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

Roll call. Handwerk, Aspiras, Lorson, Mosley, Foy, Widmer and Wilson. All present.

Council minutes of regular meetings held October 19, 2020, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Transportation – Mosley: Committee met last Monday. Legislation will be coming in regards to side-by-sides to allow them in the community. Speed awareness program will take shape with tonight's Resolution 37-20 to purchase 4 speed/messaging signs in the hopes of using COVID funding. Two placed in school zone and two will rotate in neighborhoods. Request made to approve that legislation on first reading. Sidewalk program information and costs are still being gathered. Our 2020 projects are completed and we now continuing with curb and basin work.

Health and Safety – Aspiras: Has not met. Email had been sent today regarding a new ambulance. It was decided no committee meeting was necessary.

Planning – Widmer: Committee met last Monday to discuss RV's and campers being parked on residential property. It was determined it is not a widespread problem; therefore, there is no need to continue discussions. It has been tabled.

Finance – Wilson: Has not met. Temporary appropriations workbooks will be distributed November 16 with first reading of legislation. Second reading will be at the December 7th meeting and third reading at the December 21st meeting.

Special Committee Reports - None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Joined a Zoom meeting with Gov. DeWine and with county and hospital officials to discuss the COVID crisis. Governor is concerned with the holidays coming in the next two month and the need to continue to encourage people to wash hands, keeping distances, and wearing masks. COVID funds were discussed for use of purchasing the messaging signs. Gov. DeWine thought it would be a good purchase and use for that funding. There is a lot of anger circling around the election. Let's get past this and get back to making Orrville a great place to live.

Safety Service Director Wheeler: Today the 2021 park reservations began with 25 people renting and 36 dates were booked. Leaf pick up began today on the south side. The compost center will remain open in November only on Saturdays from 8-noon. City hall renovations began last week and are expected to finish before the end of the as required for use of the CARES Act dollars.

Utility Director Brediger: House Bill 6 has no direct impact on our customers but we are keeping an eye on it.

Finance Director Strimlan: The Orrville Area United Way \$5,000 grant to assist customers facing disconnection of utilities has been awarded bi-monthly on scheduled shutoff days in July thru October. It helped 42 residential customers and 4 small businesses avoid disconnection. United Way was asked to continue similar funding over the next four months as customers continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic. They have agreed. We appreciate United Way's help provided to our customers. The Utilities matched that grant and will continue with the second grant.

The RFP for auditing services for 2020, 2021 and 2022, six proposals were received. Once our review is complete a summary will be sent to council. On Temporary Appropriations, no major changes expected from the budget reviewed in June.

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Law Director Kirkbride: Many public records requests have come in for various departments in the city. Council members need to familiarize themselves with the Ohio Sunshine Laws and the Open Meetings Act requirements. There is a lot to navigate. A link was sent to all for the online training for all council members to do that. This is a hot topic and many requests are coming in.

Council President Vance: Tomorrow is the country's Election Day. The country is facing unprecedented times with issues of race and the virus. We haven't seen this much division in the country in our lifetimes. As we deal with people that disagree with us, people that are not treating us well, make a commitment to treat others with dignity, respect and civility. We will be tested in this as people continue to clash. We need to make this commitment to this standard on how we will conduct ourselves and work together to get through this. The issues that face the country are the same here in Orrville. We need to work together, to communicate well with each other and to treat each other well. We have community meetings coming up. Let's go in with the attitude of showing respect, show dignity and maintain civility at all times. Let's all make that commitment.

Also, Mrs. Widmer ran a political event over the weekend. To clarify, all members of council, and historically over the years, members of council including the mayor, have participated in their respective party's political leadership in the county. Vance serves on his political party's county's central committee. Other council members have served in leadership roles over the years. They are permitted to participate in political activities including partisan election activities. That is permitted and part of our 1st amendment right. We should all exercise our right to be a part of the political process and be a part of the change and progress that we need to make in our community and in our country.

Old Business None

New Business

Resolution 36-20 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 36-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to procure quotes from various vendors and then enter into an agreement and/or agreements without bidding, to purchase downtown holiday décor for the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Declaring an emergency means it will go into effect immediately rather than the 30 day waiting period because this is a timely piece and we would be through the holidays. A memo was sent to council regarding this legislation. This resolution allows us to purchase commercial grade holiday décor for the downtown. Multiple quotes were received. A vendor has been chosen. We originally were going to purchase the items over multiple years due to cost. However a donation was received from a local business. We will purchase all the items at one time. We would like to have the decorations up by the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be 125 poles with string lights, 56 poles will contain a hanging ornament 3-4 foot in size. Bronner's, Frankenmuth, Michigan, assured us the ornaments will be ready for us. Strimlan was thanked for the amount of time and research put into this project. The Utility and Distribution departments were thanked for agreeing to give us the assistance when this will create extra work for putting them up.

Lorson, given the fact Christmas is around the corner and have these installed in a timely manner, moved 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 36-20 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 37-20 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 37-20**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements without bidding, for the purchase of four (4) radar/ electronic message signs for the Police Department of the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Two signs will be used in the school zone and two available for neighborhoods. It is a three-prong approach. First are the signs in the yards to make people aware. Second is messaging speed signs to see how fast they are going. That relays data to the officers and police department if someone is speeding at a certain time of day. And third is directive patrol for particular times when

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speeding is more prevalent. Wadsworth Safety Director Matt Hiscock shared his approach with Mr. Wheeler and we will mirror that. To purchase under the CARES Act we need approval tonight because we need to receive them before the end of the year. This is requested to be passed on first reading. This came about from a citizen complaint for speeding vehicles. The Safety Director's intention is to use these primarily to convey COVID health messages to the citizens and those traveling through the community. State Route 57 gets a lot of activity.

Lorson, given this will solve multiple problems and the opportunity to possibly spend CARES Act money on this makes it a timely issue, moved 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 37-20 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 38-20 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 38-20**, 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: A memo was sent to council outlining changes due to additional CARES funding we received. All purchase orders need to be issued by November 20 so this legislation is necessary to meet the deadline. Once finalized, we will have another appropriations amendment at our next council meeting. If funds are not encumbered by Nov. 20, we will have to return the remaining money to the county auditor to be redistributed to communities that have utilized all their CARES funding. A list was previously supplied with the proposed items for purchase, subject to change according to availability of materials and supplies. To date we have issued \$421,000 in purchase orders.

Lorson, given the urgency and timeline, moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 38-20 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Ordinance D-20 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance D-20**, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance B-20 and establishing a Fire Department Vehicle and Vehicle Related Equipment Replacement Fund pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.13.

Discussion: Agenda reads a Resolution repealing Ordinance B-20. Actual legislation reads correctly as an Ordinance repealing Ordinance B-20. The auditor of state requested revisions to put a 10-year time limit on the fund for receiving and expending monies. If the fund has been useful and was used for the purpose intended, we can bring legislation to ask to maintain it an additional 10 years. The change meets the requirements the auditor suggested. There is a small paragraph that gives council authority to manipulate the money should unforeseen circumstances require us to do so. This was discussed in committee in September.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance D-20 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Good of the Order:

Wilson moved to pass the temporary appropriations calendar with electronic workbooks to council November 16th as well as first reading November 16th, second reading December 7th, and third reading December 21st. Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Wilson congratulated school fall sports teams, superintendent, principals, athletic director and all those responsible for making drastic changes to make these events happen. The soccer had an undefeated season with post season ending way too soon.

Mosley: Thanked Strimlan for being proactive and going back to United Way to continue the grant. Made a statement regarding council members, each are unique, having different priorities, different reasons for being on council, we may not agree with each other but we have to make these relationships work for the good of our citizens. We are here to address the citizens' concerns and add value to the city. He reads and answers citizens' questions without personal bias. If you think your council doesn't represent you well, you can step up and get a seat at the table or show up to elect who you want on your council during voting. Many seats are up for election next year. The Trump Train that went through town had every right to exercise their first amendment. The city planned for it to help it through town as fast as possible in an effective way.

Adjournment

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

Vance: We will reconvene on our next regular council meeting November 16th.

Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council