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March 2, 2020

Council President Paul Vance called the March 2, 2020, regular meeting to order.

Pastor Haroldo Nunes 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 February 17, were presented for approval. Carozza moved to approve the minutes; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Handwerk: No report. Called for a meeting Monday, March 9, 8:15 pm or immediately following the budget workshop.

Transportation – Mosley: No report. Ryan Immel began today as the Service Department Superintendent. The Service Department will continue to fill potholes.

Finance – Wilson: No report. The Budget Workshop is next Monday, March 9, 7 pm or immediately following the 6:30 pm Utility Board meeting.

Special Committee Reports

An orientation workshop was held. We have a lot of information to acquaint our council with for the different operations of the City. We have a good bit to go and will continue our orientation as the schedule permits.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Our employee of the month for March is Mike Miller from Tech Services. Mike started his employment in August of 2012 as an Instrumentation and Controls Technician II. Mike is a University of Akron graduate where he earned a B.S. (Bachelor of Science) in Electronic Engineering. Mike also obtained his LPN from Canton City School of Nursing in 2008. Since hired, Mike's responsibilities have been instrumental in performing calibrations on boiler and turbine process sensing instruments for flow, pressure, level and temperature measurements, ensuring each are calibrated to industry standards. Mike is also the go to guy for the emission monitors, ensuring the equipment calibrations are in compliance with EPA rules and regulations. Mike resides in Massillon with his wife Liz, and their three cats. Mike enjoys hobbies such as snow skiing (but not as often as he used to), fishing with his dad in Florida, and repairing antique radios. Mike specializes in the repair of tube type guitar amplifiers, which is kind of a lost art since the development of solid-state electronics. Per Mike's wife... he is the, Star Trek Original series fan and can recite the transcripts to nearly every episode. Last but not least, Mike enjoys the 70's and 80's proverbial "Hair Band" music while he cruises around in his 1974 Chevy Nova. Our lunch is scheduled for later in March.

People that live with alley access are having issues with residents along a shared alley, and driveways, parking and blocking the alley for hours. If that happens, call the police. An alley is not theirs, it is open to anyone in the city and need to be kept clean and clear. They are there for the purpose of dropping off and picking up people, unloading groceries and things like that. Have respect for your neighbors. Council President Vance, Director Brediger and I met with Congressman Gonzales, Senator Brown's staff and Senator Portman at the APPA Legislative Rally in Washington D.C. last week.

The 2020 Census begins April 1 with information coming in the mail. There are only a few questions to complete. It is important to complete it. Everyone counts. It is used to determine where new schools and hospitals are needed as well as other safety resources. If you don't complete the census and our numbers are low then we don't need as much grant money, etc., that other areas get. Population determines need. It determines the number of

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representatives in the US Congress. It's important for jobs. Businesses use Census Bureau data to determine where to build factories, offices and stores creating more jobs in those communities. Real estate developers and city planners use Census Data to improve neighborhoods. It is confidential. Many think it's big brother snooping in their business. Census employees are under strict regulations. It is not public information. Federal Law protects your census responses and information may only be used to produce statistics. By law an individuals information cannot be shared with immigration enforcement and other law enforcement agencies or used to determine eligibility for government benefits. The more people that get counted in Orrville, the more ability to receive grants.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: The Fire Department received and is installing the air compressor unit. They also did some painting in that room. We have received a build number for the new fire engine with expected delivery in late January or early February 2021. Ballfield preparation is underway. Compost and cemetery cleaning has begun. And they are beginning to prepare for the mosquito larvae control program.

Utility Director Brediger: The Power Plant received the Title V Operating permit, like a driver's license, to operate the next five years. The permits are issued by the state and federal EPA. In Washington D.C. last week we learned there were over 12,500 bills introduced by this Congress and less than 100 were passed. We focused on transmission costs and fees that go up by double digits every year. And also the Build America bonds that the government offered to reinvest in with promises on interest rates. Some of those tax credits have been taken away from us and additional interest payments have cost our customers \$1M so far and an additional million if something isn't done. May 13th there is a legislative opportunity in Columbus with state elected officials. State legislature is looking at how municipalities use the enterprise funds to support economic development issues and how we fund those. AMP and OMEA will follow that for us and may require action from the council in the future.

Finance Director Strimlan: Our 2020 Appropriations are on first reading this evening with a workshop next Monday.

Council President Vance: The Washington D.C. trip was an educational and informative trip. You learn a lot about our utilities and issues that affect our rate payors, like the transmission costs.

Old Business

None

New Business

Lorson moved that Resolution 11-20 be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 11-20**, 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 \$69 million. Approximately \$54M for the enterprise funds; \$8M for the general fund and \$7M for the remaining tax supported funds. We made some modifications from the 2020 budget last June: working capital transfers for utilities, some capital projects and some significant changes to purchase power, coal and natural gas. On the tax supported side it was to grants and capital improvements and capital expenditures one being the fire truck. This will be discussed in the workshop.

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Lorson moved that Ordinance A-20 be placed on first reading. Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance A-20**, An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We are codifying all the prior legislation from 2019. Also the codification of any Ohio Revised Code changes that are noted in our codes that are affected by the state changes. This is an annual housecleaning item.

Lorson given that these are ordinances and resolutions previous passed, it is simply entering them into code I move that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance A-20 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Police Chief Matt Birkbeck presented his annual report.

Good of the Order:

Lorson: Thanked the current Chief Birkbeck and past Chief Carozza for excellent service through the years. Dean Jarrod Tudor, Wayne Akron College, has requested community contact him with input on what we would like to happen at the campus 330-683-2010.

Mayor: Thanked Brenda Green for serving as clerk this evening as Jeanne recovers from surgery.

Adjournment

Carozza moved to adjourn the council meeting; Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council