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April 5, 2021

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 March 15, 2021, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Handwerk: No report. Projects are underway at the park. Gateway project at Hall Street, within two weeks most of the pavers should be in. Benches will arrive the end of April which concludes the initial phase of the pathway. After the 4th of July the earth mounds will be placed along with landscaping.

Transportation – Mosley: No report. Requested Resolutions 13-21 and 14-21 be passed on first reading to keep things moving. Working with Turning Point Coalition on the drug problem in Orrville.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: April 22 is Earth Day. Citizens encouraged to help cleanup citywide, neighborhoods and parks. Groups can help, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Church groups, can pick a location and clean up litter from over the winter. The parks and Lion's Club are joining to clean up at the park. We hope to extend that over to the Rails to Trails pathway through the Blackwell Williams property where many alcoholic containers have been found. The police department will be watching this are closely. Cares Act money from the Federal Gov't was used partly to renovate City Hall, we installed touchless water fountains to fill up water bottles. Two were installed on the main floor and one upstairs which have counters of how many water bottles have not gone to the landfill. One saved 217 bottles, another 432 and the one upstairs 909. 1568 bottles saved since December.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Service Department is working on basin repairs and prepping ballfields. Compost Center is open on Wednesdays 7:30 am – 11:15 am and 12:15 pm – 3:15 pm and on Saturday's 8 am – noon. Rehm Gazebo painting has begun. Next week is National Telecommunication Week and we recognize the great job WARCOG dispatchers do for Orrville and the cities of Wooster and Ashland and the Village of Kidron.

Utility Director Brediger: April is National Safe Digging month. Remember to call OUPS 811 before you dig anywhere in your yard. They will locate all underground utilities including cable and phone lines. Allow 48 hours for that. If you dig into a line, you could be liable. Last month during the national association American Public Power's technical conference, Orrville Utilities won RP3 safety award for reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvements which includes sound business practices and our citywide commitment to safe and reliable public electricity. We were one of 274 public power communities in the country out of a total 2,000. We are proud of our Distribution and Power Plant personnel. There was a pole damaged at High Street and the railroad. It was not our line and we were unable this weekend to get a hold of the railroad company or the cable company that owns that line to repair it. Our crews took care of it out of safety concerns.

Finance Director Strimlan: We have been notified that the City of Orrville will receive \$1.65 M from the American Rescue Plan. Half should be received soon with the remainder one year from now. Spending to be completed by December 31, 2024. We are evaluating the guidance on permissible expenditures. We will work on a plan to prioritize needs. The IRS has extended federal tax filing deadline to May 17th. City of Orrville tax returns will be due by May 17th as well. If you have questions, contact our Dave Nussbaum in our tax department.

Council President Vance: The Charter Review Committee will have their first meeting Monday, April 12, at 7 pm via Zoom. We do believe there are some minor changes to be made. The question of whether there will be fireworks or not came up. The fire fighters were meeting tonight to discuss the fireworks and festival. They are strongly leaning toward moving forward but as of right now, no definitive answer.

Mayor brought up the Memorial Day Service and it looks like it will go on in the cemetery as usual but not yet sure about the processional at this time.

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Vance encouraged everyone to cooperate with whatever the guidelines may be so we can be an example of how to put on an event and so we can enjoy these community events as we did before. Vaccinations are increasing but cases are also trending upwards, more so in the younger population.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution 13-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 13-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the OPWC 2021 Asphalt Street Resurfacing Project in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Engineering is close to done for the OPWC projects. This would allow us to go out for bids. We cannot start the work until after July 1st once we have contract documents from OPWC for the \$500,000 grant. We'd like to go out for bids and have the contractor lined up and ready to go once we have the okay from the State. The State's fiscal year begins July 1st and that when their money is released for us to proceed.

Lorson moved, as time is of the essence to get on the contractor's list, 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 13-21 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 14-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 14-21**, A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2021 for road salt for the City of Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We are preparing for next winter as the State goes out for bids for road salt this spring and require a commitment from us to participate in the contract with them. This is needed within the next couple weeks so requesting approval tonight to get this to them. We paid \$57/ton this year. Had we not been in the contract it would have cost us \$110/ton.

Lorson moved, due to the timeliness and the value it bring to our citizens, that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 14-21 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 15-21, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 15-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract with Vasco Sports Contractors through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance for the Orr Park Basketball Court resurfacing and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The tennis court renovation project was awarded to Vasco Sports Contractors. We asked for an estimate for the basketball courts to be done in 2022 to plan ahead and budget. For \$15,000 they would do it this year saving us \$10,000-\$15,000. It will be probably closer to \$17,000 as a little extra work is being requested by our engineer. They are scheduled to start the tennis courts at the end of this month. They will be down 4-5 weeks for the tennis courts and then 1-2 weeks for the basketball courts.

Lorson moved, this is a great opportunity to save and make improvements a year ahead of schedule, 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 15-21 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Finance Department Annual Report – Director Janet Strimlan

Director Strimlan presented the Finance Department annual report. Copy on file.

Adjournment

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

The Charter Review Committee will meet next Monday at 7 pm. Our next regular meeting will be April 19.

Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council