

Special Meeting / Public

August 2, 2021

Council President Paul Vance called the special meeting to order.

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

Excused: Mosley

Old Business

Resolution 27-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on third reading. Handwerk 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 or alternatively to purchase an equivalent piece of equipment from another dealer upon equivalent terms, conditions and specifications, but at a lower price than it can be purchased through the State contract as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section §125.04 and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: None

Lorson moved that Resolution 27-21 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 28-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on third reading. Foy 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.

Discussion: None

Lorson moved that Resolution 28-21 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 29-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 29-21**, A Resolution authorizing the receipt of property from the Orrville Historical Society; and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: It has been discussed at length at committee meetings and delayed it to do more research. There have been no external comments.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 29-21 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 30-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 30-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements through a Federal or State Purchasing Cooperative contract to purchase a mobile camera system, cameras, associated equipment, cabling, data storage, and installation; or alternatively to contract with another company upon equivalent terms, conditions, and specifications, but at a lower price than it can be contracted through the Federal or State Contract as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04.

Discussion: A workshop had been held on this. Chief Birkbeck was present to give an overview of the proposal and so the public can see what this proposal is before everyone fears we are doing radar on traffic cameras. We have new data based on field testing with the equipment that we didn't have before. Councilman Mosely had asked about this

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system back in February. We checked out Canton's. We compared three different companies with considerable differences in costs and in legacy costs. We have field tested for over a month. We tested three models. Looking at clarity, field of view, night vision and plate reading capability. It is not a dedicated license plate reader which is very costly. It does not automatically run your plate, just a photograph. You cannot arbitrarily run a plate without a criminal justice reason, you would be in very hot water. There is State law against that, we could lose our license to have LEADS, very serious penalty for running a plate without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. We have had success already with a gas drive-off. Another case in the last 30 days, was a crash that was disputed but we solved it due to the test camera. We had Mylar balloons hung on our decorative poles and were able to see the woman and her vehicle. Also, there was a report of a white ram driving at a high rate of speed driving to Orrville Trucking and Grading. The camera was pulled up and the vehicle was not seen in the area. If someone is falsely accused, this can help clear them. If something happens on their property and think of a dispute they had with someone and want to see if the vehicle was in the neighborhood. If there is a report of someone heading into our city, we can check these cameras to look for them. Lexipol is a company that provides best practices policies and they have a 4-page policy on how agencies should use public safety video systems. There are a few different levels of access to the videos. There is a live video share that is not searchable and you can set it to say maybe the temporary link is only good for an hour then expires. In winter, the cameras can help with seeing the street conditions so our crews don't have to unnecessarily go out an hour or two early when Ohio forecasts can be off. We can check the cameras. Mobile cameras are part of this. The ability to move cameras around at sporting events, 4th of July, other events, areas where there have been thefts, where cameras are on a 20-foot boom. We hope it will create deterrence. Cameras will be on a private network. Goal is to bypass the cellphone capability. We came up with a total of 86 cameras, with 30 locations. Like the school and park would have a focus on it, as well as at the bike trail, Main Street at traffic lights, but not with the capability of writing tickets. But we can use them to look at in case of an accident. Crown Hill doesn't have traffic lights, we would have to mirror what that would be. The trailer can be pulled by our SUV vehicles. This is not a monitored system. It is to look at retroactively. We have about 26 city cameras already piped into our office between Orr Park and City Hall and then also the school district with 108 cameras at the high school and elementary. The middle school is down for maintenance so that was not counted. It isn't a good use of time to just sit and monitor those. It will be a tool to utilize when looking into a case, someone can pour over the video to track something/someone down. It is available for public record. News channels might request it. We have an obligation to withhold and not reveal an uncharged suspect or if it will harm a criminal investigation. We would have to redact the identity of juveniles. In Ohio you cannot record a conversation between two parties if you are not part of it so there will be no audio recording with this. Is there a retention policy? Public record pursuant to our retention policy. This will be a 30-day. If you have the record when it is asked for, you have to turn it over. These are 4K cameras. We have received the Federal Funds and this purchase is eligible under the provision of the potential reduction of crime. They could come back and say no, it isn't eligible, and we have to repay to money, \$268,915 total. Purchases are only eligible into 2024. We can negotiate a three year contract under the purchasing cooperative. We can extend that later. Criteria states rising crime and gun violence during the pandemic or following the pandemic. We have had an increase in murders. We are investing in new technology and equipment to allow the police to pursue things and more efficiently respond to that rising crime. Money has been budgeted in the 2022 budget for cameras. The money will be there just in case that were to happen. Timing issues: weather is a factor for installation as they cannot climb on ladders during adverse weather. Lifts would need to be rented. There could be impact on supplies with the upturn in Covid cases. Also, school will be starting and we are trying to hire a crossing guard with no applicants at all. Technology might be what we need with crosswalks, lighting, and traffic signs if we cannot get anyone to apply. No one applied for summer security either.

Lorson, given all before us and the research done and a good use of the money, moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be

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suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Resolution 30-21 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Vance – we may have a special meeting next Monday. We are awaiting the legislation for Ohio municipalities to accept funds with regards to a settlement coming from opioid epidemic and associated costs for communities to address that. We will have a short timeframe to respond to that. We need a few more days to receive the legislation. We will need six members present.

Clerk Gault – we have a request from Zimmerman Steel to vacate a portion of Lake Street by their business that we need to refer to Planning Commission. No objections

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council