

Regular/Public

July 6, 2021

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

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing was held regarding **Resolution 26-21**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2022, and declaring an emergency.

There were no comments. Public hearing closed.

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

Council minutes of regular meetings held June 7 and June 21, 2021, were presented for approval. Mosley moved to approve those minutes; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

No Public Comment

Standing Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: No report. Community Day will be Aug. 14 at Orr Park.

Ordinance & Personnel – Lorson: No report. Requested a committee meeting for next Monday, July 12, 6:45 pm to discuss Resolution 28-21.

Transportation – Mosely: No report. Two more speed signs have been ordered and will arrive 8-10 weeks.

Health & Safety – Aspiras: Met on June 28 to discuss traffic and security cameras. These are not for radar speed detection or handing out tickets. These are more for security reasons. The benefits include missing cars, missing persons, especially children. There were discussions on funding, there may be government funding available. More information at the next meeting with possibly a special meeting July 26th to approve the legislation.

Many of the committee chairs thanked the firefighters associations for a well-run 4th of July celebration week.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Thanked the firefighters for the great week of parade, carnival, softball tournament and fireworks. This weekend is the OHS All Class Reunion.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Excused. Kristin Endsley was here for him. Thanked the firefighters. Trash not delayed this week. Concrete street projects resume beginning north of the Crown Hill and High intersection. Northstar Asphalt was low bidder for 2021 OPWC streets projects and will begin July 19. Gov. DeWine signed HB168 appropriating funds under the American Rescue Plan Act 2021. The application portal is now live and we will apply. More information will be coming on when we expect the funds and what the funds can be used for. Orr Park upcoming activities include July 8 – Blue Lunch concert; July 10, 10am – Kids Fun Fitness Saturday – Crossfit Kids; July 16 – Movie – Raya and the Last Dragon.

Finance Director Strimlan: No report.

Law Director Kirkbride: No report.

Council President Vance: No report.

Old Business

Resolution 26-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 26-21**, A Resolution approving the budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2022, and declaring an emergency.

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Discussion: Budget is similar to our 2021 final appropriations. Total budget is \$57.5 million excluding transfers and our kilowatt hour tax. The general fund is \$7.5 million. Remaining tax supported funds \$6.5 million and utilities budgeted for \$43.5 million.

Ordinance C-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance C-21**. An Ordinance submitting to the electors of the City of Orrville, Ohio amendments to the Charter of the City of Orrville, Ohio as provided in Section 8.03 "Charter Review", and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: A change was recommended. Lorson moved to read the change, Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. The change is on Ballot 1, as follows: This amendment, if passed would: a) Remove exclusively male gender specific pronouns and replace with neutral language, specifically including recitation of elected and employment position title.

Removing pronouns and putting the titles in its place. All prior pronouns were male pronouns, which is what the issue was. Motion to pass the amendment to the ballot language was made by Lorson and seconded by Wilson. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

This was not about making it politically correct as we have had, for decades, councilpersons and directors that were not male and we are correcting a document that guides us every day and makes perfect sense. It is not a reaction to any "movement of the day".

Given the extent of the process used with the citizen review committee and council have had opportunity to review and approve the changes as suggested, Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance C-21 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 27-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 27-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements to purchase through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program one (1) Vermeer track mini skid steer and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We applied to the Wayne County Community Foundation to assist with clearing the existing trail system that we have on the northern wooded acreage at Orr Park next to the high school stadium. We were awarded \$30,000 from the George T. Dunlap Community Foundation Fund to purchase equipment to maintain the natural trails and also to hire a tree contractor to remove problem trees, some have fallen and are over the trail and too big for our crews to handle. Staff engineer Dan Lowe consulted with staff from Summit Metro Parks about their trail system and how they maintain them. He reviews the list with Service Superintendent Ryan Immel to see what we have and what we need. This skid steer is available through the State Purchasing Program for \$26,000. We are requesting to purchase this and using part of the grant money for the purchase. There will be additional uses for this piece, on the storybook trail and other areas. Rayco, a county business, do they have similar at a lower price? It was requested to research that before passing this legislation. No time constraint as long as we spend it within a year.

Resolution 28-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 28-21**, A Resolution authorizing the City of Orrville, Ohio Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement with the Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club ("OABGC") for a grant to assist with salary and training a teen coordinator/director position at OABGC and declaring an emergency.

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Discussion: Mosley: We have been looking at for about a year between Mosely, Councilman Handwerk, Steve Wheeler, and police chief. We are ready to present something to Mr. Lorson's committee meeting next Monday.

Good of the Order

Wilson – appreciation of the 4th of July events, especially with the new company that was used.

Mosely – echoed everyone else. Heard there were over 20,000 people in town. Good job keeping everyone safe, contained, no major incidents which speaks highly on administration and the planning that they did.

Vance – the whole event is a source of community pride and speaks very well for our community.

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Our next meeting is July 19, 2021 with our committee meeting next Monday.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council