

## Regular/Public

April 15, 2019

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 were present.

Council minutes of regular meeting held April 1, 2019, were presented for approval. Corfman moved to approve the minutes as posted. Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

None

Lorson gave a brief explanation of what Standing Committee Reports were, why we go thru the roll and ask if there are reports and that when the committees have no pressing issues, the committees do not meet and therefore do not have a report to give.

### **Administrative Reports**

Mayor Handwerk: The tax deadline was today. The National Day of Prayer is coming up May 1<sup>st</sup> at Schmid Hall 7:00-7:50 am. You can register on line.

Safety Service Department Director Wheeler: The Service Department is working on basin replacements for the upcoming projects; working on the DuraPatcher for a few potholes and some sidewalk work. Pool opening preparations have begun. ODOT plans to have contractors begin to complete the work on the Main Street project the first week of May and completing before Memorial Day. The sirens did not go off yesterday. They were activated by WARCOG. There was an electrical fluke that sent notification that it was activated when in fact it was not. Our IT department worked on this to correct the problem and creating a battery backup and implemented a notification system to the police chief, fire chief and Mr. Wheeler. Baker asked about the Armstrong emergency announcements. Wheeler stated that he uses that for snow ban. For the storms, by the time he received notification from National Weather Service and gets it on there, you would have already received notification via cell phone as well the tornado siren. With a tornado alert there is no way to get it on there in a timely manner. Shupp asked about the South Main Street surfacing as some people said the asphalt was defective and has to be ground out and replaced and that Dan Lowe told him South Main is fine and doesn't need to be torn out. Just a couple manhole covers that have sunk. North Main still needs to be finished. Wheeler: Yes, and ODOT will go over South Main and be sure it weathered the winter.

Utility Director Brediger: We had only one crew needed after the storm Sunday with just a few miscellaneous outages. We did send a crew out to assist repairs after the Shelby community was hit by the tornado last night. Weather permitting asphalt repairs should begin on High Street this week and continue into next week. We appreciate everyone's patience during these repairs. Mayor: this is a temporary patch for High Street. Later this summer it will be resurfaced entirely.

Finance – Strimlan: Fund Balance Report for period ending March 31, 2019 was presented with a request for a motion to accept the report subject to audit. Hamsher so moved. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Lorson moved that Resolution 16-19 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 16-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with the State of Ohio Purchasing Cooperative, Department of Administrative Services, to purchase one (1) 2019 sixty-foot distribution bucket truck; or alternatively to purchase said vehicle from another dealer upon equivalent terms, conditions, pricing and specifications of the City of Orrville, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Council received a memo on April 9 about this resolution. This is one of our larger distribution trucks. It is about 20 years old. Normally we replace trucks between 16 and 18 years. This was budgeted for in the 2019 appropriations. We are looking at about a 9 month lead time. It is not necessary to pass this tonight.

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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 16-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 17-19 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 17-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the City of Wooster and Wayne County for applying to the Ohio Department Services Agency for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant for Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Funds and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is a two-year, highly-competitive grant program thru the Community Housing and Development, Ohio Department Services Agency. We last received this in 2017. We are partnering with the City of Wooster as well as the Wayne County in the application. It allows for use for owner-occupied residential renovations, down payment assistance and rental property renovations for applicants that meet income limits. Wayne County Metropolitan Housing has historically administered this program. The application in total for 2019 is \$962,500. The City of Orrville, if awarded the grant, would receive \$212,500. The application is due in May and we should find out in the fall if we will receive it. Aspiras Sr. asked about the participation level in 2017. Wheeler: We went thru the funds. We had \$112,000. It's a great program for low to moderate income that have housing renovation needs that can't afford them otherwise. Lorson asked what sort of outreach is used. Wheeler: It is on the website and on Facebook. Wayne County Metropolitan Housing makes those involved in their program aware of this.

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 17-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 18-19 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 18-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the resurfacing of West High Street in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: High Street will be completely resurfaced. This is an Ohio Public Works Commission grant that we have received and as such we cannot start the work until after July 1, once they release the funds. Engineering is ongoing. We'd like to get a contractor lined up so we can be on their schedule. Completion usually is 120 days. There is considerable concrete work at intersections of Crown Hill and at Vine so it may take a little more time and is dependent on securing the contractor and where we fall in their schedule. If we would start the project before July 1<sup>st</sup>, we would forfeit the grant funds.

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 18-19 be adopted as read. Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 19-19 be placed on first reading. Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 19-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with the State of Ohio Purchasing Cooperative, Department of Administrative Services to purchase one (1) 2018, 2019 or 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility V6 AWD Vehicle; or alternatively to purchase said vehicle from another dealer upon equivalent terms, conditions and specifications, but at a lower price than it can be purchased through the State Contract as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04; or alternatively to advertise for bids and enter into an agreement and/or agreements for said purchase, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is part of the annual vehicle replacement plan for the police department. It is for a new SUV as the Ford Taurus is no longer manufactured. The only police interceptor offered is the Ford Explorer. This was budgeted for in final appropriations. We will go through state bid process and also offer the opportunity to the local dealer to beat that price as per the resolution as well.

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Lorson moved that Ordinance C-19 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance C-19**, An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of the City of Orrville, Ohio, "Bloomin Orrville Program" Fund, or its successor program, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The Bloomin Orrville program began in 2006. It is completely funded by private donations. Last year we had 280 baskets, 34 downtown planters and also some planting at the two gateway signs. Since inception, the City and Utilities have partnered with, initially Main Street Orrville, and most recently, the Orrville Area Development Foundation. Our distribution department hangs and removes the baskets. The majority of the solicitations and donations are coming through the Utility Billing department. Mike Hedberg coordinates all of the other activities for the program. We would like to establish a fund so all aspects can be brought together internally. After Council approves establishment of the fund, it will be forwarded to the State Auditor to seek their approval to establish the fund. All monies for Bloomin Orrville will be segregated. It will appear on the monthly fund balance reports and also on the annual CAFR. It will provide a little bit of additional oversight as well as complete transparency on a monthly and annual basis. It does not need to be passed this evening. The program has done well and is a huge success. Everyone has been extremely generous which has allowed the program to grow. We started initially with 150 baskets. This program has a big impact on the city without real expense to the City. Donations can be made by adding it to your utility bill.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance C-19 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

### **Annual Report**

Director Jeff Brediger presented the 2018 Utilities annual report. The annual report is available in the utility office, also via a link on our webpage under City Departments/Public Utilities and an audio file of tonight's meeting which includes the annual report, can be found under council minutes for today's date.

Question from Aspiras Sr. regarding the chart of energy supply and demand, in 2023 shows a shortfall. Prior to 2017 when we could burn coal 100% and now we're limited to 10%, the Fremont Energy plant we rely on. How reliable is that plant? And will gas decline?

That facility will be with us a few more decades. And this gap is not a concern. The energy markets going out 5-10 years, there is not a big concern. It is a good time to be buying energy. We buy a lot of gas energy from Fremont. There is a lot of stability in the natural gas market. It is projected to remain very flat. The Fremont energy has been increasing each year because gas is lower and it makes it more economical. It was designed to operate 25-30% of the time. It now operates 50-60% of the time. No concerns with our assets. Those are long term investments. The hydro assets are 80-100 year. Once the debt is paid off on the hydro projects, they will be the lowest cost energy we have coming into town. We will have roughly 20% of our energy coming from our hydro projects.

Question from Lorson regarding the Blue Wind project. It seems to stop in 2023. Does our agreement end?

Yes. We buy the "energy only" from that project and the term was for 12 years. It expires the end of 2022. If it still makes sense, we will keep it in the portfolio. If not, we will look at something else.

**Good of the Order** - No comments

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**Adjournment**

Wilson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Shupp seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Lyle Baker, President of Council