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Council President Paul Vance called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Chuck Davis led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of regular meetings held February 1, 2021, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Handwerk: Met this evening prior to the council meeting to discuss the Gateway project, maintenance and the comprehensive park plan.

Utilities – Foy: Committee has not met. But the Utility Board met and will keep the power cost adjustment factor rates frozen for another quarter. And they also gave an update on the second grant received from the Orrville Area United Way which allowed for 29 residents and 10 businesses to avoid having their power shut off.

Transportation – Mosley: Committee has not met. Commented on the great job our Street Department is doing to keep the roads clear (snow).

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Thanked the Service Department for doing a good job and reminded citizens that as they plow the streets the driveways get plugged. Everyone be careful on the roadways tonight and tomorrow. Many exciting things coming in the next few years for Orr Park.

President Vance mentioned we have the Parks and Recreation committee zoom recording if anyone is interested.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Reminded citizens we are under a snow parking ban until tomorrow at 7 p.m. Crews are out salting and plowing already. The fire department SUV and trailer truck to follow behind as the COVID truck should be ready in a week.

Utility Director Brediger: Commented about a Florida water plant that was hacked. Our plant is not run online or over the internet. We can monitor them but not operate them. The power plant is up and running for possible peak savings due to the extremely low temperatures. The power cost adjustment freezes our electric rates for another quarter. We have not had an increase in electric rates since 4th quarter 2016.

Finance Director Strimlan: The quarterly investment for last quarter of 2020 was distributed in your council packet as well as the December 2020 fund balance report. Wilson motioned to approve the fund balance report subject to audit; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Council President Vance: It has been about a year meeting by zoom. It has gone smoothly. Feedback was requested for offering our future meetings live on Facebook or YouTube

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Old Business

Resolution 4-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 4-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract for engineering services for the design of sidewalks for Phase IV of the Orrville Sidewalk Program and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This will go to third reading.

New Business

Ordinance A-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance A-21**, An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is an annual housekeeping ordinance as we update any changes to our codified ordinances from any changes to Ohio Revised Code or our ordinance legislation the council approved the previous year. This year the majority of changes come from ORC such as the license plate change. Many ORC's are noted in our code and need to be updated accordingly.

Lorson moved, as this is an annual ordinance to keep our code updated, that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance A-21 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Ordinance B-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance B-21**, An Ordinance appointing members of the Charter Review Commission and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Members put forward for the commission are: Ward 1, Chad Teague and Josh Garret; Ward 2, Monica Miyashita and Tracey Cook; Ward 3, Becky Jewell and Tim Snyder; Ward 4, Andy Vernon and Jim Clymer; and At-Large, Beverly Squirrell, Patty Smucker, and Judy Kropf. Every ten years we are required by charter to have a commission to review our charter for any necessary changes. Commission is composed of two from each ward and three from the at-large. Any changes made will go to the public for a vote to approve. Any changes would need to go to the public for vote which would be on the November ballot.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance B-21 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 6-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 6-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to procure quotes for the reconstruction of Orr Park tennis courts and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Discussed in committee. Time is of the essence to get on the construction calendar. It is going to be a complete overhaul which includes the

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base work at \$30,000 but will be well worth the money for the extended life. Total cost is approximately \$130,000.

Lorson moved, given this has been planned for and budgeted, that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 6-21 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 7-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 7-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to purchase (4) Four Axon body cameras and pay associated body camera maintenance fees for the Orrville Police Department and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: These will replace current older model Axon cameras. The new cameras have additional upgrades. The cost is \$5800, below the \$15,000 spending threshold required to bring before council. If you add in the \$13,000 maintenance fees to the same company we thought it best to bring before council for audit purposes. It is critical to stay updated with the latest technology. The upgraded Axon 3 model provides for the camera as soon as the weapon is drawn whereas the older model you had to press a button twice before drawing your weapon in order to activate. The exception is if it unnecessarily puts you in danger. If you have to draw your weapon quickly, you may not have time to press that button twice. The new model will also activate the cameras within a 30 foot radius. We had a critical incident in early January and activated a camera.

Lorson moved, as this is an outstanding innovation that we want on our officers as quickly as possible, 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 7-21 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Police Department Annual Report – Chief Birkbeck

Police Chief Matt Birkbeck presented his power point presentation. Copy on file.

Adjournment

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

Our next meeting will be March 1st.
Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council