

Regular/Public

June 15, 2020

Council President Paul Vance called the June 15, 2020, regular meeting to order. Pastor David Hargrave led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of regular meeting held June 1, 2020, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Ordinance and Personnel – Lorson: The committee met Monday to conduct interviews for the council seat being vacated by Councilman Carozza. We will move to executive session at the end of this meeting with the hopes of a nomination.

Health and Safety – Carozza: No report. He thanked the Ward 3 citizens for the opportunity to serve as councilman. He is grateful. It was truly an honor to serve. He wished his replacement all the best.
Vance: Our sincere gratitude to Carozza.

Special Committee Reports - None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Echo Pastor Hargrave with our Orrville residents mourning the loss of a high school graduate last week. Also the racial tensions across the country, we hope things get better. The park and pool are both open now. Ballgames are being played. The High Street lines were painted and looks nice. Thanked Mr. Carozza for all his years of service while he was on the police department then becoming the chief.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Street Department continues work on ball fields, mowing, replacing signage and adding pedestrian crossing signs on North Walnut. Pool is open. K9 Hulk's first official day is tomorrow. Thanked Dino and the pleasure to work with him on council and as a great police chief. Movies in the park were cancelled. It is privately funded and we were not able to go out for those funds.

Utility Director Brediger: The Utility Board approved continuing the power cost adjustment freeze which has been frozen since September of 2016. They discussed how it may look in the future due to COVID and transmission charges and will get a strategy as that evolves. We are in the final stages of negotiating our natural gas aggregation for next year. We are looking at 1 and 2 year options. Currently it is \$3.39/mcf. It is looking like rates should be 10% or more lower. The new after hours utility trouble line is active, toll-free 844-734-6366. The number is listed on the note section of your utility bill, keep it for future reference. Thanked Dino for his service both council and on police department.

Finance Director Strimlan: The 2019 audit is about completed. Expect the Auditor's opinion by the end of the week. The auditor will be sending out a copy of the audit, the CAFR and their opinion letter to council. A post audit meeting can be scheduled after you receive and review the documents. Requested a motion to approve the fund balance report for period ending April 30, subject to audit. Wilson moved; Aspiras seconds. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Law Director Kirkbride: No report. Appreciates Mr. Carozza and his service.

Council President Vance: Thanked Carozza for his service to the community as police chief and council. He served with a great attitude, respectful, with patience, and with care and effort in his work.

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Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution 22-20 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 22-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to amend the Enterprise Zone Agreements between the City of Orrville, Ohio and Venture Products, Inc.

Discussion: Venture entered into three separate tax abatement agreements in 2012, 2015 and 2017. They continue to meet all the requirements. They recently sold to Torro. These need to be transferred to Torro. Buildings are still there. The agreement terms and conditions do not change. Just the owner. Jeff Dimos, VP of Finance and Operations, expressed their appreciation for the support from The City of Orrville and from Council. Torro is excited about the acquisition and future growth in Orrville.

Lorson, due to the agreements not changing just who holds them, 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 22-20 be adopted as read. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 23-20 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 23-20**, A Resolution establishing a special revenue fund entitled COVID 19 Fund for the express purpose of depositing and expending Federal and State Aid to assist the City of Orrville, Ohio, in combatting the COVID 19 Pandemic; and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Congress passed the CARES act on March 26 to allocate federal aid to states and local governments. Ohio received approximately \$4.5 billion. The general assembly approved HB481 an allocation of \$350 million for local governments to be distributed by the Wayne County Auditor utilizing the local government funding formula. We do not have an exact amount. Examples of eligible expenses are payroll for employees at city that were dedicated to responding to COVID, our EMS personnel, PPE masks, hand sanitizers, thermometers, sanitizing public areas in various locations, utility customers faced with shutoff and there may be some available for small business to reimburse some of the cost of business interruptions. More information will be coming. Tonight we are establishing the fund. It was requested to pass this evening. There may be additional legislation coming.

Lorson, being imperative to establish the fund to receive what may be coming our way, 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 23-20 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 24-20 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 24-20**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2021, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is planning ahead for our 2021 budget. It is a proposed financial plan to provide services and community improvements for 2021. It does not give authority to expend funds; that comes through council in Final Appropriations reviewed in March. We will see changes after seeing the impact COVID has on our revenue streams. Total budget is \$56.7 million, down about 4½% from 2020 final appropriations. Allocated to the General Fund \$7.6million, tax supported \$6.2 million and utilities about \$43 million. This needs to go three readings. Council has received the line item budget. If you would like a workshop, that can be arranged.

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Good of the Order:

Lorson: A reminder the pool is open and staff and personnel went to great lengths to make that happen. It is safe. We'd love to see people there.

Aspiras: Special thanks to Mr. Carozza and getting fire truck being passed. That was close to his heart and appreciates Carozza helping us get there.

Executive Session:

Lorson moved to moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters; Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. 8:23 pm.

Lorson moved to adjourn executive session. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. 8:52 pm.

Resume Regular Session

Lorson, that this is Council person Carozza's final meeting and we are needing to fill the unexpired term, moved to nominate Carrie Foy; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; Carozza abstained per an exception to council rules, where retiring member may abstain without the abstention being voted upon; all remaining yeas; motion carried.

Lorson thanked the council and committee as well as all the applicants.

President Vance mentioned we now have two women on council and to address council as council representative. He also thanked council and the applicants. It was not an easy decision. Commended council for working so well together.

Mosely stated we had two really good candidates to choose from. It was good to see the interest in the position. It was a hard decision.

Adjournment

Lorson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council