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July 3, 2017

Public Hearing was held on **Resolution 35-17**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2018, and declaring an emergency.

There was no discussion.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 p.m.

Council President Baker called the meeting to order.

Pastor Newton Brenneman of New Hope Christian Center offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited.

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

Absent: Vance

Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017, meeting; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Standing Committee Reports**

Finance – Aspiras: Special meeting is scheduled for next week July 10 after the Utility Board meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Handwerk: Thank you Firefighters for all the hard work, planning, that goes into this week. We receive many call as far as when are the fireworks and parade. This past weekend they had the first softball tournament which had 34 teams involved in that from all over Ohio and from out of state and then there will be second ball tournament starting Wednesday. So hopefully it will dry up a little bit again. That one is 78 teams. Lots of people will be visiting our city here this week for that tournament and also for the carnival and the parade and the fireworks. We hope people help Orrville put its best foot forward and keep things cleaned up in the yards and things like that. There were nothing but positive comments about the new dugouts out there, from the visiting teams and coaches and also the umpires. Those are the people that are making sure the game is run well and run safe. They were very pleased that the dugouts were put in. Also, with each new state budget that gets passed, and we have one almost ready to be passed now, every time the last few years we're losing money. Municipalities are lose money. It's being taken away from us and I would just like to mention that too many times the comments that we hear from Columbus is, if you're short on money, raise your taxes. And I don't know that the people around here are aware that that's what we're hearing. But I've never had a year like this year where we've had so many calls from our association people, whether it's the Ohio Municipal League or AMP (American Municipal Power) telling us please contact your representatives; there's another thing that either hurts our utilities or hurts the municipality financially. And this is all over the state. At our Mayor's conference last month, 120 Mayors were not happy at all with some of the financial decisions that are being made. Within the next week or so, even for the next meeting I can meet with Ms. Strimlan and we could actually come up with a dollar figure of over, say the last six years, how much money we've had taken away. Because I know at one time the dollar amount was just as high as if we would have passed that quarter percent tax increase a few years back that was tried. And that was going to be \$700,000-\$800,000 a year annually and we've lost that much. We will try to have that figure at next meeting. And lastly, someone is passing a rumor around town that I'm not running again in the next term, which is actually two whole years away. I have not said that at all. If I had to decide today, then I would say I'm probably running again.

Vance arrived at 7:37 p.m. during Mayor Handwerk's report.

Safety Service Department: Trash pickup is delayed this week. Concrete street projects will start next week. Northstar was the low bidder on our OPWC projects as well as on the CDBG Pearl Street project. They are expected to start here in the next week or so. We are awaiting the state grant documents. As a result of the bid prices East Oak, Arlington and Independence will also be done this year as well. Parade is tomorrow at 4 p.m. Also the carnival starts tomorrow at noon. Fireworks are Saturday, July 8, around 10:00-10:10. Water Department will begin restoration on East Water Street next week, temporary restoration, as we are doing an asphalt overlay this fall yet.

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Utility Director Brediger: State Budget had anti-municipality language that was included. The governor veto'd that. Legal note with EPA rule makings, we've been involved in court battles, lawsuits, they denied a number of the items that we took and appealed to the Supreme Court. It ends 4 years of legal battles.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan: 2018 Budget is on first reading this evening. It is simply a proposed plan for providing services and improvements for both the City and Utilities for 2018. It does not give the authority to expend funds. The budget is \$58 million. After we remove modifications for changes in capital projects and also working capital transfers, the 2018 budget is decreasing approximately 2 1/2% when you compare it to 2017 final appropriations. I will go over all changes at the workshop on July 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Utility Board meeting.

Law Director Kirkbride: No report

President Baker: Reminder to council that even though next Monday is a Special Meeting, it is a required meeting for council members. It's not optional because we will be having our second reading for that budget. So just a reminder that this is a required meeting.

### **New Business:**

Lorson moved that Resolution 35-17 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 35-17**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2018, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This week is 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Next week on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading the following week.

Lorson moved that Resolution 36-17 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 36-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement and/or agreements, without bidding, to demolish real estate located at 240 West Market Street, Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Request for permission to demolish this building as a backup plan in case the grant process comes to a standstill or the grant is denied, this will give the ability to move forward with the demolition. General Fund dollars would be used. Again this is the backup plan.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 36-17 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 37-17 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 37-17**, 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: This is a change to the Wastewater Utility reserve fund. We're moving \$250,000 from the Sludge thickener project. It was originally appropriated for \$520,000. We're removing \$250,000 to move towards 2018. The project is going to be completed then. \$270,000 was left in appropriations to cover the emergency repair of the 1500 ft. of 36" concrete sewer main. That legislation was approved by council with Resolution 29-17. And this change in appropriations is the result of that resolution.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Lorson moved that Resolution 37-17 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Vance moved to adjourn the council meeting; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:56 PM.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council