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Council President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Brad Kelley from East Chippewa Church of the Brethren offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited.

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

Excused: Shupp

Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of July 18, 2016; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Standing Committee Reports** No report for Utilities, Health and Safety, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Planning, Ordinance and Personnel

Finance – Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. There is one piece of legislation on the agenda tonight concerning finance; Resolution 27-16. I did have a little bit of correspondence with Director, Finance Director Strimlan. This is something we do annually. There's nothing out of the ordinary but I believe Mr. Wheeler may chime in a little bit as we get to that legislation. Other than that, I don't have anything this evening. Thank you.

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

### **Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. Several items to mention tonight. First of all, our employee of the month, I'm going to go ahead and tell you who our August employee was and then we'll do September's at our next council meeting. Our employee of the month for August was Dean Kallenborn. Dean was hired into the power plant operations department in 1984 and has held various positions over the past 32 years. He was recently promoted to plant manager in 2015 and now oversees the overall operations of the plant. Dean is heading a key role related to the coal-to-gas conversion project his fall and was on the negotiation team during the EPA settlement process. Dean has a strong background in operations and maintenance and he recently completed his business management technology degree from Akron University. He's actively involved with AMP which you know is our partner organization. He lives in Marshallville with his wife Leslie. They have four adult children. And Dean's strong leadership skills, attitude and dedication make him a great asset for the organization. Dean chose to have lunch at Jerry's and that was last week. And then secondly, I'd like to mention that last week I had the privilege of going on the WEDC – Wayne Economic Development Council – Ag Tour. They do that every year but different locations in Wayne County every year just to give all of us in that group and anyone that chooses to go on the tour a better understanding of what all goes on in Wayne County. I don't think I've been on one yet that hasn't been interesting and very enlightening as far as things that you don't know even though you've lived here your whole life. This year it had a very nice Orrville flavor to it. And I mean that exactly the way I say that and I'll tell you why in a second. We first stopped after we met in Wooster at WEDC, we stopped at the Ramseyer Farms. We got a good history of the whole farm group itself over there and how that's been a family organization for many, many years. Started out potato farms and still do some of that but as you know, any of you that have kids or grandkids, you know that in the fall they do the pumpkin festival over there with the maze, the corn maze and everything. Really is amazing what they've added; each year they tend to keep adding more and more over there. So we got a chance to hear how they've come about doing all that and got a

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chance to go out and see the activity and actually some of the people went down the slides and almost hurt themselves. That's because they're too old to be doing that stuff. But it was fun. Second stop was at Sprosty Bag in Smithville. Again, this is a long-standing company in Wayne County. They used to be located in Wooster, moved to Smithville, I don't know, Mr. Corfman, how long ago?

Corfman: Three years.

Mayor: Three years ago. Okay. And needed more space and so they found a spot over there. Mr. Corfman, our councilman, is an employee there so we got a chance to talk to him while we were there too. Very neat tour. Again, you don't realize how far reaching some of our businesses are, the amount of people that they print bags for over there and the different style of bags they do is pretty amazing to see when you get over there. The third stop was Venture Products which of course was a nice one for us to see as Orrville people. We were glad to show off Venture's facility down there and all the good things they have done and in the process of doing, with their new addition almost being completed. We actually saw a video of a new products they'll be coming out with probably in 2018, I believe they thought. So they're close but they're not ready to release it yet. It will be a mid-sized farm vehicle that should be a very big success probably even more so in smaller countries than the US but I think it will be here, too. And then we had lunch at Old Carolina which gave us that Orrville flavor I was talking about. It was real nice trip. They do that a half day every year and so this year it was very nice to have that Orrville stuff involved. Then lastly, I would like to read a proclamation that we prepared today for the Chamber of Commerce (Proclamation read for National Chamber of Commerce week). We appreciate all of the work our Chamber of Commerce does for us. We work very closely with them and have had a good relationship with them for many years. I know they visited Quality Castings last week too with Mary Taylor.

Baker: Yes, they did. I wasn't there so I didn't get to see Mary again. I used to see her a couple times a month in her previous job when she was an accountant. Now as the Lt. Governor she has a whole different point of view when she comes to visit Quality Castings. I was sad that I missed her. I don't know if she was sad that I wasn't there or not.

Mayor: I bet she was. It's always bad when you miss Santa Claus.

Baker: That's true. Santa has started. Beginning of September, I've got to get ready. You know, I've got the elves working hard and so I've got to grow a beard so I'll be warm on the chin come December. Thank you, Mayor. We'll move to our Safety Service Director, Mr. Wheeler.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a reminder that trash pickup is delayed one day this week due to the Labor Day holiday; pickup is Friday instead of Thursday. A lot of projects going on. Rails to Trails project, both bridges are in. If you had a chance to watch that, that was actually pretty impressive with the cranes moving the beams in. Very impressive. They were amazing to watch. They do hope to start the asphalt. Both bridges are in. They do hope to start the asphalt work next week. They are going to move then back over in October, back over in front of Serpentine, and finish in front of Serpentine as there is some work going on there that we have to wait and get done before they can jump in there. As everyone might notice, Dominion is on West Market. They are continuing west toward Crown Hill. They are, so far, have kept the roads open. But stay alert as we will get notices out if there's any kind of road closures as a result of that work. The West Oak gas line all restoration will be completed after the West Market project is completed but their installation work is done. Concrete streets: should finish North Elm and Hostetler this week, weather permitting, then the work zone lights will be moved to South Crown and Paradise. And also we'll have a crew working on Lynn Drive or potentially Church. And West Market Street, the bid opening was done on Friday. That project should start the end of September, early October and should move fairly quick. And that's my report for tonight.

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

Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Welcome back council. While you were gone we were still engaged in a number of different projects. I just wanted to update you on a few of those. We're about 60% complete on all the street lights that are in the process of being converted over to the new style LED typed. If you've been up through North Main and Raspberry Road you've noticed the utilities have installed some new steel tower transmission poles. This is part of the transmission line that is being relocated to accommodate the Smucker expansion. And that work is going well and on schedule. Before you left, as you were aware, we were doing some repair work on generator 9. That work will hopefully be wrapping up within the next two weeks. Water Department did replace the water main on East Market. That road still remains a little gravelly in parts. There will be a temporary cover put on that prior to that entire street being repaved by Mr. Wheeler's group later on this year. Under the miscellaneous heading, at the September 12, will be the next Utility Board meeting, AMP will be reviewing a home protection service program. I believe I've mentioned this program coming available to our community in prior council meetings. Basically this is a voluntary program that covers like the everyday wear and tear aspects of your home unlike homeowners insurance it covers more of the catastrophic stuff. This will cover things like the inside and outside utilities and even cover your major HVAC equipment. But there is going to be a formal detailed presentation provided to the Utility Board. If the board elects to sponsor that program, there will be another program, but basically the same program, will be shown for the city council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> and that will be the official launch of that program. So if you have some questions, have some interest, you're more than welcome to attend the board meeting next week and there will also be the same opportunity to ask questions at the September 19 council meeting. It offers a little broader spectrum of services and the pricing is a little bit more economical than some of the other third party home protection service programs that a lot of our customers have already received in the mail. I know you can't tell by the temperature outside but it's time to be thinking about natural gas. We did sign an agreement with AMP who acts as our natural gas aggregator for our community. Our natural gas prices for the next billing period which will be November 1<sup>st</sup> of this year through October of next year will be reduced to \$2.97/MCF. That's down about 8% from our current rate. There will be some letters sent out that will be explaining all the details but basically is a reminder. If you're already enrolled in the aggregation program which most of us already are, you don't have to do anything. If you choose to opt out or you want to be enrolled, there will be some information in that letter on who to call and contact. I did go on the Ohio Public Utilities website just before I came in and this is probably the first time that there have been a couple of offers that were a little bit slightly below this one. I don't expect those, they're only like 5 cents lower right now, but they're still slightly lower. I don't expect those prices to remain that low especially as we start seeing the drop in temperatures. Third, on October 18 at 11am down at our Willow Island hydro-electric plant, we are having a joint dedication for the first phase of the hydro facilities that have come on line for the first of the year. If you're interested in joining that ceremony, let my office know. We will be making transportation arrangements. And I will remind everybody about this again. But that will be October 18 at 11am and if you have some interest in that we'll need to know by the end of September so we can make some arrangements. It will be a free ceremony, there will be a light lunch that will follow and then tours of that facility. And that is the closest hydro facility to our community. That's located just outside of Marietta so about 2 hours from here. The other two hydros that are being constructed, the next closest one is Cincinnati and the other two are in Eastern Kentucky. This isn't the only opportunity for that. We can really make arrangements to take tours of that plant at any time. But if you are interested in that just let me know. Last item, back in the end of July the Mayor and I and representatives from the City of Wadsworth met with Congressman Renacci up in his Wadsworth office. Had a good chance to

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meet with him on kind of our own turf, away from a lot of the extra distraction of Washington when we're generally there. Focused a lot on just some of the impacts of the sequestration and tax reforms. Congressman was curious on how those have been impacting us, was looking for some ideas on how he could better serve us and we offered a number of different avenues to try to make those subject matters a little bit more palatable to us. We did remind him that, if you recall, probably our biggest heartburn that we have from the Congress's sequestration is the impact this has on our Build America bonds. If you recall we took out a lot of financing for our hydro plant and our Prairie State plant. We reminded the Congressman that to date the sequestration has cost us a little bit over a half million dollars and that's extra interest expense on those bonds and if there are no changes made during that term of that sequestration, it will end up costing us a little south of \$2M of additional interest expense on those government backed bonds that we were encouraged to take out as part of the Federal Stimulus program. So every chance we're in Washington and we have some time to meet with our elected officials whether it's the Congressman's office or our two State Senators, we remind them of our displeasure with the sequestration and these bonds come up every time we're in Washington. With that, that's all I have this evening, sir. Thank you.

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Brediger. Does anyone have anything for Ms. Strimlan; she's excused this evening? No. We'll move to our Law Director, Mrs. Kirkbride.

Kirkbride: Thank you, Mr. President, I have nothing this evening.

Baker: Thank you. For my report this evening, first of all welcome back to all of Council. We've had the month of August free to do with as you please. We had a lot of fun, I did anyway, playing bells at the Rib Fest. The last week though my wife and I spent time away from Orrville and we found a really nice town that if you ever get a chance to visit, it's called Branson. And I got a chance to drive a duck on the lake there. Which, if you're not familiar with a duck, it's a military vehicle. It rides on land and water and I got to drive it while it was on the water. They wouldn't let me drive it on the land I guess there's other vehicles out there. The water was pretty free. But we had a blast. Get a chance, it's a fun place to go. This evening though before my report is finished we do have two things from our clerk to present.

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. President. We have two liquor control items. One came in while we were on break so I requested an extension so we are good until September 28<sup>th</sup> to respond and that is for CARISCO FOODS LLC, doing business as Cabos Mexican Grill. So they are requesting a liquor license at that location. They are located near a school so we also have to report on that and say whether or not we are against that. We do have Bell Stores with a liquor license right there, the bowling alley and Gary's Drive Thru. Do we have any objections for that one?

Baker: I see none.

Clerk: Okay. The other one is for AJ Food Mart and that is transferring from RKDJ Petroleum. And that is at 304 South Main Street. So that is a transfer of their liquor license.

Baker: Anyone have any questions on that one? Nope. Okay. Thank you. That completes the administrative reports this evening. We have no old business to go over but we do have new business this evening. Mr. Lorson.

**New Business:**

Lorson moved that Resolution 27-16 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 27-16**, A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by

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the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Baker: Okay. Anyone have any questions for this? Mr. Wheeler, will you be able to answer questions if there are any or do you have an explanation?

Wheeler: Probably not but I do have a short memo from Ms. Strimlan. As Mr. Aspiras mentioned it is an annual housekeeping item required by the County that gives the County the authorization to collect property tax for the City of Orrville. It must be approved and returned to the County by September 30<sup>th</sup>. As a result it does not need to be passed on first reading but would definitely need to be passed at the next council meeting if council decides to wait.

Baker: Any questions?

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 27-16 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 28-16 be placed on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 28-16**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements without bidding, to purchase twenty-six (26) APEX 6000 portable Motorola Radios, thirteen (13) APEX 6500 mobile Motorola Radios, and associated equipment through Motorola Solutions for the Fire Department of the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Okay. Now the Fire Chief is here this evening and Mr. Wheeler. I'm sure if there's any questions I'm sure one of those two will be able to answer.

Wheeler: Absolutely. Just to give you a little background on this. The Orrville Police Department transitioned over to MARCS radios effective Friday. So far they've been very impressed with everything and how that's went. In the meantime, obviously, we're ready to transition the Fire Department over. In the meantime we heard back from the FEMA grant and was denied the funding. But the good news is, as a result of the Republican National Convention, there is the availability of radios to fill our needs at a significant discount; 46%. These radios are actually brand new, believe it or not, so they were for the RNC but were never used. As probably most of you know, the City of Wooster took advantage of this as well. This is going like hotcakes, if you will. As a result, we did get Motorola and BNC to hold on to a number of radios we needed, set them aside if you will. They're not going to set them aside for long as you can imagine. So the desire is to purchase those as quickly as possible. I would like to purchase them with an 80/20 split of EMS funds to Fire Department/General Funds. Our call ratio are about 80/20 these days so that would reflect the call usage and the call volume and seems appropriate then for the radios that will be used for those calls. As a result, the actual general fund money would be just under \$24,000. The cost out of the EMS fund would be a little over \$95,000 and this fund has just under \$300,000 in it so there's still adequate funds if there was something to come up that we needed though I don't foresee anything. And as the council president mentioned, Chief Ballentine is here if you have any questions that I can't answer or anything specific.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler, so this will pull into Fire and Police.

Wheeler: We will be good to go. In the Street Department side we were able to get a hold of some free radios that they were discarding, the State was. So we will be good; we'll be done other than you know, miscellaneous equipment that might be needed in the future but of this magnitude by any means.

Aspiras: So I didn't think anything came good out of the RNC. Thanks for sharing that.

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

Vance: I'm assuming 'cause they're new, they still have all their warranty and everything.

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Wheeler: These do. Yes. They'll still have their warranty effective from the date of purchase; which is a one-year warranty.

Baker: Anyone else?

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

Mayor: I have one item I kind of forgot to mention, I should have remembered. Mr. Brediger kind of reminded me when he talked about our visit with Congressman Renacci in Wadsworth. He did stop last week here in Orrville on Thursday, met at Smucker's to actually sit and meet and greet Mark Smucker and get acquainted with him and then came up here to City Hall. Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Brediger and I had lunch with them here with Mr. McQueen and Mr. Renacci. And then they were on their way to a function in Canton. So it was nice that we were able to sit down and chat with them a little bit. Give them a little bit of a breather to before they head off to another function in Canton. So just wanted to bring that to your attention to. And that's all.

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

Aspiras: I did have a quick question for Mr. Brediger. That VAV, the Federal Stimulus that the congressional legislation, did that have a term on it or is that indefinite?

Brediger: Yes. It did have a term on it and I'll let you know how long that continued on for. It's for another 2-3 years but yeah, it was a, I want to say 5-7 year period. But I will let you know what that term is. It did have a term to it and at that time Congress can elect to continue it or make some other changes. But every time the budget comes up there is an opportunity for them to revisit this. The problem is there's a number of other issues in that sequestration that wants compromise on one or they make changes to one, the lines on there. But it does have a term. I will let you know what that term is. I will email you and report back at the next council meeting what that duration time is. But it is a specific period of time before congress has to take some other action on it. But it's not indefinite.

Aspiras: And if there's anything we can do, write a letter to our congressman or whatever.

Brediger: It's one of those house and senate and presidential triad of being able to be on the same page at the same time. We're not expecting that to change a whole lot with the next election cycle but we will see how that goes. But that is one of our common core messages when we go there for our legislative rally every year and its generally a topic of conversation when we're there on other non-particular meetings and certainly our lobbyists and when AMP people are in Washington the sequestration comes up in conversation. So this is something that's out in front of our Federal elected officials every time either we're there in person or our representatives are there. That's real money.

Aspiras: Thank you.

Mayor: Just to add to that, the letter writing campaign, not to down play that, but we have done that as a municipality as well as almost every AMP community that's part of that. And also the AMP board has sent letters to our representatives and also the OMEA, same thing. So they certainly know what our feelings are. It's just a little bit of hands tied and all that kind of stuff.

Baker: Anyone else?

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

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Baker: Thank you everyone for attending ladies and gentlemen. Our meeting is adjourned.  
Council was adjourned 8:04 PM.

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Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council