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January 17, 2017

Council President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Chuck Davis of Calvary Life Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited.

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

Aspiras moved to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2016, meeting as documented; Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Standing Committee Reports** No reports.

Brief discussion on the new stop signs posted by the Ohio Railroad Development Commission at some of the RR crossings. They were mandated by the State. The Main Street RR crossing was exempt due to the traffic flow on Main Street.

**Special Committee Reports** No reports.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk gave his annual *State of the City Address* (copy on file).

Safety Service Director Steve Wheeler: No trash delay this week. Storm water basins cleaned out. Pot holes being filled by the end of this week.

Utilities Director Jeff Brediger: Solar project update (2 sites going thru due diligence work) – wetland area in the smaller proposed solar field so looking at some options; preliminary engineering being done on both sites. EPA settlement mandates required by January 30. We are on track: we did convert the coal unit over to natural gas and installed the LED street lights. Limited operation on remaining coal units beginning January 31 we go from breaking about 100 years of coal fired operation 7 days a week/24 hour basis to something a lot different. Operating the plant in the winter period and the summer periods and see where the market takes us on the fall and spring modes. Water Treatment facility has its annual EPA inspection and received a clean bill of health. Utility Board was presented last Monday with the 2016 financial report. 266 resident and 44 businesses and industries that contributed to the Bloomin' Orrville program in 2016. We are going into the 4<sup>th</sup> year of having that program in our hands, managed by Mike Hedberg and our Finance Director Janet Strimlan.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan: Working on closing yearend and preparing for the annual audit. Also working with administration on final appropriations which will be presented to Council in March. At the next meeting will be legislation for the annual audit expenses.

No reports from Law or President Baker.

Clerk Feudo: Presented a request for a new liquor license for the Orrville Cobblestone Hotels. There were no objections.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Lorson moved that Ordinance A-17 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance No. A-17**, An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map created by Chapter 1120

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of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to reclassify parcels of land located on the south east side of Rohrer Road consisting of 12.044, 11.445 and 13.467 acres in the City of Orrville, Ohio, from R-1 (Residential) to R-2 (Residential).

Discussion: To be built by XL Builders and managed by Redwood Apartments, developments in 6 states currently and 19 developments in NE Ohio. A total of about 37 acres, rezone from R-1 single family homes to R-2 high end duplexes. 214 units over three separate phases. 74 in Phase I. Primary access off Rohr Road. Planning Commission has recommended council approval. These will be private streets and maintained by the development.

Aspiras moved that a public hearing be held prior to the next council meeting on February 6, 2017, regarding Ordinance A-17. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 4-17 be placed on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 4-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities and/or the Public Utilities Board of Control to enter into a contract, without bidding, for the replacement of electric distribution truck #58 with a truck which meets the specifications of the City of Orrville and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This was to be replaced in 2018 but during safety inspection a lot of corrosion came to light and it needs to be replaced now for safety reasons. Will need to make a budget amendment for it in appropriations. Will be taking a new approach to rust treatment for the new truck. The truck is a stock item so should be available in 6-8 weeks.

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 4-17 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Hamsher moved to adjourn the council meeting; Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council Date

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Lyle Baker, President of Council