

Council President Vance called the meeting to order. Deacon William Craig led the prayer. Pledge was recited.

Roll call. Handwerk, Aspiras, Shanklin, Lorson, Carr, Mosley were all present.  
Excused: Wilson

Council minutes of the regular meeting July 18 and special meeting July 25 were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Shanklin seconded. All ayes; motion passes.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: No report. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8 pm at Heller Hall. No car show this year.

Transportation – Mosley: Have not met. Lake Street roadwork was halted due to a bad base which is now repaired. Project should be completed in 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. The cemetery paving and lower park asphalt work should also be completed in 2-3 weeks, weather permitting.

#### **Administrative Reports**

Mayor Dave Handwerk: We had a lot of projects this year and many are finished. We now need nice weather to wrap up the rest of the projects. The employee of the month is Brandon Buchwalter, an Account Clerk 3 in our utility billing office.

Safety-Service Director Steve Wheeler: Trash is delayed one day this week due to the Labor Day holiday. Barbicas, our paving contractor, will also be paving the Crown Hill crosswalk. Dominion is looking and repairing leaks in their lines across the city.

He presented Nicolina Nolletti, the new Director of Teen and Community Engagement, Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club. She shared a power point presentation of goals and programs.

Utility Director Jeff Brediger: Natural gas rate hikes were discussed and a rate hike sheet was distributed. Currently our two-year fixed rate is \$3.05 mcf which will be going up to at least double that for the gas aggregate program, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The first 5 months will be a variable rate followed by a fixed rate at \$6.61 mcf for the remainder of that year and the following year. Crews will be smoke testing our sanitary storm water system, beginning Sept. 19, to help identify restricted areas and where water infiltration may be. We will see the smoke coming out which will help pinpoint areas. This is not a harmful gas to you or your pets.

Finance Director Janet Strimlan: The 2021 audit is complete. It will be posted to the city website. It has been submitted to the GFOA for evaluation for the Excellence in Financial Reporting award. We should hear back by the end of the year. American Rescue Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of approximately \$441,000 was received that will be used on some water and waste water infrastructure projects. We continue to see a large volume of income tax refunds for 2021 from employees working from home. The July fund balance report was previously distributed and a motion was sought to approve that report subject to audit. Mosley moved and Lorson seconds. All ayes; motion passes.

Council President Paul Vance: The Chamber of Commerce announced a new president, Dan Franks.

Clerk Gault: We have a rezoning request for a lot on Crown Hill to rezone from a C-1 commercial to an R-4 residential that we will need to refer to Planning Commission before we proceed with it.

Vance: Planning Commission will make a recommendation to Council. It can be discussed in committee is desired. We have had public hearings about property across the street from this property so council maybe interested in what the discussion was and what the issues were.

#### **New Business**

**Resolution 35-22**, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 35-22**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to procure quotes from various companies and then enter into an agreement and/or agreements, without bidding, to remove asbestos and demolish the two-story structure located at 142 Depot Street, Orrville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This project has been ongoing. Revolving loan funds were procured about a year ago. They then notified us Federal funds would be coming available specifically for demolition projects as part of ARPA funds. We have received the okay to move forward from the Wayne County Land Bank. We would like to get bidders on the asbestos removal as well as for demolition. The Federal funds should cover the entire cost of both demolition and asbestos removal based on initial figures. We would like to request approval to get on a contractors schedule. The Historical Society board had tried to sell the property. Public meeting was held for ideas. It is empty. It was found to have been built over property lines and deeded back to the City. Design Review Board reviewed it again and agree it needs demolished. No stone was left unturned.

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 35-22** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Resolution 36-22**, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion passes. **Resolution 36-22**, A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Discussion: Annual resolution that comes after the budget has been forwarded to the county auditor for review by the budget commission. If approved, they forward this legislation to authorize the county to collect property tax for the City. It needs to be returned by September 30<sup>th</sup>, so it can go two readings but not three.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carr seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that **Resolution 36-22** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Resolution 37-22**, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion passes. **Resolution 37-22**, 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 change to the 2022 final appropriations is due to the American Rescue funds received and provide for its allocation.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that **Resolution 37-22** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

**Good of the Order**

Mayor: Regarding the Manhattan, the insurance companies refused to insure to allow people inside Carr: And they won't insure an empty building.

**Adjournment**

Lorson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion passes. Our next meeting will be September 19, 2022. Council adjourned.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Paul Vance, President of Council