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Council President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Haroldo Nunes from Salem Mennonite Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited.

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

Wilson moved to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2017, meeting; Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; Shupp abstained; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Finance – Appropriations booklets were distributed this evening.

### **Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk announced the March employee of the month from the Distribution Department, Dan Landis. He works as an “A” lineworker. He started working at the power plant on Oct. 3 1994 as a Journeyman Line Worker, having served his apprenticeship at Duke Power. Dan operates truck 49 and has performed his job duties through the years with a great attitude and a willingness to help the younger employees. His interests outside of work include a lot of history as he is somewhat of a Civil War buff. He also enjoys aircrafts and aircraft museums along with watching various sports, including the Buckeyes and Cleveland teams. Dan resides in Chippewa Twp. An update on the AP and APPS legislative rally in Washington DC. Met with Senator Portman, Senator Brown, and Congressman Renacci while there about Public Power concerns. The AMP and OMEA contingent, about 60 in attendance from Ohio, met with 30 different congressional offices while there. APPA Rally, American Public Power Rally, to engage in the legislative process with the main topics were energy and environmental policy, concerns about sequestration impacts on Build America bonds. That is a huge one with the amount of money that we are losing because of our Government a few year back encouraging municipalities to invest in these bonds for major projects with AMP did for the hydro projects, all of them. So we’re encouraged to jump in and then when we’re in the middle of it the government decides that they’re not going to do it anymore and it changes the whole interest rate. Think about starting a football game and then have the rules change in the middle of the game. It’s just not the way it should work. Also tax-exempt financing on Municipal projects. A lot of the very big projects, not just utility projects, many are financed by tax-exempt financing and that’s another area that seems to be getting ratcheted down on. And there’s a great concern on will municipalities be able to do the projects that they need to do without that financing.

Safety Service Director Steve Wheeler: Street Department has taken advantage of the mild weather to work in the parks, on the ball fields and to continue with pothole repairs.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan: Will speak to the legislation as it comes up on the agenda.

President Baker: Thanked the line crew for all their work in the dark of night, rain and wind during our recent power outage.

Mayor Handwerk: Along the lines of that storm, the problem and the reason we had the outage is, this wouldn’t have happened before the agreement we had to sign with the EPA. When we totally generated our own power, what happened this week wouldn’t have been an issue but the pole that broke was our transmission line from the one that brings power in if we’re not generating enough. Because of that, that’s why we were in the bind we were in and why we are looking at a second transmission line because now if we have a serious issue with the one transmission line we could be without power a long time. To this project is being worked on.

### **New Business:**

Lorson moved that Resolution 7-17 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 7-17**, 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.

Discussion: Final appropriation books were distributed this evening. \$63 million in appropriations: \$47 M from enterprise funds; \$7.5M in the general fund; \$8.5M for the tax supported funds. Significant

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changes in the capital fund and also special revenue funds on the tax supported side to support some additional projects planned for this year. Enterprise funds show changes in working capital transfers, changes in the utility reserve fund for modifications to anticipated projects for 2017. Significant changes in purchased power, coal, ash disposal and natural gas and those are reflective of our natural gas conversion that was just completed. This needs to go the full three readings with workshop on March 13.

Clerk: Mr. President, the Fiscal Officer's certificate for Ordinance B-17 is on file.

Lorson moved that Ordinance B-17 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance B-17**, An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$300,000 Notes, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of improving the Municipal Water System by the acquisition and construction of improvements to that system including, but not limited to, the development of a new well field, extending raw water mains to that well field, constructing a building and a booster station in connection therewith and improving the site thereof, upgrading the control system at the water plant, increasing the capacity of and otherwise improving and upgrading existing raw water mains, installing additional pumping capacity and water mains, upgrading existing water mains, and otherwise improving that system, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This note has been in front of council 8 years now. Originally issued in 2008 to finance the utility projects mentioned. We do roll this over every year. We have until 2028 to complete payment of this otherwise we will have to issue bonds. Last year we issued the note for \$400,000. We're paying down \$100,000 so we will be issuing the note for \$300,000 this year. We hope to retire this debt next year. This does not have to be approved today.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance B-17 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 8-17 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 8-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Public Utilities Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for the repair of Turbine-Generator No. 11 at the Power Plant, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Director Brediger sent out a memo. Electric Utility has appropriated and planning for this Turbine 11 overhaul due to its lower than expected performance and excessive vibration. It could not be completed until the natural gas conversion was done. The contractors schedule makes it more economically feasible to start this work early this month. It will also help with the scheduling of the relocation of the transmission lines. All units need to be in operation when that relocation and need to coordinate with AEP and the J. M. Smucker Company. Utility Board held a special meeting to get it approved and before Council.

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 8-17 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Service Department Superintendent John Scott presented his annual report. Copy on file.

**Good of the Order:**

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

Council adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council