

Regular/Public

March 15, 2021

Council President Paul Vance called the regular meeting to order. Pastor John Mulpas 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 March 1, 2021, and special meeting March 8, 2021, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Ordinance and Personnel – Lorson: No committee report. Shared minutes of the Special Meeting March 8 where Resolution 9-21 was placed on second reading and the meeting closed.

Transportation – Mosley: No committee report. The Ward 4 sidewalk community meeting will not be scheduled until we have engineering completed.

Vance added that the previous council already adopted the City's sidewalk plan and has implemented the first three phases. We will be approving the funds and giving authority to move forward.

Finance – Wilson: An appropriations workshop was held immediately following the special meeting on March 8.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Vaccines are more available and our hospital is doing a great job with that. Wayne County is at 15.9% vaccinated as of now. Commended school superintendent Jon Ritchie, teachers, staff and students as other schools are just starting back to in-person, ours have been doing it all year.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Preparing for our projects with many currently being engineered. The Service Dept. installed borders around park equipment at Gailey Park. We are hiring two laborers for the Service Dept. to fill two retirements. The last delivery of salt arrived fulfilling our ODOT obligation and will have legislation at the next meeting for the next year's salt.

Utility Director Brediger: Excused

Finance Director Strimlan: Final appropriations were reviewed in detail March 8th as well as this year's projects. HB 157 hearing was held March 9th, to repeal section 29 of HB197. It modified the municipal income tax withholding rules due to COVID relating to work from home employees. A temporary rule was in place to withhold to the city where they generally work, not where they live. Quite a few testified for this. There were 11 parties in opposition. No additional hearings have been scheduled.

The fund balance reports for January and February 2021 were presented. Motion to approve those subject to audit was requested. Lorson moved and Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Council President Vance: Vaccines are available here in Orrville. You can register on line to be notified when it is available. They tend to fill up quickly. Keep trying. Anyone 50 years of age and older or qualifying health condition is eligible at this time.

Old Business

Resolution 9-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on third reading. Widmer 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.

Lorson moved that Resolution 9-21 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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New Business

Resolution 11-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 11-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the 2021 Concrete Street Project in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Mosley requested this be passed on first reading.

Wheeler: The engineering should be complete in a couple weeks, and go out for bids in April, in May open bids and start the project. We hope to have concrete streets completed prior to the OPWC streets to avoid multiple streets under construction at the same time. Focus is on North Crown Hill near First Station 2, intersection of Church and Ella which has water ponding issues, and downtown curb replacement repairs.

Lorson moved, given that this disrupts less streets at one time, 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 11-21 be adopted as read. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 12-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 12-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract with Magic Garage Door Inc., without bidding, for the purchase and installation of new garage doors at Fire Station 1 and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is to replace the 40 year old doors at Fire Station 1. There are functionality issues as it does not seal. It is budgeted for. This local company is giving a discount, donation of sorts, they are good to the fire department.

Aspiras asked for this to be passed this evening as it is budgeted for along with the functionality issue.

Lorson moved, due to it being budgeted and the functionality issue, 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 12-21 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Fire Department Annual Report – Chief Chris Bishop

Chief Bishop presented his annual report. Copy on file.

Adjournment

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

Our next regular meeting will be April 5.

Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council