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Council President Paul Vance called the February 3, 2020, regular meeting to order.

Pastor Brad Dews led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call: Handwerk, Aspiras, Lorson, Mosley, Carozza, Widmer and Wilson were all present.

Council minutes of regular meeting held January 21, were presented for approval. Wilson moved to approve the minutes; Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Handwerk: Met with the Orrville Area Development Foundation last week while working through the Gateway Project, no longer the “old bowling alley area”. We will schedule a committee meeting to discuss parking and the phases of this project.

Transportation – Mosley: Meeting held January 21st to discuss committee protocols and how to address issues and possible software for residents to report issues. We found we do currently have software to handle the needs.

Health & Safety – Carozza: Met prior to tonight’s meeting regarding Resolution 2-20 to purchase a fire truck and Resolution 3-20 to purchase a new K9. President Vance commended the committee for a fine presentation and also Councilman Aspiras who began the work on this the past two years as the previous committee chair.

Planning – Widmer: Called for a meeting Feb. 17 at 6:30 pm prior to the council orientation for the purpose of the potential purchase of property.

Finance – Wilson: The committee will meet immediately following this council meeting for the purpose of discussing the spending limit authority for the Safety Service Director.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Our February Employee of the Month is Jon Baab from the Electric Distribution Department. Jeff Vogelhuber, Superintendent, had this to say, Jon was hired as a Utility Worker in August 1999. He’s advanced through the Line worker classifications and now is a Line Worker III. He has always been a reliable worker and can be counted on to come in and help at all hours when there are outages. Jon is a valuable employee for the department. He is married to Michelle who works in our utility billing office. They like to spend their free time working on their farm and enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: John Scott our Service Superintendent, after 35 years, is retiring as of the end of February. Ryan Immel, our current second in command, will assume the position March 1st. John will give his final hurrah as his annual report is given to council at our next meeting.

Finance Director Strimlan: Prior to the meeting the final quarterly investment report for 2019 was distributed. Meeder Public Funds out of Dublin, Ohio, provides portfolio management services for us as well as over 300 other public entities. Last year the investments they had totaled \$25 billion. Investing for government is difficult as there are laws restricting the types of investments we can make and also the years of maturity. We also have a local investment policy to abide by when considering potential investments. Last year we had \$49 million invested earning 1½ and 2.75%. Last year earnings totaled \$719,000. Our other accounts earned interest of approximately \$223,000. In total our investment earnings exceed \$940,000. Meeder will be coming in to give council a presentation going over the services they provide, and give us a potential market update probably in April. Council does not need to take any

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action when I distribute these reports. The minutes need to reflect that they have been distributed and you have the opportunity to review those and ask questions if you have any. The Fund Balance for November and December were presented with a motion to accept those subject to audit was made by Wilson and seconded by Mosley. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Law Director Kirkbride: A Ohio Public Records training meeting is scheduled, through the Ohio Attorney General's office for Thursday, April 16th at 1:00 p.m. at Schmid Hall. There is no cost. Elected officials are required to have an attendance at least once during their term. Kirkbride typically goes as the representative every year. If you've never been before, it is very helpful both for Open Meeting Laws and Public Records. You need to register from the Ohio Attorney General's webpage.

Council President Vance: Orientation was postponed due to father's illness and passing. February 17th is our next available time following the council meeting at approximately 8:15 pm. We will get in as much as we can and will schedule additional dates as needed.

Old Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 2-20 be placed on second reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 2-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts with the State of Ohio Purchasing Cooperative, Department of Administrative Services, to purchase one (1) 2020 Pierce Arrow XT Fire Engine for use by the Fire Department of the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: A Health and Safety committee meeting was held just prior to this meeting. This will go three readings. Contact city administration, council or Fire Chief Bishop with questions.

Lorson moved that Resolution 3-20 be placed on second reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 3-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts with Gold Shield Canine Training, Ltd. for the purchase of one (1) Police Service Dog for the Police Department of the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This particular Gold Shield K9 trainer will be retiring and conducting his last training class at the end of March. We have secured our spot in the training. We can go three readings. Nothing will change between this meeting and the next unless there are more questions or some concerns.

Based on the window of opportunity that is closing quickly and that this is something we intend to do, Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 3-20 be adopted as read. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 5-20 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 5-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to enter into a contract, without bidding, for the purchase of one new sixty-foot distribution bucket truck, rescinding Resolution 42-19, and declaring an emergency.

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Discussion: The estimated cost was mis-stated as \$170,000. It should say \$220,000. That's the only change.

Lorson moved, that this having been previously been passed and the truck has been ordered, that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; Mosley, nay; all remaining yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 5-20 be adopted as read. Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 6-20 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 6-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for engineering design and development of bid specification to construct a new transmission line, rescinding Resolution 30-15, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Comments are for both 6-20 and 7-20, we are doing these out of caution. They were approved by the Utility Board and by Council in 2015, immediately following the imposed EPA regulations that changed our power plant operations shifting our dependence on the national electric grid. This piece is for the engineering costs of the project. We believed the cost of the transmission line would be roughly \$15M not including roughly \$5M in costs in our substations. Due to additional Federal regulations and other items, we were put on hold. Newer legislation and decisions allow for third party developers. And also clarification to allow us to receive transmission credits during peak time. These were critical to us. We are partnering with our State Association and their nonprofit AMP-T that builds transmission lines. The costs have risen to roughly \$17M. Our customers will not bear the costs. We will have some of the internal substation upgrades that will be required. But the bulk will be borne by other users of the transmission. Due to the length of time since it was passed and with the new council members on board, it would be good to reintroduce this piece. Procedurally it isn't necessary to replace the legislation but is wise to do so as the auditor's look at these and this keeps it current even though there are no statutory limits, the previous legislation was passed 4 years ago. The planning has begun and will continue roughly 4½ -5 years. In view of the fact work has begun and the resolution was passed by previous council, suspending the rules would be in order.

Being that it was it was considered prior and in the very same context, Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 6-20 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 7-20 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 7-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to bid and enter into a contract and/or contracts for purchase of materials, services, permitting, construction and installation of a new transmission line, substation(s) and related system improvements including the potential sale of assets and the purchasing and/or leasing of property, rescinding Resolution 31-15, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This piece of legislation is for the physical work of the project, the two substations to be inner connected. It is the same with the exception of an added section that states "including the potential sale of assets and the purchasing and/or leasing of property". Selling the existing inner connection between us and AEP was not part of the initial proposal. The line was built in the late 70's and its useful life to some poles and wiring on that 8 miles is coming up, those costs will not be borne by us, which will be deferred savings somewhere

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between \$2.5 and \$3M. The owners of the line AMP-T would be leasing some of our property inside our existing substations where the circuit breakers are. We have been very deliberate building up reserves for these huge expenditures. Our upgrades will be around \$8M.

Given the explanation and it is a refreshment with what was passed before along with additions that are beneficial, Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 7-20 be adopted as read. Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Good of the Order:

Lorson expressed the council’s sympathies at the loss of President Vance’s father and welcomed him back.

Vance: Appreciated all the gestures and expressions of support and also during his own recent hospital stay.

Widmer: Thanked the directors that make sure we have the funds necessary and that prepare for what may come in the City’s future.

Mosley: Referred back to Resolution 5-20 to purchase a 60’ truck and rescinding Resolution 42-19 for a 41’ foot truck. Different sizes. Director Brediger will review.

Safety Service Director Steve Wheeler presented his annual report.

Questions and comments: The new pool hours worked out well. The pool attendance was tracked and will be tracked to help gauge what does and does not work. On property maintenance numbers being down, it is complaint driven and does not mean success. Some are items that staff has seen and other’s are neighbor complaints. We don’t claim to see every one out there. Roads we choose for repair each year are based on a pavement condition rating system which is an ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) standard. The pavement condition rating is done every couple of years with roads being listed as worst to best which explains why we don’t do all of those in a certain area.

Adjournment

Widmer moved to adjourn the council meeting; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council