

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular/Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

July 1, 2019

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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Newton Brenneman led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

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

President Baker opened the Public Hearing on **Resolution 31-19**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2020, and declaring an emergency. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed.

Council minutes of regular meeting held June 17, 2019, were presented for approval. Hamsher moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; Corfman abstained with permission; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Public Comments - None

Standing Committee Reports

Finance – Aspiras Sr.: Prior to this meeting, there was a budget workshop held concerning the 2020 Budget Resolution 31-19 which will be on second reading tonight. Highlighted variations from the 2019 Final Appropriations was discussed. Total budget of \$58,790,000 with just over \$15 million on the tax support side and \$43.5 million on the enterprise utility side. Capital projects were reviewed at about \$640,000 of grant money with total project cost of \$2.7 million. Third reading will be July 15 at our next regular council meeting.

Utilities – Corfman: No report. The water tower is in process of being painted.

Parks and Recreations – Wilson: No report. Have a happy and safe 4th of July and please use the trash receptacles and leaves the parks as clean as they were when you started.

Ordinance and Personnel – Lorson: No report. The streets after the parade are pretty duteous and when it gets into the storm drains it's pretty ugly. It's an easy thing and a nice civic lesson for the kids to pick up the area around you.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: The employee of the month for July is Don Hogston at Orrville Utilities Power Plant. Don has been working at the Power plant since August of 2006. He hired in as a Utilities Maintenance Worker 2. That position is now known as Power Plant Technician 2. He resides in Rittman with his wife. Don loves spending time with his 2 children and his grandchild. In his spare time he enjoys riding his Harley, taking his Polaris Razor out four wheeling, golfing, and bowling. There are a lot of 4th of July activities which kicked off this past weekend with the 12 and under softball tournament at the park. It went very well. It continues tomorrow with the parade at 7 pm. That's a big crowd and if people could please pick up afterwards it would make it easier on those that stay late to pick it all up. The carnival opens tomorrow evening and continuing on Wednesday. Thursday is the beginning of the girls 14 and under fast-pitch tournament with 80 teams this year. Lots of visitors in town. The tournament continues on Friday. On Saturday the tournaments wrap up, it is the Zephyr's 5K run and at night the fireworks at 10:15 pm. Ron Ballentine was talking with us this morning about the parade and I certainly hope none of us ever take for granted the firefighters doing this. Hearing some of the stories that he gets every year about this parade, it would be real easy to throw your arms up and say I'm done with this. We're finished. If he ever gets to that point or when he decides he's done, I'm not sure who's going to take that over. We really appreciate the work they do. He needs to write a book when he's done about parade excuses and why they didn't get their entries turned in on time. On a sad note, I'd like to express our sincerest sympathies to the Mike Musselman family.

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Mike suddenly passed away last week. He worked at our power plant for a number of years and it's certainly a great loss for all of us. We give our sympathies to that family.

Safety Service Department Director: Concrete street projects are wrapping up as is the ODOT Main Street project with punch list items to complete. The next Performing Arts performance is July 11 at Rehm Pavilion featuring The Voices of Ohio. The next family movie at Rehm Pavilion is Friday, July 19 featuring Ralph Breaks the Internet sponsored by Armstrong.

Utility Director Brediger: An email was sent out about recognition from American Public Power Association (APPA) who recognized the utility for a reliability award which was centered around our average outage time. We were stacked up against the national group of electric providers not only public power but coops within the state and investor owned utility. Our outage duration was 61 minutes as compared to the national average of 203 minutes. Huge testament and excellent work that anyone connected to our electric side should be very proud of. We work hard on making improvements to that. The exterior of the west water tower is on schedule. Wastewater, with the extended rains the past two to three week, we've been taxing the facility. We had one customer that had some backup issues during the heavy rains. They submitted a claim to our insurance company which was denied by them. Our policy has exclusions for the act of God and things outside our control, we do not have any responsibility in this. Because we only had one customer impacted, that's a pretty huge testament to Mr. Auten and the group at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that has been able to keep up with these extremely high flows that exceeded the design capacity of that plant. We were able to by-pass a portion during that period. Customers are encouraged to install backflow devices (a bill stuffer recently was sent out on this) available at the plant as well as Lowes, Home Depot, ACE Hardware and to check their sump pump and gutter systems as well as your home owner's insurance policy. And Ohio SB6 update was given.

Finance Director Strimlan: The audit for 2018 is complete. The Mayor and members of Council should have received the audit documentation from the State Auditor's office. There were no issues for 2018. The auditor should release the audit and the CAFR sometime in the next week or so. After that, we will post that information to the City website. The Fund Balance Report for May 31, 2019 was delivered to council prior to the meeting. I would ask for a motion to approve that report subject to audit. Corfman moved to approve the report subject to audit. Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

President Baker: No report. Be patient in town especially on parade and fireworks nights. There will be backups. You may want to walk there.

Old Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 31-19 be placed on second reading. Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 31-19**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2020, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Workshop was held just before this meeting and had their questions answered. The 2020 proposed budget is \$59 million. The General Fund is \$9.1 million. The remaining tax supported funds \$6 million and enterprise funds \$43.6 million. Feel free to call or stop in if you have any questions. This will go to the third reading at our next meeting.

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New Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 33-19 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 33-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to rescind Resolution 21-19 and to enter into a contract and/or contracts without bidding with Garland Company, Inc. and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: There was a drafting oversight on Resolution 21-19 that granted the director to enter into contracts when it should have read we are working through a third party, the Garland Company, who will provide the project management support and will do the bid procurement for us. So this corrects that language for Garland to do this on our behalf. Bids have been received and have all been around the estimated \$350,000. The lowest was about \$3,000 under that. The work will be done in the spring of 2020 along with some other work that is being delayed due to the rains. It is possible there will be appropriation changes to reflect that.

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 33-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Adjournment

Hamsher moved to adjourn the council meeting; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council