

Regular/Public

September 5, 2017

Council President Baker called the meeting to order.

Pastor Brad Kelley, East Chippewa Church of the Brethren, 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 regular meeting on July 17, 2017; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Public Comment: Paul Locher, Daily Record Reporter – Historical retrospective on City's progress since 2000 and also announcing his retirement from the newspaper and as our council reporter as of October 1st. Many thank you's, congratulations and well wishes were bestowed upon Mr. Locher as well as Mrs. Locher who was present.

Standing Committee Reports

Planning – Mr. Hamsher: A Planning Committee meeting was called for September 27, at 7 PM, Council chambers, to discuss some downtown development opportunities and plans.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: School zones are mostly repaved and smooth so be sure you are adhering to the posted speed limits in those zones.

Safety Service Department: Trash pickup delayed one day due to the Labor Day holiday. Service Department completed Fire Station 1 approach. They did all the work and did a fantastic job showing their versatility and expertise in concrete and a variety of things. They will be starting the crack seal program over the next few weeks and also some storm basins to be installed. There is also some tree work as well as we are going to paint the pool this year. The OPWC asphalt streets paving is complete with some punch list and painting to be completed on Water Street. The Pearl Street CDBG project is also complete. Again some final punch list items to be done. The concrete streets are also complete with punch list items as well and removal of the traffic lights once everything is finalized and stuff to crack seal there as well.

Utility Director Brediger: The solar projects will be starting. The smaller one located near Venture will begin this week, the second site south of the Waste Water Treatment facility will start the following week with both projects wrapping up mid-December to late-January. The Electric Utility will be holding its 100 year Anniversary celebration, September 16, 10-2 pm with guided tours of the power plant and distribution department, a number of giveaways, a bunch of displays and refreshments. The public is welcome to join us. Mr. Locher will be running a series of articles before the open house that you will find very informative. The Utility Board looked at a proposed policy dealing with our landlords. This is a revised policy to help us improve our collection efforts. There will be a public hearing held on October 19. The natural gas aggregation program will have more information coming out later on this month. The pricing is going to increase from last year's \$2.97 MCF going up to \$3.54 MCF. The increase is due to lower storage volume from the natural gas industry with much gas being used for gas generation due to coal plant shutdowns and the gas exports have been increasing. Enrollment period will be September and October. We are still the lowest price that's being offered shown on the Ohio Public Utilities website. The board also reviewed a rate study for Water and Waste Water. A council workshop will be held on September 11 following the Utility Board meeting. The sewer line replacement has been completed behind Smucker's. Bob Auten, Waste Water Superintendent, deserves kudos for doing an excellent job in planning and coordinating that work. Washington budget concerns with tax exempt financing.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan: The State sent notice to council that the audit for the City of Orrville was released by the State of Ohio Auditor's Office. The CAFR will be available on line on the City website or you can request a copy be given to you. The 2018 budget was filed with the county auditor and they have sent legislation to collect our property tax for us. That will be presented to city council at the next meeting and I will be asking at the time that it be passed so that it can be returned to the county by the end of September. Our ERP system testing continues, being optimistic it will be completed by yearend. Also, prior to tonight's meeting the Quarterly Investment report was distributed for the 2nd quarter of 2017.

Old Business: None

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New Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 39-17 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 39-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of the Public Utilities Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts without bidding, to clean and paint the tall stack at the power plant, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We have resolved our long-standing unknowns with the Federal EPA as to where our plant stands going forward we are wanting to do a little cleaning up of the plant. A couple of stack companies provided proposals looking about \$150,000 to clean and paint the stack before the weather turns this fall. But not before the open house. The last time they were painted was in 1992-1993. Colors dictated by the Federal Aviation agency. Water Towers will be done in the next year or two as shown on the budget.

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. Lorson moved that Resolution 39-17 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 40-17 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 40-17**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities to prepare and submit an application and/or applications to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program for grant funds, and to enter into an agreement and/or agreements as required to obtain said funds for the water main replacement beginning from High Street to Crownhill Road, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Housekeeping item to apply for the State Ohio Public Works Commission grant. We need a resolution passed by the Utility Board and City Council. \$500,000 grant and a \$500,000 zero loan for the water main replacement costing approximately \$1.6 M, budgeted in the Capital projects. It is scheduled for next year as State Route 57 is going to be paved. This is High Street from Main to Crown Hill.

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 40-17 be adopted as read. Vance seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Good of the Order:

Hamsher: Thank you to our Mayor for painting our council room.

Wilson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council