

Regular Meeting / Public

November 1, 2021

Council President Vance called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Gary DeHart. Pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of the regular meeting held October 18, 2021, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Transportation – Mosley: has not met. Road work update: intermediate layer is down, they worked on Saturday, base repairs have begun on W. Paradise and culvert work will begin soon.

Planning – Widmer: Committee met tonight to discuss the Zimmerman Steel request to vacate a portion of Lake. There will be a public hearing at the next meeting.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Gateway ribbon cutting was Oct. 23rd as well as the Fall Festival. Time changes this weekend.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Leaf pick up has begun. Compost center will remain open for Saturday hours only thru Nov. 20th. Camera system installation is complete and operational.

Law Director Kirkbride: Election is tomorrow and our Charter Review proposed changes are up for vote.

Council President Vance: Best of luck to those up for re-election. Gave update on the audio video recording equipment.

Old Business – None

New Business

Ordinance E-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance E-21**, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, President of Council, and Director of Finance to enter into an Agreement with the Regional Council of Governments for the administration of the Income Tax Laws and collection of taxes for the City of Orrville, Ohio through the Regional Income Tax Agency and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Our income tax employee, Dave Nussbaum, is going to retire soon. This is the best way to move forward with the complexity of state mandates for revenue collection, and due to COVID. The state has made comment that there is a possibility they could take over the tax collection. We feel a regional council of government with RITA is best. Brian Thunberg from RITA was present to go over their services and answer questions including ease for residents, reviewing our ordinances when state or federal changes are made, revenue projections, unpaid tax collections, hours for call-ins, and customer service. This will go to second reading.

