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Council President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Paul Simonsen from Christian & Missionary Alliance Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited.

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

Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting of November 7, 2016; Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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

Finance – Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. As promised at our last regular council meeting, Ms. Strimlan has passed out a 2017 temporary appropriations booklets along with a memo and I'm sure she'll have a little more to say about that during our Resolution 42-16 this evening. Other than that, that's all I have Mr. President. Thank you.

Health and Safety – Vance: Thank you, Mr. President. I think I just saw something real quickly today on Facebook that Officer Jaime McGreal had completed some officer executive training.

Wheeler: That's correct. PELC training.

Vance: Yes. So just wanted to recognize her for that and thank her for her service to the City. Thank you.

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

Administrative Reports:

Mayor: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to mention that our employee of the month for November is Glenn Burkholder. He is the power plant operation's employee of the month. Glen hired into the department in the mid 1980's and has worked as a plant operator; in time he was promoted to control room operator with another promotion in January of 2000 to Plant Supervisor. Glenn is currently our most senior plant supervisor. Glenn and his wife Karen live just outside of Orrville on the farm that they purchased together and operate as a hog and grain farm. They also continue to work the family farm on the north end of town. These farms keep them very busy, as you would imagine, but when time permits, they enjoy traveling and hiking in the mountain areas and snow skiing together along with their two grown children. With over 31 years of service, Glenn is planning on wrapping up his career at the plant this winter with a pending retirement in January 2017. So congratulations to Glenn for being our employee of the month and also congratulations and best wishes on his retirement. And also Council, it's kind of this time of year again where we have lots of different boards and committees throughout our city that operate different times of the month, different times of the year, depending on which committee they're on. Some of these need council approval as appointments are renewed. Others do not. I have four or five different ones that need council's approval. Would you like to do those each individually or do you want to do that group and then you can approve that group if you so desire? Okay. Let's try it that way. For the group that needs Council approval, we have on the Public Utility Board Michele Abel. Board of Zoning Appeals would be Lauri Besancon and Troy Higgins. Street Tree Commission, Gene Pouly. Design Review Board, Darin Johnson and also Todd Wallace. So if those are all suitable with Council then I would need a motion to accept those.

Corfman moved to accept the slate of nominees; Vance seconded; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Mayor: Thank you, Council. And also as I've done before just to inform you of some of the other

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renewals on some of these various commissions or boards just for your information. Planning Commission, Norm Hibinger. Civil Service Commission, there were none that expired this year. Wayne County Board of Health Representative, Carl Forrer. Nuisance Abatement Committee, Tim McGuire, Alicia McDonald, Rich Corfman and Ron Dessecker. Income Tax Review Committee, Steve Knox and Chris Conway and those two would appoint a third person if they ever have to meet. So that's all of them. We also have the Volunteer Fireman's Dependency Fund board but that comes up the Firefighter's elect two and Council appoints the other two. So that will be coming up here this month I'm sure. That's always in December. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Baker: We move next to our Safety Service Director. Mr. Wheeler.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Trash pick up is delayed one day this week due to Thanksgiving holiday so pick up will be Friday morning. Leaf pick up continues. The Service Department hopes to finish the north end this week and then circle back around to the south end of town and start all over again and try to finish up. We did do a very small salt run on Sunday morning. Our first of the year. We knew it was inevitable and it did wait longer than in years past. The concrete street project is really coming to a close. They're doing a small section at Lynn and Crown Hill. Also Dominion is out and about with a couple different projects on West Market, on Crown Hill as well, and I do want to note that none of the new concrete is being removed by either us or Dominion. We have received a call earlier today asking that and I wanted to be very clear that any concrete Dominion removes, 1) they will replace obviously, but 2) it will not be any of the new concrete. Norfolk Southern is planning on finishing the Walnut Street crossing by the end of the week. We've been on them to keep moving on that project. B&K is completing a small concrete island on Orr Street. That's an ODOT project required by ODOT in order to keep Orr Street open. So if you see them out there, that's what's going on there. Northstar, Market Street has been completed. I think it came out really well. There's a few minor punch list items to do but other than that, that projects complete as well. And I think that's about it.

Mayor: Mr. Wheeler, would you want to explain that Orr Street island just so maybe people listening might get a better idea of what's going on.

Wheeler: Yes. The island is really just right there at the intersection of Orr and Main. And it's going to allow right turns off, coming north off of Main Street. It also will allow right turns off of Orr onto Main and left turns on to Main. But not left turns off of Orr. Is everyone confused now? It basically is built so that you can't make a left off or Orr Street on to Main Street.

Mayor: And you wouldn't be able to turn right if you're going north on Main?

Wheeler: You will.

Mayor: You still can turn right?

Wheeler: Yes. And the idea behind that was based on ODOT's study that the traffic on Main makes it a little unsafe, and I don't know that's really the proper word, but it's a little prohibitive in regards to turning left out of Orr.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler, is there any way of encouraging the GPS people to make the change that shows that street? Every so often I still see semi's trying to turn onto Orr Street from Main and then they end up having to stop traffic and back out.

Wheeler: We have literally tried everything we could to do that. We've increased signage as well of which you notice making sure it was noted that Orr Street actually extended from High and so we're open to any suggestions that we might not have hit on that yet. I haven't noticed as many as there has been but on occasion we do see one that's stuck, if you will.

Baker: I think the repeaters have learned.

Wheeler: And I think the island will actually help there as well because it really will make it almost

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impossible for a semi to get through there which was the other goal as well.

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

Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple of informational items. We are done installing the LED street lights throughout the City. There are a couple places where we are looking to make a couple of alignment changes and the addition of a couple of additional lights. We still have lights to install on the High Street portion that's involved in that Orr Street effort. So that work will be done, or it is done at this time. I'll speak a little bit more about the solar resolution at the appropriate time but did want City Council that the board did approve our resolution at its last meeting on the 14th and we have sent out a lot of information to review. And I'll just highlight some of the handouts that were presented at the last board meeting and answer any questions that you may have on that. Now that's its officially cold out there, you can still sign up for the city's natural gas aggregation program. So I throw that out there as the furnaces are officially working overtime this past week. Also a reminder for all the parents with students with high school seniors, the AMP scholarships are due December 9th. Just check in with your area high school guidance counselor's office for that. You have good odds of winning that. I've been asked a few questions concerning what the utilities are thinking about with respect to the post-election. A lot of good questions have been asked there unfortunately I don't have a whole lot of answers right now because we really don't know a lot of information. We didn't get a lot of clues during the pre-election cycle so until then we have a lot to look forward to. We do know this is the largest republican make up of people since the 1920's. The democrats still have the ability to do filibustering in Congress similar to the current administration which has kind of thwarted some of the efforts. We do expect the President to be able to exercise Executive Action. President Obama got real good at that during his term. We do expect during the lame duck session there is an energy bill that may get pushed through. There are several good attributes about that. We don't have any heartburn issues on that bill moving between now and the time of the change. Funding of the government, as you're aware, the government runs out of money here pretty soon. The new Congress has said that they're willing to work with the new President in the next year and maybe make that process a little easier. One of the concerns we have going into the new election cycle is the issue dealing with tax exempt financing. We spoke on that on a number of years, every year we're in Washington we talk about Congress' interest in doing something with tax exempt financing as part of balancing the budget. And President-elect Trump is real interested in tax reform. Tax reform to us intimidates us a little bit from that perspective. We are hearing that even though there may be a little pulling back on the reigns with respect to the EPA. The environmental groups are still going to be out there. They said they are basically going to be on a mission to sue everybody regardless of whether or not they have any intent on even winning the lawsuits but since the EPA wasn't able to front their efforts they have vowed to continue the efforts to increase the cost of whatever projects that are out there and/or delay them or a combination of those. That's not going to go away. We're still going to have those kind of issues to deal with. As you are aware, he is hiring about 4,000 people. So a lot of stuff going on there. About 75% of the people, we did learn at our legislative update at the AMP board meeting last week, 75% of the staff is still civil servants. So the new incoming bunch of people are still going to have to find a way to work within the current institution in there. Some things that we are looking forward to learning over the next several months is the President will have his 100-day plan. We'll start learning some details from that. Mid-March is when the debt ceiling expires. We'll learn a little bit more about how we're going to be dealing with the budgeting process from a Federal perspective going forward. And we'll start seeing where some of those priorities are. So until we start seeing some priorities coming out of Washington, it's tough for us

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to really figure out where to focus our efforts at. It's probably going to be our biggest challenge going into this next administration is where do we put our efforts at because we really don't know where some of the agendas are? So we have AMP working real hard on our behalf on that and certainly our counter parts in Washington through the American Public Power Association will be working with us and communicating a lot with us over the next several months so we can start navigating the new waters and really find out what those new challenges are ahead of us. There are some good things that we are looking forward to but there's a lot of unknowns that we just won't know until we get there. So that was some of the political update that we had at our last AMP board of trustees. And we'll be learning a little bit more from APPA, we do have a legislative rally at the end of February, first one or two days of March where we will be a little more focused on issues that have an impact on us from the Washington perspective. That's all the general comments I have tonight and again I'll have a few more comments and we'll go over a few highlights of the proposed legislation here a little bit later on. Thank you.

Mayor: Mr. Brediger, I think the Distribution Department deserves a pat on the back for installing all of those LED lights. What was the number, again, that they did? I know it was more than I would have even thought.

Brediger: We had a little bit over 1100 lights all together.

Mayor: That's what I was thinking. A lot of lights to change.

Brediger continued on with information on LED lighting and on processes to install lights in neighborhoods that do not currently have lighting as it was not previously required by developers. Regulations have changed for new developments.

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

Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. Finance Department is busy preparing for yearend. Also doing some preliminary audit work in preparation for the auditors who usually arrive in February. We're also getting ready for spending in 2017 with the Temporary Appropriations that are before Council tonight and I'll discuss that further when it comes up on the agenda. That's all I have.

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

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

Baker: Thank you. This evening I have no particular report but as you know, it did get colder over the weekend and when the streets get icy I'm sure our guys will be out there with salt. But take it easy. It takes people a while to remember how to drive on snow and ice once again. We have no old business for this evening but we do have a nice amount of new business. Mr. Lorson, you can get started.

New Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 38-16 be placed on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 38-16**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a purchase order(s), without bidding, for the purchase of the following materials and services to meet the requirements of the City of Orrville, Ohio, for calendar year 2017, as follows: purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel; purchase of medium curing asphalt, asphaltic concrete and asphaltic emulsions; concrete; liquid insecticide for mosquito control, services, supplies and machinery needed to chip and seal roadways, alleys and/or city-owned parking lots and driveways; services, supplies and machinery for street traffic painting and crack sealing services; 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).

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Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. This is an annual resolution. It's what I would call a housekeeping resolution just that we do this the same time of year just to prepare for the next year of expenditures.

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 38-16 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 39-16 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 39-16**, A Resolution authorizing the City of Orrville to sell by internet auction, or otherwise dispose of, unclaimed or forfeited property held by the Police Department in the year 2017.

Baker: We've seen this one before too. Do you have anything to add?

Wheeler: No, sir, Mr. President. Just that we normally, both Resolution 39 and 40 are annual resolutions. We typically sell via eBay or Gov Deals and again, as I've stated in the past, it's been a very effective way for us to maximize the dollars for the sale of these respective items.

Baker: Questions?

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 39-16 be adopted as read. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 40-16 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 40-16**, A Resolution authorizing the City of Orrville to sell by internet auction, or otherwise dispose of, Municipal personal property in the year 2017.

Wheeler: Same as the last. Just allowing us to sell via eBay, Gov Deals and of course we advertise on our own website as well.

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 40-16 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 41-16 be placed on first reading. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 41-16**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contact and/or contracts with other political subdivisions to provide Police, Fire and/or EMS services and/or dispatching services to said political subdivisions for the calendar year 2017.

Wheeler: This too is an annual resolution. This allows us to enter into contracts with respective townships on fire services if they so choose. Also, in the past, it has allowed us to enter into agreements on dispatching services. As I read it, I would like to request an amendment to the resolution after "to said political subdivision" instead of "to said" to "to/from said political subdivision" this is supposed to cover the WARCOG services as well, obviously we're not providing services to the WARCOG, they're providing them to us. So if I can ask for an amendment just to add /from prior to political subdivisions. Vance moved to add /from other political subdivisions to the resolution; seconded by Aspiras; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson: **Resolution No. 41-16**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contact and/or contracts with other political subdivisions to provide Police, Fire and/or EMS services and/or dispatching services to/from said political subdivisions for the calendar year 2017.

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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 41-16 be adopted as amended. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Vance: When do you expect to know the cost of our WARCOG commitment for next year?

Wheeler: For next year, they are working on the formulas. The monthly meeting is tomorrow so I suspect there'll be some additional discussion then. So I would say by the end of, by the next meeting in December

I would think the formula will be figured out and we'll have a good, at least reasonable, estimate. I will say so far our average cost has been a little over \$10,000 a month which comes out right about on the money in regards to where we expected to be. I do expect next year to be higher as they've added some additional personnel as we're adjusting for the volume of calls. But it'll still be substantially lower than what we've paid historically to run our own.

Lorson moved that Resolution 42-16 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 42-16**, 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, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Ms. Strimlan.

Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. Temporary Appropriations for 2017 are \$58 million with \$16M being allocated for the tax-supported funds; \$42M for the enterprise funds. These temporary appropriations are the same as the 2017 budget that we reviewed in June at our workshop. There will probably be changes as there usually are before our final appropriations in March. If you remember, the Ohio Revised Code does allow us to pass temporary appropriations for spending for the first three months of the year with final appropriations being adopted by April 1st that way we have a full year of expenditures in revenue that we can reflect on before we finalize those. And this legislation should go the full three readings.

Baker: Anyone have any questions for Ms. Strimlan? Yes, Mr. Vance.

Vance: Perhaps for people that aren't familiar can you describe what enterprise funds are?

Strimlan: Those would be the Utilities. The electric, water and waste water.

Lorson moved that Resolution 43-16 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 43-16**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities to approve the form and authorize the execution of a power sales contract with American Municipal Power, Inc. and taking other actions in connection therewith regarding participation in the AMP Solar Project II and to declare an emergency.

Baker: Yes, sir.

Corfman: This is a purchase and operation of solar power. This becomes more important as we enter into diversification of our portfolio. And this is power that's produced in Orrville and as we enter into new administration, regulations aren't going to be likely be welcomed and the transmission is not going to be likely to be more regulated. We get a lot of credits for anything produced in town and this becomes very important to us. Solar power becomes more important also in the diversification as far as credits for more green energy. I'm going to run out of things here pretty quick and then I'm going to kick off to Mr. Brediger. I think it's also, we're entering into a contract that's sort of on hold. We have a placeholder with AMP that if we decide to go with this, we'd like to do it tonight. The Utility Board looked at this for a

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rather lengthy and thorough meeting last Monday. They passed on first reading, put it on their agenda. After that I'm going to let Mr. Brediger explain the rest of its importance.

Brediger: As council is aware, Utility Board has been exploring the possibility of solar for several months. We've been looking at several different projects and finally landed on this one. I did pass out prior to the start of the meeting a project overview that was presented at the November 14th Utility Board meeting. I just wanted to go over a few of the highlights that was discussed at that. (Handout reviewed.) This is the second phase of solar that AMP is rolling out. There are half a dozen-eight participants that are already installing solar this year. The closest of those being a small site just right up the road in Marshallville. So with that I will entertain any other questions that anybody might have. But the board did unanimously support this. Again, it is something that we've been talking about for quite a long time. We were just waiting for enough synergies to come together being able to take advantage of some other Federal tax credits that we were not allowed to take because we're a government entity. And when we're not really seeing a whole lot of relief in sight from the transmission side of our business and those costs have been going up extremely at a high rate the past handful of years and this just helps us offset some of that. I will add that this energy will only represent about 2% of the total amount of energy that will be coming in to serve our customers. So a small slice, about the same amount of energy coming from the solar field as we will be having coming from the Blue Creek wind project. That wind project operates a little bit higher capacity factor. These solar panels will be generating energy about 20% of the time. The other 80%, when they're not generating electricity we have no financial obligation to that site. That's all I have.

Question and answer discussions continued.

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 43-16 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: Ladies and gentlemen, that completes our new business for this evening. Anyone have anything for the good of the order tonight?

Hamsher: Thanksgiving is coming up so I want to encourage everybody to say thank you to. I want to thank our clerk for having her birthday on the same day as Thanksgiving. So thank you for that. Happy Birthday.

Clerk: Thank you.

Baker: Anyone else?

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

Baker: Ladies and gentlemen thank you for attending our meeting tonight, we're now adjourned.

Council was adjourned 8:53 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council