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Council President Baker called the meeting to order. Pastor Randy Gehres of Christ United Church of Christ offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited.

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

Excused: Wilson

Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the April 17, 2017, meeting; Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports none

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: The May employee of the month is Dave Swartzentruber from Power Plant Operations. Dave is a 29 year veteran in the department and has been a supervisor for almost seventeen of those years. He was hired in as an Apprentice Operator and worked in just about every position in the department over the years. Dave is really personable, easygoing and knows much about the plant and the equipment. Dave and his wife Victoria reside in a quiet country setting near Holmesville, where they are working on a home renovation and keeping animals; as Dave puts it "probably too many animals". Dave has two grown children, Eric and Laura and three grandchildren, Logan 14, Jason 10, and Taylor 8. Dave has many other interests as well to occupy his time; working on vintage cars and campers, firearms and target shooting. He and Victoria also enjoy taking daytrips, weekend trips, as well as traveling abroad. Congratulations Dave Swartzentruber. And a proclamation to proclaim May 7-13, 2017 as Drinking Water Week. Congratulations to Todd Fetty and the Water Treatment staff for providing safe and great tasting water and Director Jeff Brediger who oversees all our Utility departments.

Safety Service Director Steve Wheeler: Dominion restoration work continues as weather permits. The weather we recently had has pushed work back a little bit as well as the railroad crossings on South Main, still scheduled to come in the next few weeks after their current project was pushed back due to the weather. Norfolk Southern will make the schedule and Wheeling Lake Erie will come in behind them and do their track as well. That project should take approximately 3 weeks. They will look at improvements to the crossing but no word on if they are doing it the same as the South Main Street crossing that is plated. Street Department continues with mowing and basin work. Reminder from Police Chief to lock car doors. This time of year there is an increase in vehicle trespasses as the weather warms and also that they will have extra patrol out Friday night for Cinco de Mayo. Don't drink and drive.

Utility Director Brediger: National electric association, American Public Power Association awarded the electric utility a Certificate of Excellence last week. Orrville is one of 120 out of the 2000 member organization that achieved reliability standards that are in the top 5% across the nation. Congratulations to our generation and our distribution department for the work noted in that. Water tower inspections begin this week and the next two weeks; both interior and exterior. Waste Water Utility is going through a review of their facilities planning area by the County and is done every 5 years or so. They look at where future development may be in the area of sewer infrastructure over the next 5-10 year period.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan: On April 25 the House Finance Committee approved new language for a substitute budget bill that removed the Governor's proposal for centralized income tax collection for business filers. The substitute bill focused more on rebuilding the Ohio Business Gateway. Some of the other provisions included appropriating \$24M for that rebuild to preserve that optional use for business filers who choose to use the gateway. It also allows the tax commissioner to charge a user fee to municipalities of 1% of the tax due or \$1,000 whichever is greater for again those business filers that choose to use the gateway. We have to get a little more information on that section and we're also evaluating what the impact would be to us now with the business filers that currently use the gateway, which is pretty minimal. The gateway is scheduled to be completely rebuilt by January 1st of 2019. So the Senate now has several weeks to incorporate any change they wish to make before that budget bill can be passed. Also, during the week of April 17, the City was audited by BWC (Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation). It was for a two-year period. We received no findings or recommendations during that audit. The auditor did indicate that less than 15% of municipalities go through a 2-year audit with no findings. So we're pretty pleased with the way that turned out. Distributed this evening was the Investment listing for the first quarter of 2017. No motion is needed. Also distributed, the Fund Balance

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report for period ending March 31, 2017, which requires a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Aspiras so moved; seconded, Corfman; roll call vote; all yeas, motion carried.

Law Director Kirkbride: No report.

President Baker: Our Clerk has a request.

Clerk Gault: We have received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control asking if we would like to request a hearing on the transfer of corporate stock ownership for Arriaga Inc & Patio. Transferring stock from Luis Arriaga and Crispin Alvarez to Crispin Alvarez. Do we need to have a hearing on that? No.

New Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 22-17 be placed on first reading. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 22-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the 2017 Concrete Streets Project in the City Of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This has become an annual concrete work resolution. This would allow us to spend ½ million capital fund dollars. No grant money is involved. Streets: Church (Vine to Sterling), Crown Hill (in front of Fire Station 2 to Lynn Drive), N. Elm (in front of the pool heading North) as the primary streets and as money allows, Dairy Lane, Perry and Sunset Drive (between Church and High). With no grant money involved, we can move on it as soon as the resolution is approved, wrap up the engineering and go out for bids. Elm will be first. This project is about 25% of the capital improvement funds for this particular year. Normally we spend about \$1M which is half. We'll spend another \$600,000-\$700,000 on asphalt streets as well. We will be well over 60% overall this year. If you include the CDBG it will be closer to 70%. Typical year it is ¾ to higher of the capital funds on our street projects.

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 22-17 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 23-17 be placed on first reading. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution No. 23-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement and/or agreements to purchase real estate located at 240 West Market Street, Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is a property acquisition previously discussed in the budget meeting. The County condemned on Feb. 13, 2017, with the owner given 60 days to address structural concerns. They did not meet that deadline. It has been barricaded almost a year now with safety concerns that it may crumble. Owner paid \$65,000; selling to us for \$46,500. We would like to close by May 19. We are working on grant funds for the demolition and asbestos removal. The owner had an estimate to structurally repair the property and complete work inside and it ranged from \$150,000-\$200,000. We would like to have the demolition done before the Rib Fest. The grant will require some environmental items done but it looks good. We will seed the lot and maintain as greenspace. Much of the building is to the studs on the inside. We can always sell the lot in the future.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 23-17 be adopted as read. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Hamsher motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition; Corfman seconded; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. 7:57 pm
Corfman Moved to adjourn Executive Session; Hamsher seconded; roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. 8:19 pm.

