

Council President Vance called the meeting to order. Pastor Chuck Davis from the Calvary Assembly of God led the prayer. Pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of the regular meeting February 6, 2023, were presented for approval. Lorson motioned to approve those minutes; Mosley seconded. All ayes; motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Transportation – Mosley: Requested committee meeting for February 27 at 7 pm or immediately following the 6:30 pm Utility Board meeting to discuss 2023 and 2024 projects.

Health and Safety – Aspiras: Met February 13 to discuss replacement of fire trucks, staff increases and the rise in EMS calls. We will meet later this year to discuss replacing the ladder truck. And will meet quarterly to discuss the pay ratio with the EMS calls.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Dave Handwerk: Welcomes all the guests attending tonight. Our employee of the month is Dane Kick from the Service Department. Reminded residents to return your trash and recycling containers back after trash is collected.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Commented that Dane Kick is probably the best equipment operator he has seen since he has been here. Magical with the backhoe.

Utility Director Brediger: The next utility board meeting they will pursue smart meter installation. This is a Federal Grant that AMP is pursuing on behalf of members. This will come before city council on March 6, requesting it be approved on first reading to meet the federal deadline. Commented on the East Palestine train derailment and chemical release into the environment that there are no concerns for our city water system. They are about 70 miles from us. The contamination noted was mainly surface water downstream. There may be some ground water contamination in that area but would remain localized. Winds during that time were blowing from East to West. Orville's water system supply comes from underground wells, aquifers. It is isolated and semi-contained, not influenced by surface water. It would take decades for water from another aquifer to enter into ours. We monitor and test to ensure it is free from harmful chemicals. In the event of contamination of the water supply, we have contingencies in place to make sure the water remains safe. Our license to operate requires us to have procedures in place to isolate, notify and find alternative sources for our customers in an emergency. He and Mayor will be in Washington DC next week for the APPA National Legislative Rally.

Finance Director Strimlan: The 2023 final appropriations schedule was presented last meeting with first reading on March 6th, a workshop on March 13th and final reading for March 20th to meet the deadline imposed by the county. The second motion requested is to approve the December 2022 Fund Balance report subject to audit. Final appropriations motion by Wilson, seconded by Lorson; all ayes; motion passes. Second motion to approve the December 2022 Fund Balance report made by Lorson; seconded by Mosely; all ayes; motion carried.

No Old Business

New Business

Resolution 3-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 3-23**, A Resolution of Orrville City Council acknowledging and commending the life-saving efforts of certain individuals at Orrville branch of Wayne County YMCA, Orrville Fire Department and Orrville Police Department.

Discussion: Mosley – on July 29th, 2019, Jen Zehnder went into cardiac arrest while teaching her Zumba class. Lori, Nancy and other YMCA members took action to save her life.

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 3-23** be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Orrville Business Life Saving Award plaque was presented to the YMCA.

Resolution 4-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion passes. **Resolution 4-23**, A Resolution of Orrville City Council acknowledging and commending the life-saving efforts of certain individuals at Tillison Fitness Warehouse, Orrville Fire Department and Orrville Police Department.

Discussion: Mosley – At the YMCA incident July 29, 2019, Karrie McAllister was present and when to Thad Tillison and asked him to purchase an AED. Within a month he had one on site. December 28, 2022, Linda Thompson went into cardiac arrest during a boot camp session, with the AED they were able to revive Linda.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that **Resolution 4-23** be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Orrville Business Life Saving Award plaque was presented to the Thad and the Tillison Fitness Warehouse.

Resolution 5-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion passes. **Resolution 5-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with the State of Ohio Purchasing Cooperative, Department of Administrative Services, to purchase one (1) 2023 or newer Ford Escape S AWD for the Staff Engineer of the City of Orrville, Ohio; or alternatively to purchase said vehicle from another dealer upon equivalent terms, conditions, and specifications, but at a lower price than it can be purchased through the state contract, as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: In June of 2021, council approved a Ford truck which was never delivered due to supply chain issues and the order was ultimately cancelled. We shifted some vehicles around. The staff engineer truck, 4-wheel drive, was shifted to the Service Department. We are in the process of hiring a new staff engineer and would like a vehicle here. It is on the State Purchasing contract. Less than \$30,000. It will have adequate room for the equipment. Requesting approval on first reading to order and get in hand.

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 5-23** be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 6-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion passes. **Resolution 6-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the Skate Park Concrete Pad Project in the City Of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency

Discussion: Council approved the skate park construction a few meetings ago. The design is completed for the concrete pad the equipment will go on. This will exceed the \$50,000 and will go out for bid. Requesting approval this evening to go out for bid and have a contractor lined up. We are still on schedule for the early summer installation of equipment.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that **Resolution 6-23** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Resolution 7-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 7-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities and/or the Public Utilities Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, to replace the roofing structures for Boilers 10 and 11 and Boilers 12 and 13 and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: A letter went out to council utility committee. The roofs have been in service since 1988 and inspected over the last few years and deemed them beyond usual life. They are in the 2023 budget. They house the large steam generators. Requesting approval this evening due to supply and demand and have it done before the end of the year. Flat roofs that see a lot of heat and a lot of cold. Expected life is 30 years.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that **Resolution 7-23** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Resolution 8-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 8-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract with Atlantic Emergency Solutions without bidding for the purchase of a Pierce PUC Heavy Duty Rescue Pumper and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Discussed in committee meeting. This purchase will be from the capital fund which will then have a balance of just under \$700,000. Financing is available but this would save us the interest. This is through State Purchasing for the best price available. There is a three year delivery time so we will see this arrive in 2026. Projected price increase is May 1st at 1.25%. Increases every quarter. The increase back in October resulted in 900 orders for fire trucks which is why we will wait 3 years for delivery. We have planned well to be able to pay for a fire truck. Our heavy rescue truck is believed to be the busiest truck in the entire county. It is a critical vehicle in the fleet. There are only a handful of companies that make these vehicles. The last truck we bought was \$580,000 and now over \$800,000. This will go on to second reading.

Police Department Annual Report – Chief Birkbeck

Copy on file in the Police Department.

Good of the Order

Lorson: It is nice to see so visitors here to see Chief Birkbeck’s report. We have a truly outstanding police department as a result of Matt being an outstanding leader.

Adjournment

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

Our next meeting will be March 6th, 2023, with a Transportation Committee meeting next Monday the 27th at 7 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council