

Regular Meeting / Public

September 20, 2021

Council President Paul Vance called the meeting to order.

Pastor Brad Dews led the prayer. Pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of the regular meeting held September 7, 2021, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; Widmer abstained; all remaining ayes; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: Has not met. Reminded everyone of the committee meeting scheduled for October 11, 7 p.m. The 2021 Fall Festival is scheduled for October 23rd with a car cruise-in 1-4 pm and Trunk or Treat by American Legion. The new northwest trail behind the Boy Scout cabin will open for the first night Oct. 23rd. Our Park Comprehensive Planning Meeting is Thursday, September 30 at Schmid Hall 5-8 pm. Citizens are asked to come out and give input to the park plan. The plan will help us secure grant funding. The Gateway Project, funded by a large donation and grant funds, ribbon cutting October 23rd. The Storybook Trail at the wetlands is completed with a ribbon cutting possibly on October 8th.

Transportation – Mosley: We are looking ahead to the 2022 street project planning. High Street project will begin soon. The Water Department is finishing up their work. President Vance mentioned the fact sheet that was distributed about our camera program and how helpful that was to residents.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Director Brediger is at the AMP conference in Columbus. Mayor will head there tomorrow morning. Street projects continue but keep in mind the weather can set things back, there is rain in the forecast.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Trick or Treat set for Saturday, October 30th, 6-8 pm. OPWC, Northstar, is continuing curb and gutter work on Evergreen and Crestview then moving on to North Walnut and Maple for the same type of work. Concrete work will finish up before the asphalt begins.

President Vance: We have a few things to refer to the Planning Commission.

Clerk Gault: We have a rezoning request at Union and Vine Streets, 2 parcels to rezone from R4 to C3, requested by Monkey Weasel. And a request for street vacation for Union Street by the same party. This is for a Bell Store expansion.

Vance mentioned council received a petition from residents in the Ward 4 area for the Phase 4 of the sidewalks. Several people signed the petition. It is a valuable tool for council to know that there are residents with concerns about an action Council has in mind. It isn't a perfect tool. It only shows those opposed, not those that are hoping for the project to go through. We did have a broad based group of citizens that participated in those original meetings to put sidewalks in place. A project like this, there's always going to be a lot of discussion and there won't be a unanimous decision on whether or not to move forward. There will be opposition to projects like this. Council should expect that. There has been from the beginning. At the same time, while we have moved forward with the first three phases of that, where it has been implemented has been very successful. Those things we have to keep in mind, the overall benefit to the community. We will review the petition, but at the same time Council should remember that a lot of people have expressed support for the project. And this sidewalk plan is the result of a broad based meeting of citizens from all across the community that decided to move forward with the plan a number of years ago.

Old Business

Resolution 37-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 37-21**, 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.

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Discussion: We made two changes to the 2021 final appropriations. First is to make allocation for expenditures out of the American Rescue Fund and the second change is for the unclaimed monies fund so we can make payments to anyone who comes forward. It does not need to go three readings.

Lorson moved that, knowing what it is about and it is a straightforward resolution, 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 37-21 be adopted as read. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 38-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 38-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Safety and Service to enter into a contract to provide for tax abatement for real property for McElroy Contract Packaging, Inc. and J. Mack Properties, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: McElroy is adding a 27,500SF addition and is requesting tax abatement. They are requesting a 10-year 50% abatement. Total project cost is estimated between \$2.2-2.5 Million. Abatement will create \$58,000 estimated in new property tax with \$29,000 would be abated annually. Present is President Steve McElroy, Operations Manager Jeff Mendenhall and Tim Bogner the construction manager with Bogner Corp. are here to give a brief overview of the project. Mr. McElroy: we moved, with the help of Mike Hedberg, to Orrville in 2017 where we had been since 1978. We had 27 employees, revenue about \$8.8 million. In August 2021, we have 41 employees, revenue estimated at \$16.4 million at October 31st. We have outgrown our current space. This will double the manufacturing space. We are committed to staying here a long time. We have been blessed with growth and look forward to continuing in that. We are a corrugated sheet plant. We make boxes. The equipment is large and rather expensive. The building is cramped. A corrugated box line is 90ft long and 10 ft wide for one. It requires floor space. We purchased this land knowing we have room for growth. A 10% growth is expected for next year. Mr. Wheeler requested passage of this tonight so McElroy could break ground next month.

Lorson, this has been well explained and is a reasonable request, moved 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 38-21 be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

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Wilson: Sidewalk engineering is in, any decision on the open house date?
Wheeler: Staff engineering reviewed and made slight changes so they are back to the engineer. Once returned we will work with Mr. Mosely to set up the open house with plans available for citizens to look at the layout for their property and an estimated cost for them.

Adjournment

Lorson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.
Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Our next meeting will be October 4, 2021.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council