

Corfman: Thanks are in order for Mr. Vance for making those mid-day meetings and shepherding us through. He has had a lot of input and a lot of knowledge come back to the rest of us that asked him about what's going on with the WARCOG because yes, those are big, big steps. So I just wanted to thank him.

Lorson moved that Resolution 24-16 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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

New Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 25-16 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 25-16**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for the purchase of natural gas, transmission service agreements and/or contracts and for consulting services, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Now, let's see, which of you would like to go first? Mr. Corfman? Okay, Ms. Strimlan.

Strimlan: I can go ahead and give a brief synopsis of this legislation. I think that most of you were present last week when Director Brediger explained at the Utility Board meeting the purpose of this. We need to enter into an agreement with Dominion East Ohio, that agreement is 10 years and 4 months. It allows us to pay for transmission and the related service charges and infrastructure upgrades that are needed to accommodate us in our conversion to natural gas. The agreement does allow for the purchase of natural gas from any supplier for multiple periods and hedging is included in that. And if there's any questions, Councilman Corfman or myself could try to answer those for you.

Baker: I don't see any questions. Mr. Corfman do you have something else to add?

Corfman: Yes. This is, naturally because we're using so much natural gas, it's taking the place of a lot of coal and so we're talking a couple million dollars. The contract we need to finalize them soon. And because of the recess coming up in August we'd like to pass this tonight. This is important as being done on a competitive quote and is pretty much part of what we have to do to get the EPA agreement filled.

Baker: Okay. Anyone else have any comments? No. Mr. Lorson.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 25-16 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: Thank you. We'll move to our next resolution, Mr. Lorson.

Lorson moved that Resolution 26-16 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 26-16**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for engineering and materials for the purchase of materials to upgrade the Power Plant heating system and building structure, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Yes, ma'am.

Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. Council previously adopted resolution to identify areas in the plant that are going to be impacted when we have idle or limited operations in regards to the heating system. This legislation allows for the electric utility to enter into a contract for engineering and actual completion of that work so that those areas that are going to be impacted can have heat in the colder months during the winter.

Baker: Yes, sir, Mr. Corfman.

Corfman: For the first time there may not be boilers running and being it's a steam heat system, we have no steam, we have no heat. We've got a lot of pipes; a lot of water. So this is going to be natural gas forced air and just large gas heaters. Again this is working to get, to beat deadlines again with the August shut down this is an additional project we'd like to get moving. We'd appreciate it being passed tonight.

Baker: Anyone have any questions? Mr. Lorson.

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Lorson moved that Resolution 26-16 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: Thank you. That completes our new business for this evening. Does anyone have any comments for the good of the order this evening?

Corfman: Utility Committee thanks the rest of council for their cooperation tonight.

Baker: Thank you.

Corfman: We appreciate it.

Baker: Anyone else?

Wilson moved to adjourn the council meeting and Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; Hamsher, nay; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Baker: Thank you everyone for attending. Our meeting is now adjourned.
Council was adjourned 7:58 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council