

## Regular/Public

March 16, 2020

Council President Paul Vance called the March 16, 2020, regular meeting to order.

Pastor Mike Bone 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 March 2, 2020, and the special meeting of March 9, 2020, were presented for approval. Widmer moved to approve the minutes; Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Dr. Ross Campensa, Orrville EMS Medical Director and ER Trauma Doctor for Aultman Orrville Hospital to give an update on COVID-19. Audio file of this can be found on our webpage under <https://www.orrville.com/council-minutes> audio for March 16, 2020.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Parks and Recreation – Handwerk: The committee met on March 9. Topics were the Gateway project phases. There will be parking put in by field two with land from the school. Community Day, July 25, helps fund the Shop with a Cop program and will have free swimming, movie night, food and kickball. Orr Park is on its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Brennehan Field parking lot and traffic flow, possibly going to a one way. Rehm Pavilion is aging and is in need of work. The creek and retaining wall were discussed.

Finance Committee – Wilson: There was a workshop held on March 9 with regards to the appropriations. Director Strimlan had provided an extensive, helpful booklet on the finances.

### **Special Committee Reports**

None

### **Administrative Reports**

Mayor Handwerk: Much of our office time recently has been spent on Coronavirus and how we should handle it. We appreciate Dr. Campensa being here tonight. Our Governor had taken much of the decision making away from city government level setting statewide mandates. That helps take the pressure off of us and keeps everything in the state consistent.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Read a statement about our police, fire and EMS. Please understand our first responders also have to practice social distancing just like everyone else. If you do need to have an encounter with police, fire or EMS, please understand you may be asked to cooperate by doing things we wouldn't ask you to do normally such as give more information over the phone, exit the house so we can communicate with you outside in a well-ventilated area when possible, of course, or our officers communicate with you at a little more distancing than normal. Your safety and ours is the most important part to us. We do appreciate your understanding at this time.

Also, we have delayed Chief Bishop's annual fire department report. With the rulings on mass gatherings and having Dr. Campensa here to give an update, it was in our prudent interest to postpone that report. As Councilman Mosley mentioned our service department is working on catch basin work, pothole repair, tree trimming and street sign replacement.

Utility Director Brediger: The power plant is up and running through Thursday as a precautionary measure as AEP is doing transmission line testing. We have some Federal EPA required testing that is going on with unit 13.

Water plant roof replacement has begun and will take about three weeks. Emergency repairs have begun on a manhole at Perry Street and Hostetler Road intersection.

Dealing with the virus, the utility is closing the plants and offices to the public. Our number one goal is that we maintain and sustain our services.

Finance Director Strimlan: We will be making temporary policy changes at the utility billing offices. A memo will be sent to council outlining those items.

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The January 2020 Fund Balance was presented for approval subject to audit. Wilson motioned, seconded by Carozza. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Council President Vance: This is an infectious disease and we appreciate your cooperation in following the guidelines. Teleconferencing may be an option that we will look at for the safety of public health. We have three weeks before our next meeting.

**Old Business**

Resolution 11-20, Lorson moved that it be placed on third 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: None.

Lorson moved that Resolution 11-20 be adopted as read. Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**New Business**

Resolution 12-20, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 12-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement and/or agreements to purchase real estate located at 134 North Walnut Street, Orrville, Ohio (PPN 58-00226.000) and declaring an emergency

Discussion: This property is on the northend of the overpass. The property owner will demolish and fill the basement hole with 304 base for the parking lot. We will finish the base and asphalt overlay for about 18 parking spaces to match the adjacent property. We have a diagram drawn. We will wait on the overlay to do at, hopefully, the same time as the park parking lot to get a better price. Or we may piggyback it on the OPWC project. You may see chip and seal before the asphalt overlay is in place.

Lorson given that this was discussed and worked on in executive session even though it is on first reading, it is not our first consideration of that. That being said, I move that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 12-20 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Good of the Order:**

Lorson: Governor DeWine has done an incredible job handling this (COVID-19) crisis. USA Today mentioned Ohio is the leader in fighting this public health crisis. The State Director of Health Amy Acton is a good one to follow. Watch the daily press conferences. Rely on the real news and experts and not what your neighbor says. We don't want to panic over things that are not true.

**Adjournment**

Carozza moved to adjourn the council meeting; Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Paul Vance, President of Council