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Council President Baker called the meeting to order and offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited.

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

Excused: Shupp, Hamsher

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

Wilson moved to adopt the minutes of the March 6, 2017, meeting; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Corfman moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017, meeting; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; Wilson abstained; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance – Special meeting and a workshop were held March 13 on Final Appropriations Res. 7-17 which is on 3rd reading tonight.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: State level issues that will affect all municipalities were discussed. Centralized Tax Collection which we oppose. They will be charging us a 1% fee to collect Business taxes and then distribute back to the cities at a time of the State's choosing. In the meantime we will still have to pay our city income tax collection department to handle individual tax collection and any questions that come in any time during the year from individuals and businesses. The 1% will be more than we are paying now for our tax department employee. So we will be paying actually twice as much as we are now. We were assured nothing like that would happen. We are keeping an eye on this. We have spoken to Representative Scott Wiggam and Senator Frank LaRose again recently about this and about how it would negatively impact us as a city. And as was stated in the newspaper, Wooster is doing the same. All municipalities, for the most part, are kind of in the same boat with this and not real thrilled with this idea. Another State issue is the new standards for Wireless Communication facilities and small cell statutes that we have been talking with them for a good many months. Brediger and I hear about this through AMP and OMEA and we have also heard from the municipal league on this. We have voiced strong concerns to our Representative and Senator too and will be looking into further considerations as time goes on. Lastly, the medical marijuana facilities issue, our administration and council worked to pass a 6 month moratorium and we need to renew as it will run out in April. Hopefully another 6 months will give us time to get more guidance from the State on what they will do with this. I will be attending Meals on Wheels "March for Meals" program this Wednesday along with Jennifer Greathouse, longtime volunteer and driver. She is a pharmacist at Orrville's CVS is one of several volunteers that help each week. This will be my 10th year helping with this program.

Safety Service Director Steve Wheeler: Service Department continues with pothole repair, working on catch basins, working on ball fields as games start this week, and they will be replacing light poles at Breneman. Our police department had a fairly quiet St. Patrick's Day weekend. I am proud of our community to say that we had 25 traffic stops from Friday-Sunday with no DUI's. Question from President Baker voiced resident concern about issues with railroad crossings. Wheeler sated the railroad is the owner of the track and the right-of-way in that area. We are not permitted to repair

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around the tracks or the right-of-way area even if there are potholes in that area. We can hound them to fix it which is done each Monday with a phone call to remind them that those tracks need repairs. They had it on their schedule for last year but somehow was slipped on their schedule and we hound on them now to get back on it this spring. They said it was getting back on their schedule and will call us to let us know when.

Utility Director Brediger: Work continues on Turbine 11 inspection. It was disassembled last week and will be doing the detailed inspections this week looking for the sources of the high vibration on the high pressure end of that unit. In regards to our wireless internet business, we are down to 8 customers and very antiquated (512KB) system so we will be ending that service this summer. Customers will be notified. Boiler 13 EPA testing completed last week, unit was converted to natural gas last fall. We tested 10% below Federal maximums on that. We are awaiting their final report. Our entire power plant is out of service as of Friday afternoon. The evaporation, stack plume, will be non-existent until high usage time later this summer. We will be laying down that plant unless the market turns a little bit more in our favor. Wireless, small cell legislation, SB331, a bulletin was handed out tonight sent out by AMP. We will look at bringing legislation to council soon.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan: 2017 Final Appropriations is on 3rd reading this evening. To recap, the total appropriations are \$63M. \$47M attributable to the enterprise funds, \$7.5M for the general fund and \$8.5 for tax supported funds. Once approved they will be forwarded to the County for approval there.

Law Director Kirkbride: The executive session for pending litigation will be postponed to another meeting.

President Baker: Reminded everyone the weather is warming and drivers need to watch their speed and drive defensively.

Old 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: Vance thanked the administration and staff for the work done on the budget and spending less than what was appropriated last year. Many directors make changes to save money that no one ever hears about. We can be confident that the funds are spent wisely.

Lorson moved that Resolution 7-17 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business:

Lorson moved that Ordinance C-17 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance C-17**, An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

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Discussion: This is an annual ordinance updating the Codified Ordinances based on the prior years' legislation that council had approved. This will go to second reading because we don't have a council majority. Codified Ordinances can be found on the website and the council clerk posts legislation as approved, to the city Facebook page as well.

Fire Department Chief Bob Ballentine presented his last annual report as he will be retiring. Copy on file.

Mayor Handwerk thanked Chief Ballentine for being a great chief to work with and all he has done over the years for the Orrville Fire Department.

Good of the Order:

Vance moved to adjourn the council meeting; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

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Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council