

Regular Meeting / Public

October 4, 2021

Council President Paul Vance called the meeting to order.

Pastor Newton Brenneman the prayer. Pledge was recited.

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

Excused: Wilson

Council minutes of the regular meeting held September 20, 2021, were presented for approval. Mosley moved to approve those minutes; Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: Has not met. Meeting is scheduled for October 11, 7 pm. Public meeting held last week for the Park Comprehensive Plan. Many came out and shared a range of ideas.

Ordinance and Personnel – Lorson: Has not met. The executive session requested for tonight will be postponed until October 18 due to the unavailability of key persons to attend.

Transportation – Mosley: Has not met. Resolution 39-21 on tonight's agenda for OPWC funding. Last year we were approved for \$500,000. We are applying for \$200,000. Focus will be Smucker Street from High to Market PCR rated at 48 out of 100. Hemlock Trail is rated at 58. South Ella Street from Market to Jefferson rated at 57. The estimated cost for those three streets is \$525,000. We will hope for the \$200,000 grant and use capital funds for the remainder. At one point our streets were graded in the 30's and 40's. Now we are at 48 and 58. Once we find out the results of the OPWC funds, we will have a meeting to prioritize streets.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Census numbers are in at 8,452 for Orrville. That is up from 2010 8,300's. But down from 2000 when we had over 8,500. A Public Power Week proclamation was read.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: OPWC project continues with Northstar finishing up basin and curb work on North Walnut and West Paradise. Weather permitting will begin grinding asphalt late this week or early next week followed by the asphalt intermediate and then the final overlay. The camera project continues with 32 cameras now installed and operational and on schedule to complete the project in 1-2 weeks. Compost center is open through the end of October on Wednesday and Saturday. Saturday only hours will continue through November except November 27th, Thanksgiving weekend. Citywide leaf pickup begins in the south end November 1st-12th. Then to the north end November 15-24. Final pass November 29-December 10 for north and south. The police department presented Drayedon Williams, Orrville High School student that had a stroke, with a Miles Garrett jersey as part of the Shop with a Cop program. We wish him the best of luck and appreciate the police department's efforts.

Utility Director Brediger: Thanked all our employees for Public Power Week for all they do to make Orrville a great place work and a great place to do business. Emissions testing was completed on the coal fired unit as part of our Federal operating permit. Results will be back later this month. The Water Department completed temporary repairs on the tie-ins North of Crown Hill. An update on the Prairie State project as the Illinois State Legislature passed a bill to target the shutdown of all their coal and natural units in the state. Zero emissions by 2045, means no units will be in service. About 9% of our energy comes from Prairie State and we have debt on the plant through 2048. Prairie State was commissioned in 2012 and meant to last beyond the debt service as a 40-50-60 year investment. Options, technical and legal, are being sought on how to move forward on this state mandated bill. Attended AMP's annual conference. Orrville elected to 3-year term on the AMP Board of Trustees. Jeff Brediger elected to serve as chairman. The power plant and distribution department received safety awards for zero lost time over the course of the year. Roughly 250,000-300,000 man hours in each department without reportable accidents. Also electric vehicle interest market is climbing. This month we will hold our utility board meetings at the Wastewater Plant on Oct. 11, 6:30 pm, with a regular meeting followed by a tour and meet our new Superintendent. Oct. 25th, 6:30 pm at the Water Plant for the meeting followed by a tour and meeting the new Superintendent there. The natural gas aggregation program's two year period continues at \$3.05 per

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mcf. The public utility apples-to-apples website shows that as the lowest for a one-year fixed, no strings attached deal. You can enroll or drop out of our program at any time without penalty. Councilman Lorson recommends the tours.

President Vance: Gave an update on the video enhancing capabilities and a quote was received. That will be reviewed with the IT department and paired down. Then discuss with the administration and bring it to council, perhaps later this month or next.

Old Business – None

New Business

Resolution 39-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 39-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program for grant or loan funds and/or agreements as required to obtain said funds and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This was discussed during the Transportation report by Mosley. We should know by the end of November what we will receive. Request to pass this evening. We will do a larger asphalt project using City funds that will be discussed during annual capital budgeting. We will hope to do it as part of the OPWC as far as an alternate to receive a better bid. We have a few streets in mind for this as well. Twice in the last 17 years we did not receive it, so at some point we won't get it again. We are not real confident in getting the grant this year. If we do, we will have hit the 15 worst condition streets in the last three years. We will then be in the 60's ratings in the PCR. Winter may change some street ratings. It all depends on the grant funds. We've been spending \$1.7 million over the past five years. PCR is the evaluation of the condition of the asphalt, the cracks, filling, sealing and scores it. Smucker Street is the worst in the city at 48 PCR grade.

Lorson, given the urgency and that we apply for this every year and we want in the que as early as we can, 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 39-21 be adopted as read. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Good of the Order – nothing for the good of the order.

Executive Session Lorson motioned to remove the executive session from tonight's agenda. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Our next meeting will be October 18, 2021.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council