

## Regular/Public

April 6, 2020

Council President Paul Vance called the April 6, 2020, regular meeting to order and 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 16, 2020, were presented for approval. Mosley moved to approve the minutes; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Standing Committee Reports** - None

**Special Committee Reports** - None

### **Administrative Reports**

Mayor Handwerk: A video announcement will be posted soon to Armstrong from the Mayor. Citywide we've been operational. Our citizens shouldn't notice any lack of services. Our Fire/EMS have been very busy. We hope none of them get sick. Police haven't had nearly as many calls. Many of our restaurants are doing takeout and we appreciate our citizens supporting them. OHS Senior parents put up red and white ribbons around poles to honor the seniors, not knowing if they will get back for a regular graduation. Those will be up a month. The YMCA staff will be hiding a few things somewhere near sidewalks for people find while walking around town. Many are sending cards to area rest homes to those that are shut-in as they are very isolated. We appreciate all those that are going to work everyday.

Council President Vance: Kimble has requested some measures to protect their workers, only put out what fits in your trash container. If you don't have one, then no more than three 30-gallon trash bags be at the curb. Same with recycling. Only what fits in the tote, nothing on the ground. Any large items, hold until a later date once this crisis passes.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: The Kimble information is posted on our Facebook page and should be up on our webpage soon. Kimble is overwhelmed with the trash being put to the curb as people are home and cleaning out closets and basements. Any yard waste should go to the compost center, open on Wednesdays, or if it fits in your trash can, it can go in there. The Fire Department ISO rating remains a 3. We were 5 points away from a 2. We'll get there next time which is 5 years away. The Service Department will be back to it this week to begin mowing. Office staff is in and out working from home, answering phones, responding to calls and emails hopefully as normal. The parks are open and we encourage people to use the park. The park equipment is not open. The hoops had to be closed down as well so as not to encourage people to congregate.

Utility Director Brediger: Water Department roof replacement continues for another 2-3 weeks. We are at minimum staffing right now but services continue. We answer phone calls, emails and work requests. The trouble line 330-684-5045 is staffed. Do not call 911. Mutual aid programs have been updated in our utilities. Some of the smaller communities opted out of mutual aid. Our IT Department is doing a great job setting up people to work from home and setting up remote meeting operations. Bloomin' Orrville programs continues but might kick off a little later this year. The AMP \$3,000 scholarship is being awarded to an Orrville High School student Nicholas McFarren.

Finance Director Strimlan: Finance is operating on a remote basis. We continue to receive tax returns and payments. There has been no decline in revenue as of yet. We are monitoring that with an update after end of the month when the first withholding payments are due. The income tax filing deadline has been extended to July 15, 2020, the same as your federal return. Quarterly payments are also extended until July 15. You are more than welcome to mail us your return or drop it in the night drop box on Water Street that is used for utility payments. If you have questions, you can reach Dave Nussbaum at 330-684-5008 or email at dnussbaum@orrville.com.

Council President Vance: We are seeing nothing but the best coming from our city employees and administration. Thank you for all you are doing, especially those in our safety services and first responders putting yourself in harms way. We are grateful to you and can't thank you enough.

**Old Business** - None

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**New Business**

Resolution 13-20, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 13-20**, A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2020 for road salt for the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is an annual resolution for the ODOT mass bidding process to take advantage of a large quantity at a cost effective price as we prepare for next winter. We have about 400 ton of salt left so our order will be less than last year. We will order 800-900 ton and are required to purchase 90% of that and cannot purchase over 110%. This needs to pass tonight to meet the state purchasing deadline. It would be tight if we waited until next meeting.

Lorson stated, given that there is an urgency and a deal we do annually, I move 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 13-20 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Good of the Order:**

Vance: Thanks to the community for the expressions of help whether sewing masks, distribution of food or helping each other out. Mr. Brediger set a good example for us tonight wearing a mask, part of a recent request from the CDC. It is different meeting this way (via ZOOM meeting online), we appreciate your cooperation and being here with us tonight. And special appreciation to the IT department for setting all of this up and making it possible for us to meet this way tonight.

**Adjournment**

Lorson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Carozza seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Paul Vance, President of Council