

Council President Vance called the meeting to order. Pastor Haroldo Nunes led the prayer. Pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of the regular meeting September 19 were presented for approval. Lorson moved to approve those minutes; Mosley seconded. All ayes; motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Utilities - Shanklin: Have not met. Reported that the smoke testing has been completed.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Dave Handwerk: Public Power Week is October 2-8 and a proclamation was read. We sent a distribution crew as mutual aid to Florida due to hurricane Ian damage. Energy vampires fact sheet was mentioned and can be found on the webpage and Facebook.

Safety-Service Director Steve Wheeler: Citywide yard sales are Oct. 7-8th. Trick or Treat is Oct. 31st 6-8 pm. 2023 Park reservation book opens November 1st. Compost center weekday hours end Oct. 29th; open Saturdays only for the month of Nov. excluding 26th then it closes. Leaf pick up begins Nov. 7th. OPWC asphalt project done. Splash pad is closed and fencing of it begins soon.

Council President Paul Vance: A reminder we will be scheduling a vision and planning meeting after October tax revenue numbers come in.

New Business

Resolution 40-22, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 40-22**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety – Service Director to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for grant funds and to negotiate for the purchase of property and/or to enter into any agreements as required to obtain said funds and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This allows negotiations on the acquisition of the Hawkins property in the industrial park which is a necessity to get the Rails to Trails project through. We have \$1M grant to complete the construction. This is the last portion that needs done. Hawkins did not want to provide an easement so acquisition is the option. Local industries have reached out to them. We have been in contact with them for months. There is a possibility of a donation of a portion of the appraised value, it is a 75/25 grant. We have been working with ODOT and ODNR to be sure we don't jeopardize the grant opportunities. This does not obligate us to anything other than entering into an agreement contingent upon the grant. The trail goes right through the Hawkins property. It is a recreation grant which restricts the use of the property, maintained as recreation for quite a while. The property is 22 acres. Negotiations have been going on for years. We are cautiously optimistic on the grant. Grant deadline is Friday. The RTT board have discussed this property at every meeting. The trail at the Railroad Heritage Society, through Taco Bell and behind the retail area will be part of the Ohio to Erie Rail Trail where you can ride to Cleveland or to Cincinnati. It will also be part of the Great American Rail Trail to ride across the country. Those riders will ride right through Orrville. Kristin has spent a lot of time and energy and hours to get the answers to move this forward. We may have a verbal approval by the end of the year and maybe the go ahead by spring.

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 40-22** be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Regular Meeting / Public

Monday, October 3,

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Good of the Order

Mayor mentioned the manhole repair work in progress near Serpentine to install concrete rings.

Adjournment

Lorson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. Our next meeting will be October 17, 2022. Council adjourned.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council