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

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

Excused: Shupp

Council minutes of regular meeting held July 1, 2019, were presented for approval. Wilson moved to approve the minutes as posted. Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; Aspiras Jr. abstained; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Public Comments - None

Standing Committee Reports

Finance – Aspiras Sr.: Committee has not met. No report. Tonight’s agenda has Resolution 31-19, the 2020 Budget on third reading. And Resolution 36-19 is a 2019 Appropriations amendment.

Utilities – Corfman: Committee has not met. No report. The Utility Board voted to keep the Power Cost Adjustment Factor frozen for the 2nd quarter of 2019. That gives us stable electric rates since the 3rd quarter of 2016. Which is quite an accomplishment by our utility department.

Planning – Hamsher: Committee has not met. No report. The zoning regulations update that has been in progress will be coming to council in possibly October after taking it to a couple committees.

Special Committee Reports – None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Shared an article by Hannah Sparling, Cincinnati Enquirer. Every year, the Ohio Department of Transportation picks up heaps and heaps of trash from the side of the road. In 2018, it was more than 396,000 trash bags full. And that's just from interstates and U.S. routes outside of municipalities. It wouldn't include, for example, any litter on streets owned and maintained by the city. It's soggy cigarette cartons, empty Windex bottles, fast-food wrappers, chunks of Styrofoam, used straws, dirty diapers – “Pretty much anything you can think of, you’ll see it out here,” said Mitchel Horne, a 28-year-old highway technician who spent a recent 90-degree afternoon picking up trash with his ODOT crew. Horne was carrying a bright orange, 40-gallon trash bag, which he usually fills up in about half an hour or so, he said. It's routine to come across drug needles, purses that have been rifled through and tossed aside and “trucker bombs,” which are soda bottles filled with urine. To put the 396,000 bags in perspective, it took state employees, inmates and Adopt A Highway volunteers more than 157,000 hours to collect all that garbage in 2018. That's 19,723 full work days. And, it cost Ohio taxpayers \$4.1 million. “It's a shame that ODOT has to spend as much time and money as it does picking up other people's trash,” said spokesman Matt Bruning. Bruning points to ODOT's Safe Routes to School program, which also gets about \$4 million a year. “We could double that if we didn't have to pick up litter,” he said. “Things like that just show how frustrating the problem is.” ODOT keeps a surprisingly meticulous account of its trash, broken down by county, bags collected, time and money spent and who does the work. Cuyahoga County, home to Cleveland, is the trashiest of the state's 88 counties – or, perhaps it's the cleanest, depending on how you look at it. ODOT collected more than 44,700 bags of trash from Cuyahoga County in 2018 alone. It cost more than half a million dollars. Hamilton County is second, with 28,167 bags of trash in 2018, which cost \$150,636 to collect. Littering is against the law in Ohio, a minor misdemeanor, but the rule does not seem to be strictly enforced. (Adding in his own comments, the Mayor stated how unfair that statement was. In most instances, no one sees anyone doing the littering. They are careful enough to look before they toss.) In the past five years, Ohio Highway Patrol troopers issued 818 tickets for

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littering, an average of 164 a year. For speeding, they issued 1.9 million, or 373,660 a year. (Mayor added it's a lot easier to catch someone speeding than littering.) It's a never-ending cycle, said Horne, the highway technician. His crew will pick up trash one day, and the next day, the very same stretch of highway will be littered anew.

We don't propose any answers for this but it is a shame to think our own people do this in our state. It's a shame to have to spend this amount of money on all of this. And this goes along with us having somebody today out in our bike park and Blackwell Williams property cleaning graffiti off the bridge that was done over the weekend. Same type of stupid stuff. It's just a shame.

Corfman added that he'd like to thank the Lion's Club as a volunteer group that cleans South 57, Orrville Cycling Club does north and where they quit, and the Mason's Lodge does the next stretch. We do have local volunteers that keep Rt. 57 clean. I have been on that detail with the cycling club and am encouraged at times that there is little to pick up. Especially after riding out of state doing cycling, especially in the Carolina's, Ohio does pretty good. There are some pretty nasty southern states. But thank you to those clubs that do clean our local Rt. 57.

Mayor also mentioned those that help in the spring cleanup around Orrville. It is appreciated.

Safety Service Department Director: Concrete streets just have punch list items to be completed. Main Street ODOT project also has just punch list items to complete. The East Pine Street project is scheduled to begin next week. The preconstruction meeting with the low bidder of the High Street project is this week so that should start soon as well. Rehm Performing Arts continues Thursday with Beat the Blues Drum Circle. Next Thursday July 25 is Jazz by Request. And the final one is August 8 with Chardon Polka Band. This week is the Family Movie Night, July 19 with Ralph Breaks the Internet sponsored by Armstrong. Special kudos to our Orrville Firefighters Association for all their hard work to make the Independence Day festival week such a success as always and another spectacular fireworks show. I've been told to expect even bigger and better next year. Also, special thanks to our Police Department and Service Department for all their efforts during the week as well. It truly is a team effort to make that event go off as well as it does.

President Baker: Thank you to the Fire Department and the Police Department that things went smooth. I appreciate it. And we are lucky to have departments that cooperate with each other and make things happen.

Old Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 31-19 be placed on third reading. Corfman 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: None

Lorson moved that Resolution 31-19 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 34-19 be placed on first reading. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 34-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to procure quotes from various vendors and then enter into an agreement and/or agreements without bidding, to replace the floor of the Fire Station #2 for the Fire Department of the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We will be going out for quotes to re-epoxy the Fire Station 2 floors. Identical legislation for Station 1 was completed in 2017 so we would like to complete Station 2. The

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flooring has not been touched since it was constructed in 1980. There are two portions of that building. One is the old building that was completed in 1980 and the other is 2002. We would like to do all flooring, some of that floor is as much as 40 years old and overall the floor looks like 40 year old condition. We have appropriated both EMS and General Capital since it is used by both EMS and Fire. President Baker reminded what “and declaring an emergency” means. It does not need to wait 30 days for it to take effect.

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 34-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 35-19 be placed on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 35-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the Heartland Trail, Phase 3, in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Council approved the easement for this project in June. We are now ready to go out for bids and hopeful to get a majority of this project completed this year. This is completely funded through grants and Rails to Trails funds so there are no City funds being expended as part of this project. These are extending sidewalks in the downtown which are City rights of way that is why easements are between the City and the businesses. This will extend Serpentine sidewalk which has already been widened, then across Goodwill’s property. Then Quality Castings then crosses Hostetler to Taco Bell. Then crosses back over to Quality Castings property that abuts the Portico Plaza property and then behind there over to the Water Department property where the solar panels are. It wraps around there and connects to Rails to Trails existing railroad property. This phase will connect us to last year’s phase which is still currently under construction. There’s a phase and will extend into Marshallville. And another phase that will connect to Clinton. And in the future down toward Fredricksburg.

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 35-19 be adopted as read. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 36-19 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 36-19**, A Resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Orrville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The Ohio Revised Code requires when a house incurs substantial fire damage, the insurance company gives a portion of that settlement to the municipality in case the property is not repaired in a timely manner that gives us the ability to then demolish with insurance funds. Once repairs are made, the funds have to be released back to the property owner. The repairs have been completed at 717 South Mill Street. The property owner has requested release of the funds which requires an appropriations amendment which is what is before you tonight.

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.

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Lorson moved that Resolution 36-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Lorson: Excellent Daily Record article about businesses expanding into Orrville. Thank you, Emily Morgan (local Daily Record reporter) for the story.

Corfman: Thank you to the council for passing Res. 36-19. The family has gone a long route to get that rebuilt.

Aspiras Sr.: We will be on recess in August. Thanked the council members and directors for working hard up to this point. And wish everyone a great rest of the summer. We reconvene again on Tuesday, September 3.

Hamsher: We had out of town visitors over the 4th of July. They were impressed. They are from a larger city and couldn't believe the amount of people that came to Orrville. The Fire Dept., the Police Dept., the Safety Service Dept. and the show the whole week put on by such a small town. We appreciate those departments and groups. It isn't just residents that enjoy the week activities.

Aspiras Jr.: We will be on break in August when school will be starting up. Just a reminder to slow down with all the kids. Be careful.

Adjournment

Wilson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council