

## Regular/Public

November 18, 2019

A Public Hearing was held on **Ordinance E-19**, An Ordinance amending Part Eleven, Planning and Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio. Attending were Poggemeyer Design Group consultants Paul Tecpanecati and John Widmer who shared with the audience what changes were made to the code.

Council President Baker called the November 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. Pastor Mike Bone from Christ United Church of Christ led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of regular meeting held November 4, 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**

Finance Aspiras Sr.: No committee report. Temporary Appropriations legislation on first reading tonight.

Health & Safety Aspiras, Jr.: Fire engine 68 needs to be replaced. We are gathering information and will have a committee meeting to discuss where we are at. A second issue, a pressing issue is the compressed air unit went down. This unit fills their breathing tanks. We also provide this service to surrounding communities. It is not repairable so needs to be replaced. Quotes are being gathered and we hope to have legislation to council soon. In the meantime, we have to go out for service and the closest is in Wooster.

### **Administrative Reports**

Mayor Handwerk: Excused

Safety Service Department Wheeler: A couple of announcements from the Mayor. Our November employee of the month is Police Officer Cory Shane. He was sworn in as a full-time police officer on June 4, 2012. Since joining the department Cory has filled many key roles. He is our Field Training Officer and a member of the Investigative Unit as well as the Special Response Team. Cory has earned numerous awards throughout his career and in 2017 was nominated as the Orrville Police Department Officer of the Year. The Mayor's Christmas Cookie Contest will take place December 4<sup>th</sup>. One dozen cookies should be delivered by noon on a non-returnable tray with your name, address, phone and complete recipe. Leaf pickup continues on schedule. They have moved to the north thru November 27. Final pass will be Dec. 2-13 citywide. Rails to Trails project continues. The retaining wall was completed on Main Street in front of Quality Castings parking lot. Sidewalk and path concrete should be poured tomorrow. The project should be completed in the next couple of weeks. The High Street project continues with the intermediate completed today and final layer will begin tomorrow and hope to be finished by Wednesday. The fabric was laid today, between the base and the top coat of asphalt. The temperatures and Mother Nature have been good to us. The temperatures on the mix has been fantastic. The surface temps are great as well.

Utilities Director Brediger: Utility Board approved to continue the power cost adjustment factor freeze keeping the same rate since September of 2016. We should sustain that thru this year and should be pretty stable for 2020. However, we are expecting some significant transmission fee increases in 2021. The board will look at options on how to possibly transition into that. Transmission fees have been the biggest driver in our rates as well as offsets that the power plant generates during those peak times. In 2021 the difference between the fees and our credits have the impact of increasing our expenses close to \$3M. We do not have any control over these transmission fees. The power plant recently received a temporary operating permit.

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It is the equivalent of a drivers license. We have been working on this for the past two year, from Ohio EPA. If there are no comments from the, it will go to the Federal EPA office for the last round of scrutiny. This permit will be good for a 5-year period.

Finance Director Strimlan: Fund Balance for the period ending October 31, 2019 was presented for approval subject to audit. Corfman moved; Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Lorson moved that Ordinance E-19 be placed on second reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance E-19**, An Ordinance amending Part Eleven, Planning and Zoning Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio.

Discussion: A public hearing was held tonight. This needs to go for a third reading.

### **New Business**

Lorson moved that Resolution 47-19 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 47-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Public Utilities Board of Control to enter into contracts, without bidding, each for a one year period, for various services and supplies required by The Department of Public Utilities, Orrville, Ohio, for year 2020.

Discussion: This is an annual resolution. The list remains the same with an expansion of item F we added "and related switch gear". And a new item, item S, these are connected mainly to the control systems at three utility plants. This is mainly the computer system, the network system and the proprietary software that drives it.

Lorson moved that Resolution 48-19 be placed on first reading. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 48-19**, 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, 2020, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Total appropriations are \$59M: \$9M for the General Fun, \$6M for Tax Supported Funds and \$44M for the Utilities. This allows us to expend funds for the first three months of 2020 with final appropriations being adopted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are identical to the 2020 budget reviewed in June workshop. This should go three readings.

Lorson moved that Resolution 49-19 be placed on first reading. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 49-19**, A Resolution of the City of Orrville, Ohio to enter into a culvert easement with Orrville DG, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, for the purpose of maintenance and repair of an existing storm culvert and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We cannot pass this tonight due to the absence of council members. This is a 60" culvert from Cherry Street creek, across Cherry, under the Orr Suds parking lot and straight across to the Buehler's parking lot. The culvert is big enough to walk into. Orrville Dollar General is in the process of purchasing Orr Suds for construction of a new Dollar General. The search of that property did not show an existing easement for us to access the culvert. They have agreed to give us that easement so we have access to this culvert that has been there well over 50 years.

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President Baker called for a Special Meeting of Orrville City Council for Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> following the 6:30 p.m. Utility Board meeting for Resolution 49-19.

**Adjournment**

Corfman moved to adjourn the council meeting; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

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Lyle Baker, President of Council