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Council President Baker called the meeting to order and Pastor Haroldo Nunes from Salem Mennonite led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

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

Corfman moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on April 2, 2018 as posted. Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Utilities Corfman: The utility department received an award for reliability that Director Brediger will give more information on during his report.

Health and Safety Aspiras Jr.: Reminding the council of the committee meeting concerning Ordinance F-18, next Monday at 7 PM following the utility board meeting.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Last week was national Telecommunications Week. In honor of our WARCOG dispatchers Mr. Wheeler, Chief Bishop and myself took some Michael's Bakery goodies to surprise and thank them. Chief Birkbeck was held up by police business that came up. Two dispatchers on duty at the time were our own from OPD, Pam Morris and Tim Brown. We were able to thank them for the job they do for us over there.

Safety Service Department Steve Wheeler: Compost Center is open Wednesdays 7:30-3:15 pm closing for lunch at 11:15-12:15pm and on Saturdays open 8-noon. This is for Orrville residents only and accepts leaves, grass, branches, shrub trimmings and trees excluding stumps and roots.

Utility Director Brediger: All this rain taxed our wastewater treatment plant that has a capacity of treating a little over 6.5 million gallons of water a day and we were actually exceeding that Saturday and Sunday. Things are pretty much back to normal. A couple minor sewer backups. If customers are interested in backflow devices, contact our office and our Wastewater department does provide those. At Monday night's utility board meeting they did pass the new landlord policy. This will go into effect January 1, 2019. And the electric utility was recognized by the federal government for its reliability of electrical service based on the number of outages our customers experience and the duration time. That industry covers not only public power communities but all the investor owned and other merchant utilities out there. It will be talked about in the annual report tonight.

President Baker: We have a Planning Commission referral for an alley vacation. As long as there is no objection that will be referred to the Planning Commission. There were no objections.

Old Business

Lorson moved that Ordinance E-18 be placed on third reading. Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **ORDINANCE E-18**, An Ordinance Amending Section §151.08 of the Codified Ordinances of The City of Orrville, Ohio, Relating to the Compensation of Elected Officials and Certain Appointed Officers.

Discussion: Corfman mentioned: It was last adjusted in 2008. They won't take effect until everyone here is up for election. It is for the position, not the person and will take effect in 2020 and in 2022. It is for the Mayor, President of Council and Council member. It includes a bump increase for the utility board which will take effect this past April 1, 2018. Aspiras Sr.

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mentioned: The Committee of the Whole has a lot of discussion around this. The Daily Record put out a good article. The Mayor's increase hasn't been since 2006, so 14 years. We should not have waited this long. Lorson mentioned: all of these deserve an increase and both the previous mayor, Mayor Steiner and currently Mayor Handwerk both have done this as a full-time job (the positions are considered part-time). No affront to my colleagues, and 14 years for an increase is a long time, it is the amount of the increase he has an issue with and will be reflected in his vote. Aspiras Sr.: this will put us to be eligible for the OPERS retirement service credit. So we are raising it up to the minimum and incoming councilmembers coming in in 2020 or 2022 will receive full service credit toward retirement. We are looking at \$7950 per year in 2020 and 2022. I have not seen an increase in my 12 years on here. We are not quitting our day jobs for this increase. Hopefully we can get good candidates in the future.

Lorson moved that Ordinance E-18 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; no by Lorson; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Ordinance F-18 be placed on second reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance F-18**, An Ordinance amending and/or supplementing Section 1120.03 "Prohibited Uses" of Chapter 1120 "Planning and Zoning Code" of the City of Orrville, Ohio, concerning prohibited uses to prohibit the cultivation, processing and retail dispensing of marijuana in all zoning districts of the City of Orrville, Ohio.

Discussion: Health and Safety Committee meeting was called to further discuss Ordinance F-18 legislation on April 23, following the Utility Board meeting, at approximately 7 p.m.

New Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 10-18 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 10-18**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement and/or agreements to purchase real estate located on North Vine Street, Orrville, Ohio (PPN 59-01128.000).

Discussion: Property owner at 217 N. Vine Street approached us to buy that property. He will demolish the house on the property prior to our purchase. It is adjacent to our fire department and potentially we would use it for parking in the future as well as parking for our EMS and Fire as they respond. This was budgeted for just in case, as there was an inkling he may come back to us with an offer. It is budgeted in three separate funds: General, EMS, and Capital. If we approve this tonight, the owner can proceed with getting the renters out and moving forward with the demolition.

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 10-18 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 11-18 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 11-18**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the Heartland Trail, Phase 1, in Baughman Township, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The Clean Ohio Trail Fund, we received a \$500,000 grant to proceed with this phase of the Rails to Trails (RTT) project. RTT are completing the design and are at about 98% complete. We wanted to move forward with the opportunity to go out for bid. This is the

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Forrer Road to Marshallville project. We own a large portion of that project. Funds primarily come from grant funds and remaining RTT funds. No City funds involved in this phase of the project.

Orrville to Forrer Road RTT update: Their goal is to move forward next year. They are attempting to secure easements as it is not completely owned by RTT. Their goal is to start on that project next year at this time as well. They are still doing some fundraising.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 11-18 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 12-18 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 12-18**, A Resolution authorizing the Public Utilities Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for no more than a one year period, for the purchase of wood distribution poles and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is a request to change a prior annual resolution from a bid and contract to a contract without bidding as the number of poles we purchased has decreased and it is difficult to even get bidders due to that volume. And we pay a premium when we bid them out. This will be dropped from our future annual ordinances. This will then come under the Utility Board resolution for purchases under \$100,000. This year we expect to spend between \$25,000-\$30,000 on poles. The Utility Board did approve this resolution.

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 12-18 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Utilities Director Brediger presented the Utility Department Annual Report.

Nothing for the Good of the Order.

Hamsher moved to adjourn the council meeting; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council