

Regular/Public

December 2, 2019

Council President Baker called the December 2nd regular meeting to order. Pastor Newton Brenneman 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 November 18, were presented for approval. Corfman moved to approve the minutes as posted. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; Wilson and Hamsher abstained; all remaining, yeas; motion carried.

Council minutes of special meeting held November 25, were presented for approval. Hamsher moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; Wilson abstained; all remaining, yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Planning – Hamsher: An application for alley vacation was submitted by Julie Diehl-Mullinax at 426 Lenore Street. The Planning Commission voted to Recommend it. Unless there are questions or comments, we will move forward with legislation. There were no comments or questions.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: The Employee of the Month for December is Hank Curry in the Water Department. Hank is a Water Plant Operator and just started working for the Utilities in July, 2019. He performs a wide variety of duties including operating and maintaining the water plant. He has learned things very quickly and has been a great addition to the team. Hank previously worked for Shreve and lives in Wooster. In his spare time he enjoys working out at the gym and spending time with his friends and family. We're glad to have him aboard with us here. Home for the Holidays went well.

Safety Service Department Wheeler: High Street was completed. Temporary striping will be done weather permitting. They will come back in the spring for the permanent as well as for the seeding. Service Department has begun the final pass of citywide leaf pick up through December 13.

Utilities Director Brediger: Utilities sponsored some hotdogs for Home for the Holidays, a little over 600. The Utility Board elected to partner with AMP to build the second transmission line which we've talked about for a number of years. We had to work with the legislators and policy makers in D.C. to preserve operating flexibility and, more importantly, retaining our ability to have peak shaving, when we operate during peak times and receive transmission credits which offset the transmission fees. Our state association formed a new business in January putting them in position to become a transmission builder, owner and operator. We will be able to partner with third parties in construction of these costly transmission projects. We were looking at over \$15 million in addition to a substation. The new regulations will allow the costs to be shifted to the owner, operators. This is a four year process. We may have to make amendments to the previous legislation.

Finance Director Strimlan: Finance has been busy with RFP project and several year-end items and monitoring our appropriations close to the end of the year.

President Baker: We need a motion to appoint Firemen's Dependency Board members for 2020. They are Ed Hershey and Robert Ballentine. Hamsher moved to approve these two nominees. Seconded by Aspiras Jr. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Regular/Public

December 2, 2019

Old Business

Lorson moved that Ordinance E-19 be placed on third reading. Hamsher 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: Hamsher mentioned this was a recommendation in our 2011 Comprehensive Plan. It was a binder about 3" thick and is now about 1" thick. It is much easier to find answers for both us as well as citizens. Thank you to the council for working with us.

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

Lorson moved that Resolution 47-19 be placed on second reading. Wilson 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 that covers miscellaneous products and services the utility uses over the year. All items listed are what we traditionally go out for. We seek bids but not through the formal bidding process. No changes from prior council meeting discussions.

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 47-19 be adopted as read. Aspiras Sr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 48-19 be placed on second reading. Wilson 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: This allows us to expend money for the first three months of 2020 so we have a full year of experience before we finalize those by April 1st. This will go the full three readings.

New Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 50-19 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 50-19**, A Resolution to accept the recommendations of the Orrville Tax Incentive Review Council regarding tax abatements for companies located in the City of Orrville, Ohio.

Discussion: The Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) met with business owners and made a motion to continue each of these tax abatements in place. Many businesses were very positive on where their business is at.

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 50-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Regular/Public

December 2, 2019

Lorson moved that Resolution 51-19 be placed on first reading. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 51-19**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Safety and Service to enter into a contract to provide for tax abatement for real property for Jerry Baker Properties and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Representing the Orrville Historical Society was Paul Vance. The Orrville Historical Society museum's, also known as the Ludwig Building or the Manhattan Building, deteriorating condition were not cost effective at \$350,00-\$750,000. Last November a public meeting was held at the Manhattan building to explain the situation with about 50 people in attendance. No one stepped forward to help raise the funds. The building was listed for sale. Jerry Baker stepped forward with interest in maintaining the building. The extensive renovations required will significantly increase the tax bill on this property so for incentive for someone to invest that amount of money to save the building, this tax abatement came forward. Question was raised on proposed business that may be housed there. There are no definite plans. He will be soliciting ideas. Possibly an eatery or brewery on the lower level. With it being along the bike trail, it is possible to have lodging on the upper level. This wouldn't be a hotel but more a hostel for those that need a quick place to sleep while riding on the trail. Question was raised on what happens to the tax abatement if this should not be successful. Once the improvements are completed, the tax value holds. He is proposing to create four new jobs. The abatement would stay in place provided that there is some business in there. We would come in with an amendment depending on who the new entity is. A tenant is not yet identified. If Jerry Baker does not create the four jobs with Jerry Baker Properties then we would amend the agreement and include whatever business in there which will be the job creator. If it is a hotel it would be subject to the bed tax. This abatement is for 15 year, 100% abatement. Right now no tax is being paid on this property due to the society being a charitable organization. They only pay assessments. The school board currently received \$0 from this property. At the school board November 21st meeting, they approved the 100%, 15 year abatement. It will be a gain for them. Mr. Baker will pay the taxes on the property once he owns it and 100% on the new taxes generated from any renovations. Jerry Baker will be going before the Design Review Board next week to review his plans for the building. CRA's are a case-by-case basis based on job creation, level of investment and this situation is what this type of abatement is for. The 100% is only for rehab of commercial and industrial buildings; not new buildings which are limited to 75% but our typical is 50%. Instead of tearing this building down, the society is receiving a purchase price. The society has moved many of the artifacts to Runion's Furniture, some in the Smith Orr garage, the attic, the basement. Some not deemed relevant to the story of Orrville were offered for consignment or sale to outside buyers. A curator has been brought in to guide the society in what to do with the collection. It is possible that items will be displayed on a rotational basis.

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 51-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 52-19 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 52-19**, 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: This modifies the 2019 appropriations. Changes include housekeeping items we do every year. Other changes are driven by extenuating circumstances. We are not making any

Regular/Public

December 2, 2019

changes to the general fund. The tax supported Solid Waste Fund is a pass-thru account. Citizen pay for waste disposal service then we pay the provider. This is a timing issue with the billings. For the grants fund there is a \$710,000 decrease necessary due to projects that weren't completed. We will not be receiving the reimbursement revenue. The capital improvement fund, the trail project was carried over into 2019 and appropriations were inadvertently omitted when they were included in 2018 and not carried over. We have minor changes to the EMS fund due to the number and type of calls we've been receiving which required extra supplies. The cemetery maintenance fund is a carryover of a project from 2018 and the last change is to the replacement and improvement fund for the water and water utility reserve due to the lime feeder legislation previously passed.

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 52-19 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 53-19 be placed on first reading. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 53-19**, 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 breathing air compressor system for SCBA's; or alternatively to purchase said equipment 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 accept quotes and enter into an agreement and/or agreements for said purchase, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This was worded to get us the best price whichever way that would be. The fire department's breathing air compressor system is not working. The repairman said they haven't repaired this model in years. Our SCBA's are filled with this unit so it is critical to have an operable unit. Our goal is to get the best price.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 53-19 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Good of the Order:

Hamsher announced he is moving out of Orrville. Next meeting will be his last one as an Orrville council member. He appreciates working with everyone.

Gault reminded outgoing council to turn in their iPads after the next council meeting.

Paul Vance announced the orientation for new council should be changed to the 16th due to the appointment of Hamsher's replacement on the 16th.

Discussion concerning the council interview process. There will be review of the resumes and interviews then determine the replacement. We have 30 days to seat the new council person. This council will no longer be seated then. It will be completed with the current council.

Hamsher moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Regular/Public

December 2, 2019

Lorson moved to adjourn the executive session; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Adjournment

Baker moved to adjourn the council meeting; Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

_____, 2019
Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council