

Regular/Public

October 19, 2020

Council President Paul Vance called the, regular meeting to order. Pastor John Marino led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. Present were Handwerk, Aspiras, Lorson, Mosley, Foy, Widmer
Wilson: Joined at 7:36 pm during standing committee reports.

Council minutes of regular meetings held October 5, 2020, were presented for approval. Foy moved to approve those minutes; Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Handwerk: Has not met. Hope to see everyone Saturday night at the fall festival.

Transportation – Mosley: Has not met. Meeting to be held next Monday immediately following the Planning Committee's 7 pm meeting.

Planning – Widmer: Has not met. Committee will meet Monday at 7:00 pm.

Wilson entered meeting.

Special Committee Reports - None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Thankful for Service Department's Saturday work to spread 100 yards of playground mulch. Fall Festival at Orr Park, Saturday, October 24, Councilman Handwerk has put a lot of hours in on this. We hope to have a safe event as it is spread out over the lower park. People should social distance and wear a mask.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: West Chestnut hopes to be completed this week, weather permitting. Some downtown curb work is scheduled for the end of the month. Compost hours have been extended to Saturdays only into November, 8-noon.

One resident approached a couple council members to have trick or treat moved to the afternoon in future years. We do get calls on why don't we wait for it to get darker. Some communities keep it to Sunday's so this can be discussed.

Still awaiting the sidewalk estimate from the engineer's office as they were finishing up OPWC items for us. It should be received this week.

Utility Director Brediger: Electric sales and revenues through third quarter indicate an uptick but not enough to wipe out second quarter. Retail sales revenues are down around \$350,000 for the year with useage down about 9 ½%. Water and Waste Water updates will be coming. Our 2015 consent decree with the US EPA, phase two required us to upgrade additional street and security lights and was completed this month. We were required to spend a minimum \$70,000 and save about 500,000kwh annually. We met that spending requirement and more than exceeded the savings. Combined with the LED program two years ago, a little over 1600 street lights and security lights have been replaced at around \$375,000. This saves us energy. We receive a payback about 9-10 years out. We will be saving over 700,000 kwh a year, which equals a little less than 100 tons less coal annually. It decreases the amount of emissions by about 20 tons a year. They decrease maintenance costs in bulb replacements and older wiring. The LED lights are more focused and not as flooding as the older ones and therefore we installed about 25-30 more to improve safety.

Finance Director Strimlan: Fund Balance Report period ending September 30, 2020, was presented for approval subject to audit. Motioned by Wilson, seconded by Widmer. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Law Director Kirkbride: The public records training online was taken by Kirkbride and Aspiras. It is on demand, free, short modules. Council was urged to complete that by the end of the year and submit a copy of their certificate of completion for the files.

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Council President Vance: No report.

Old Business

Ordinance C-20 Lorson moved that it be placed on third reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance C-20**, An Ordinance amending Section 931.07 of Chapter 931 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, relating to the rates for garbage and rubbish collection.

Discussion: This will lock in \$15.90/month rate for the Kimble five year contract. On our previous contract we had extended for 9 years without an increase. The new rate includes the 40¢ recycling grant credit given to each customer and the 25¢ administrative fee charge. This is an increase to keep a flat rate for 5 years rather than a gradual increase every year, which gives a larger increase as we move from contract to contract.

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

New Business

None

Good of the Order:

Lorson: Early, in-person voting is open now. Please vote.

Vance asked Handwerk for a schedule of this weekend’s festival.

Handwerk: Car show at the Board of Education parking lot from 3-6 p.m. with some small awards and no entry fee. There will be five food trucks around 3 p.m. by the pavilion area by lower park restrooms. Jeremy Taylor will play a live acoustic show at 6 p.m. He recently played at the Rock ‘n Roll hall of fame with the band The Songbirds. Easton Union, Nick Hoffman from Orrville is the drummer, will play at 7:30 p.m. The Legion will have a Trunk or Treat up by Heller Hall. Cross View Church will have a safety tent with children’s wristbands for their parent’s cell number, diapers, water, bandaids, anything safety related. And a nurse there as well.

Vance: Its been a tough year. Our community needs an event like this. The fact that you’ve (Handwerk) been able to put this together as still follow all the social distancing guidelines and guidelines from the health department is a tremendous thing. Thanks for all the work you’ve put into this. We look forward to it.

Adjournment

Lorson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Vance: Our next regular meeting is November 2. Next Monday will be the Planning Committee and Transportation Committee meeting at 7 pm.

Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council