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Council President Paul Vance called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Haroldo Nunes 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 15, 2021, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

There were no Standing Committee Reports

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: With the nicer weather it's nice to see all the people out walking on the sidewalks this past week. With the snow melted, be sure to keep the trash and recycling containers out of the street. It was good to see the cooperation from the local fire departments for that house in Smithville that exploded. Our department was working on that. Chief Bishop had said they were lucky to get out with their lives. We are grateful for that.

Utility Director Brediger: Utility insurance is renewing with a new carrier as we were dropped from our previous provider due to our age and using coal fired methods. AEGIS is now our provider but our rates tripled. Power Plant premiums had averaged around \$190,000. We are just south of \$585,000 this year with higher deductibles but this does come with full coverage. The national legislative rally is this week, virtually. Meetings are set with our legislators. Biden's policies will all have a climate component to it in some degree. Our biggest issues are high transmission fees with double digit increases with higher fees and less credits, transmission market fees that work against us as revenue generating on the back of the customers, Build America bonds, and climate initiatives with net zero by 2050. These will be discussed with our legislators this week.

Finance Director Strimlan: Preparations are underway for the 2020 audit. The 2021 final appropriations were finalized. An overview with changes the directors made since the budget was prepared last June and the workbooks will be reviewed at the workshop on March 8.

Council President Vance: We are working on a date in the third week of March for the Charter Review Committee and getting that information out to our committee members.

Old Business

Resolution 4-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on third reading. Mosley 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 is to approve the engineering of the sidewalk project, not the completion. We've been through three different phases around the city. This area is the final phase of this project. Mosley suggested we have a forum to discuss and answer citizen questions. President Vance mentioned transcripts from the beginning discussions where council at that time talked about the planning and preparation, the meetings, discussions that had taken place and felt everyone's views and concerns were taken into account in establishing the plan that Orrville put into place for the last several years to install sidewalks throughout the city. This is the final phase of a long going plan that had

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a lot of time and effort and study put into it to make it fair for everybody and yet bring the benefits of sidewalks that have been demonstrated for our community.

Lorson moved that Resolution 4-21 be adopted as read. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 8-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 8-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract and/or contracts for engineering services, without bidding, for the Ella Street and Orr Park Culvert Replacement Project and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This was discussed in a Parks and Recs committee meeting. This culvert runs under Ella Street and throughout the lower Orr Park area. It will replace the culvert and some bridges. Approval requested tonight to get the project rolling and completed while school is out of session and less disruption to Ella Street school traffic.

Lorson moved, given that time is of the essences and addresses issues we've had for years about flooding and erosion, 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 8-21 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 9-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 9-21**, 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, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: 2021 Total appropriations are \$64M. \$48M for the enterprise funds, approximately \$9M for the general fund and \$7M for the tax supported funds. There were changes from the 2021 budget prepared in June. For the utilities, working Capital Transfer, purchased power, coal and natural gas. Utility capital projects have been modified; substation upgrade, transmission line, added to the water utility a roof replacement and repaving the treatment plant parking lot. On the tax supported side the changes are mainly grants and capital improvements. Several projects were added for the parks, changes for asphalt street repairs and some small changes in other projects. This will all be reviewed at Monday's workshop. This piece should go the full three readings. Monday's workshop will be at 7 pm or immediately following the utility board meeting. It will be via zoom. People can join and wait in the waiting room there until we are ready for the meeting.

Resolution 10-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 10-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract with B&C Communications, without bidding, for the purchase and installation of a tornado siren system and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The city has four tornado sirens. Testing at the end of the year showed a malfunction at the industrial park and the one at Station 2. The industrial park was repairable as it is the newest siren. That has been completed. Station 2 was inoperable and not repairable as it dates back to WWII. We have

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gotten our monies worth out of that one. We'd like to do this in a timely manner before the tornado season arrives as this is key if people are outside during a storm so they can take cover. It is specialized work. B&C has done all our communications in the past. It isn't used very often but when we need it, we need it. It is very important for the health and safety of our community.

Lorson moved, as it is imperative to have this up and operating as soon 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 10-21 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Service Department Annual Report – Superintendent Ryan Immel

Superintendent Immel presented his power point presentation. Copy on file.

President Vance commented on how much was accomplished this 2020 year with reduced staffing. And thanked them for all the work they did to service the community last year and all the upcoming work coming this year with the park updates.

Good of the Order

Clerk Gault presented two Ohio Department of Liquor Control liquor requests. One for Dolgen Midwest LLC DBA Dollar General Store 10156. Their request is to transfer their license from the previous High Street address to their new Cherry Street address. The other is for the American Legion Post 0282 Frank E Cook. This is a new license for a Restaurant/Night Club D1, D2 and D3 designation. Their previous designation was for a Club D4. The new designation will allow for on premise consumption or original sealed containers for carry out of D1 – Beer, D2 – Wine and mixed beverages until 1 a.m. D3 is for spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only, until 1 a.m.

No objections. These will be returned with no request for a hearing.

Adjournment

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

Budget workshop March 8, via zoom, at 7 pm or immediately following the utility board meeting.

Our next regular meeting will be March 15.

Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council