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A public hearing was held on **Ordinance H-18**, An Ordinance vacating an alley running North and South, parallel to South Main Street, between Lots 1018-1022 and 619-623, in the City of Orrville, Ohio.

There were no comments. Public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

At 7:31 pm., Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order and led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

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

Corfman moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on October 1, 2018. Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; Wilson abstained; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance – Aspiras Sr.: Aspiras Sr. motioned to approve the Temporary Appropriations calendar that was presented. Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Transportation – Shupp: No committee report. Road projects on Walnut, Chestnut and Paradise are wrapping up.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: The October employee of the month is Kyle Miller. Kyle works for the power plant Distribution Department and has worked for Orrville since May 1, 2017. He is a “B” lineman with experience brought in from working for contractors and for Wadsworth utilities. He is originally from the Apple Creek area and now resides in Wadsworth. Kyle enjoys hunting and working after hours as an electrician. He is always willing to jump in and help. He headed down to Florida to assist after the hurricane Irma destruction and was on call for this last one but they have not yet been called down. Kyle is not married....yet. We had lunch at Jerry’s last week. Public Power week was last week. A proclamation was read.

Safety Service Department Director Wheeler: Road projects moving along well. ODOT Main Street project, they are working on the intermediate of the SB lane and done by the end of this week. Also some catch basins and water valve box outs and installing traffic loops as well. Then will do the final overlay on the south end moving north. The OPWC streets Walnut, Chestnut and Paradise, KARVO has completed the final overlay on those. They still have some work to complete and hope to be done this week. Leaf pick up schedule is out. We being November 5. Final pass December 3-14. Avoid placing leaves in the road, place it in your tree lawn area or behind the sidewalk as the appropriate location. The compost center will close October 31st. Leaves are accepted there if you want to get an early jump on it. Corfman complimented the road crews on the work they coordinated. After speaking to the crews, the crews mentioned we were by far the most congenial and they appreciated that. Wheeler: We do appreciate the residents’ patience and understanding. The Dominion project is completed within City limits and will be moving to the stub-end of McGill for a very small project with no timeline on that. They have been keeping up with replacing the sidewalks on the Smucker Street project area.

Utility Director Brediger: The Utility Board approved to accept an amended Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) with the US EPA concerning some reporting issues we were having with the agency. The reporting issue was on how the coal units’ capacity factors are calculated. For revising the language in the 2015 agreement, we are required to complete a secondary supplemental environmental mitigation project involving upgrading more street lights and security lights to LED. We will be required to achieve 300,000kWh savings per year and invest \$70,000 for materials (approximately another 500-550 street lights and mostly security lights). This work will be completed by September 28, 2020. The new reporting method is effective January 1, 2019. As with the original mitigation project, we will realize a payback in 4-5 years. An

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additional end benefit will be our ability to decrease the cost of the security light rental fees in the near future. As a result, the Utility Board passed a resolution for the additional LED upgrades. Law Director Cheryl Kirkbride indicated that a new or ratified resolution was not required by the Utility Board or City Council since the changes were not material. It would be appropriate for City Council to also approve the amended changes for the record.

Corfman motioned to accept the amended consent order; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Hydrant flushing continues on the 450 hydrants around the city. That will wrap up this week. High Street water main replacement will begin work at the end of this month and be substantially completed by the end of February. Project will start at Crown Hill and work toward Main Street. Fill dirt will be available.

A brief public power commercial was shared that was made by American Public Power Association to remind everyone what "public" power means. Orrville is one of 2,011 community-owned, not for profit utilities. Our residential customers save about \$175/yr. compared to AEP & First Energy, nationally we get the power back on 74 minutes sooner & employ over 93,000 people.

Finance Director Strimlan: Health insurance options are being evaluated from several providers. Initial quotes were about 25% higher than current rates but through negotiations we were able to reduce that to about 11%. Various plan designs are being explored to reduce that even further. We have a 3-year engagement with the State Auditor's office for local government services which extends through the 2019 gap conversion. They anticipate hourly rate increases in 2019 and have offered to allow us to extend our agreement by one year at the current rate to allow time to adjust our budgets for that increase. That will come before council.

Fund Balance Report for August and September 2018; Corfman moved to accept the Fund Balance reports subject to audit; Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Council President Baker: Thanked the city and contractors working on our street and keeping it running smoothly. They have done an excellent job and without causing undue hardship.

Old Business - None

New Business

Lorson moved that Ordinance H-18 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance H-18**, An Ordinance vacating an alley running North and South, parallel to South Main Street, between Lots 1018-1022 and 619-623, in the City of Orrville, Ohio.

Discussion: All adjacent property owners have signed the petition. The south side of this alley was previously vacated.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance H-18 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Lorson moved that Resolution 28-18 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 28-18**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities and/or the Public Utilities Board of Control to bid and enter into a contract for the construction of a new high flow lift station at the wastewater plant and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This involves the installation of a new high-flow lift/pumping station to increase the facility's capacity going from 11.5M gallons/day to over 21M gallons/day. This will reduce backups at the facility and within the city, improve the treatment process, eliminate older pumps, improve energy efficiency and reduce overflow/bypass situations that violate our operating permit during rain events. It will take 9-12 months to complete. Funds have been budgeted for and are integrated into the 5-year rate plan. The Utility Board approved this at their meeting.

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 28-18 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for October 31st from 6-8 pm. Leave your porch light on if you would like to participate and be cautious of little ones being out and about that evening.

Adjournment

Aspiras Sr. moved to adjourn the council meeting; Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council