

Regular Meeting / Public

November 15, 2021

Council President Vance called the meeting to order and the prayer was led by Pastor David Rittgers. Pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of the regular meeting held November 1, 2021, were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; Foy abstained; all remaining ayes; motion carried.

Public hearing was held in regards to Ordinance F-21, vacating a portion of Lake Street. Zimmerman Steel was present for questions. Planning Commission recommended it to council. There were no residents in opposition at the meeting. Public hearing closed at 7:34 pm.

Standing Committee Reports

None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: Downtown Christmas lights are up. Home for the Holidays will be Friday, November 26. Justin Haislip has arranged to have 25 ice sculptures around the downtown that evening.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: OPWC asphalt overlay is complete with manhole covers being completed this week. Leaf pick up ongoing. Compost center is still open Saturday through the 20th.

Utility Director Brediger: There were a couple of outages due to snow, wind and trees. AMP scholarship applications going to high schools this week and are due December 15th. Winners are announced in January.

Council President Vance: Kimble's holiday trash pickup schedule has been posted on the City's webpage and Facebook. We wish Mike, our Armstrong videographer, speedy recovery. New council orientation will be scheduled. Both January meetings will be held on Tuesdays, Jan. 4 and Jan. 18 due to holidays.

Old Business

Ordinance E-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Foy 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 administrator Dave Nussbaum will retire after 25 years and we appreciate his dedicated service. Mr. Thunberg from RITA was at our last meeting with a presentation on services. Our current income tax software is antiquated and we needed to upgrade. Programs are scarce as only a handful of cities still manage their own. Administering tax ordinance changes are difficult. An added benefit of using RITA is that we can accept electronic filings; they cross check federal returns which can increase our tax revenue. Our tax revenue has decreased due to those now working from homes outside the city. RITA manages over 50% of Ohio agencies. We are not contracting with a vendor we are joining a regional council of governments much like we did with the WARCOG dispatch.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of an Ordinance on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that Ordinance E-21 be adopted as read. Foy seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

New Business

Ordinance F-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Ordinance F-21**, An Ordinance vacating, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 723.04, a portion of Lake Street, in the City of Orrville, Ohio, south of Pine Street, between Parcels No. 58-00114.000, 58-00113.000, 58-00116.000 to the west and 58-00699.000, 58-00657.000

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and 58-00656.000 to the east and retaining a permanent easement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 723.041.

Discussion: Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Griffin from Zimmerman Steel was present to answer any questions. This request came before Planning Commission and they recommended it to council. It will go to next reading to give time for questions and comments from residents.

Resolution 41-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 41-21**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a purchase order(s), without bidding, for the purchase of the following materials and services to meet the requirements of the City of Orrville, Ohio, for calendar year 2022, as follows: purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel; purchase of medium curing asphalt, asphaltic concrete and asphaltic emulsions; concrete; liquid insecticide and briquettes for mosquito control; road salt; services, supplies and machinery needed to chip and seal roadways, alleys and/or city-owned parking lots and driveways; services, supplies and machinery for street traffic painting and crack sealing services; general miscellaneous engineering and architectural services; Police Professional Liability Insurance; and Public Officials Liability Insurance (with Riders for Employment Practices Liability, Extended Employment Practices Liability).

Discussion: This is an annual ordinance for materials and services with the addition of road salt. It covers the routine duties of our service department and our insurance.

Lorson 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 41-21 be adopted as read. Widmer seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 42-21 Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **Resolution 42-21**, 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, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is giving us authority to spend three months into the new year to evaluate our budget. It is the same as what was proposed in June for the budget. It will go three readings.

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be December 6, 2021.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council