

## Regular/Public

June 5, 2017

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

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

Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the May 15, 2017, meeting; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Standing Committee Reports** None

### **Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk: City curfew for teenagers was reviewed. Vehicle theft on the rise. Be sure to lock your vehicles and don't leave valuables in plain sight in the vehicle. June employee of the month is Dan Lorson from the Fire Department. Dan has taken many training programs and is now a lieutenant with OFD. He is a member of both the RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) and Special Response Team. He is a paramedic, hazardous materials technician, lieutenant at Station 2, a Firefighter 2 and an Officer 2. Dan was recently named the Orrville Firefighter of the Year. He will have the place of honor to lead the 4th of July parade on July 4th at 4 p.m. Born and raised in Orrville, Dan is a 2002 OHS graduate and a 2006 graduate from Kent State University where he studied justice and psychology. He is a production manager at Riverview Wood Products in Smithville. He and his wife Lindsey have a one-year-old daughter, Evelyn. Fire Chief Bob Ballentine said, "Dan has become an excellent officer at station #2, and is looked up to by the members that he supervises."

Safety Service Department: Mr. Wheeler was excused. Kristin Endsley reported. Fire Chief Bob Ballentine retired. Our new Fire Chief is Chris Bishop and our new Assistant Fire Chief is Ron Ballentine. Orr Pool is now open. Movies in the park will continue this year and remain free to the public. 2017 concrete street bids were opened on Friday but have not been awarded until Mr. Wheeler returns. Other bids are Pearl Street opening handled by the County will open on June 13 and 2017 asphalt resurfacing will open on June 23. Norfolk Southern and Wheeling & Lake Erie railroads will be repairing the South Main Street crossings and detours will be posted once they choose their route. Park concerts will be taking place again this summer as well. The demolition of the building on West Market is approved by the revolving loan fund committee to use CDBG money. It had to go through a review process at the State level to grant a waiver to use it as grant funds instead of a loan. The Historic Preservation Office has asked for additional information and photos since it is part of the downtown historic, national registry, so the money has not been released. We need to show there is no useful life left in this historic building.

Utility Director Brediger: Transmission lines along State Route 57 will be relocated during the next month or so with lane restrictions. Utility Board approved a resolution to keep Power Cost Adjustment Factor frozen for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in a row. Water Tower inspections were completed but final reports have not been received. There were no major items but painting at least the West tower and maybe the South tower in some shade of blue; recommendations welcome. Fire hydrant flushing continues. Discussion on getting some deflecting panels so the water does not spray out at the vehicles. Water Street water main line replacement to take a week and a half. Quotes will be coming in for the repair of the sewer line. Facility Planning Area update for sewer growth in our region is in process.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan: We are in the beginning stages of the budget process. The books should be finalized and delivered to Council on July 3. Workshop on July 10 after the Utility Board Meeting. Third reading is July 17 to meet the budget commission guidelines for presentation. Auditors continue to review our 2016 information with a few areas left to finalize. It is anticipated by the end of next week they will be completed and shortly thereafter you will receive a notice to attend the closing meeting if you desire. Our CAFR information has been submitted thru the State of Ohio reporting system. As a result, the preliminary financial health indicators are available on line for review; this will be the second year of those financial health indicators from Auditor Yost. You will be given a copy once they are finalized but preliminary are, as stated, available to view on Auditor Yost's website. A business process review has been done on the financial systems in anticipation of the ERP implementation. We'll begin integration and testing in the next few weeks with the hope to have a full conversion on January 1.

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Law Director Kirkbride: SB 331, right of way and cell towers, Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge struck down the provisions relating to the cell towers and also relating to certain wage provisions of that bill while preserving the animal welfare concerns that were part of that bill. We are watching that carefully. Just so you're aware that the portion relating to the single subject concerns with respect to the constitutionality of that bill were found to be unconstitutional by the Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge. That's also under consideration in the Summit County case.

**New Business:**

Lorson moved that Resolution 32-17 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 32-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement and/or agreements to purchase real estate located on West Market Street, Orrville, Ohio (PPN 59-01970.000, 59-01972.000, 59-01973.000, and 59-01974.000) and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is the purchase of vacant land located on West Market Street and would be the parking lot adjacent to Heather's Studio previously used by Apple Dumpling's trucks. It is hoped that closing will be in just a few weeks. This will be added to the chip and seal list and it will be striped for additional downtown parking.

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 32-17 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 33-17 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 33-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract to provide for tax abatement for real property for GMEG, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is a tax abatement for a 105 SF distribution center on the 9.435 acres on Commerce Drive. Last meeting we approved the legislation on the sale of this land. Animal Supply will lease the space and moving their employees to this location and hiring an additional 21 employees over the next 3 years. The Orrville School Board has approved the 15 year term and waive the 45 day notification period. John "Clancy" and Molly Lavins were present. They had purchased Wholesome Pets in Smithville 11 years ago and 4 years ago sold to Animal Supply. They service pet foods and pet supplies in a 6 state area including the Smucker brand Natural Balance. They provide treats, foods and supplies to independent pet stores across the nation.

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**Good of the Order**

Rich Corfman will be absent from the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Hamsher moved to adjourn the council meeting; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council