

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order.

Public hearing was held in regarding Ordinance E-23, An Ordinance repealing and replacing Section 505.19 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ohio, Ohio, regarding housing of certain animals.

Mayor – Is not in favor of the ordinance. Cause more trouble than it's worth. Some will do a fine job with it and others that won't which is where the problems come in. We have more trouble with property maintenance than we've ever had before. It's sometimes hard to get anywhere with it without the support from the courts. This will add to the problems.

Lorson – Driving this legislation is neighbors came to him, some that own chickens in town and those that wish to have them. It seems like it is something that's doable. People raise vegetables in their gardens. Kids that have 4H projects that actually do chickens and rabbits already in this town. They are actually doing it illegally. We know people have had chickens in town for years and years, even though there is an ordinance on the books restricting that, nothing has ever been done about it. This seeks to legitimize what people are doing already. Roosters, we have clear recourse if we hear roosters, they are there and that's a violation of the ordinance.

Public hearing closed 7:33 pm

From the Orrville Ministerial Association, Pastor Newton Brenneman of New Hope Christian Center led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

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

Excused: Wilson

Council minutes of the May 15, 2023, regular meeting were presented for approval. Lorson motioned to approve those minutes; Mosley seconded. All ayes; motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Dave Handwerk: Orr Park tonight had every field in use. It is very busy out there.

Safety-Service: Summer in full effect. Pool is open. Splash pad is open. Both have been very busy. Skatepark is under full construction, working with Staff Engineer Abbie. They expect to be done within a week or so. Brenneman Field score board to have work done. Chief Bishop ask it be shared, they are busy with call but full speed ahead with the 4th of July festivities. The dog park was relocated due to terrain and the park plan drainage and adding a bridge from the parking lot to direct access to the dog park. And better visibility for the skatepark and first responders.

Utility Director Brediger: Bloomin' Orrville planters are up thanks to those that participate. You can contribute by adding your contribution to your utility bill or make a one-time payment. The recent budget debt ceiling bill passed by Congress recently have a few items we are keeping an eye on. Plant was up over the weekend to facilitate substation preventative maintenance.

Old Business

Ordinance E-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Ordinance E-23**, An Ordinance repealing and replacing Section 505.19 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ohio, Ohio, regarding housing of certain animals.

Discussion: The title says City of Ohio, Ohio. We need to amend it to read City of Orrville, Ohio. Lorson moves, Shanklin seconds; Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. The language within could use clarification. Administration received one complaint against the smell. Enforcement of the ordinance is handled by our zoning inspector. Chief Birkbeck stated that since this is an ordinance in the 500 section, our nuisance ordinance is effective. We can explain the violation and receive 2-3 opportunities to correct it. Then we can enforce under the nuisance as well. Offenses are minor misdemeanors, a fine. Each day is a separate offense until resolved. The zoning inspector would go out first. We may be bringing forth a proposal to redo the criminal nuisance to expand into some other areas where we feel we need additional teeth. Section 1, item a, is confusing and tough to follow. "Except as provided herein", should replace, "Notwithstanding anything in the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to the contrary". Then continue with, "livestock and fowl may not be kept anywhere in the City within 150 feet and then to enumerate below. Lorson moved to make that change, Mosley seconds. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried. Question on article 6, chickens and animals must be kept in the animal housing from dusk until dawn each day. In the pen? Or where? And where can they be during the day? Not specified. Grazing pen can be moved around the yard and their coup at night. This gives the impression they can free range during the daytime. This is more substantive. This would trip us up with people violating it on where they are allowed to be and where they are not allowed to be. Maybe add a definition of what a housing is. The yard is not the pen. They need a coup and a pen. Rabbits stay in an enclosure all the time. If we define housing and the enclosure. Enclosure that is enclosed where animals can't get in and then at night a coup, boarded up. We don't want free range. We need to take this back to the beginning. The public may have comments on these changes. This version to be tabled at the next meeting with the new version on first reading.

No New Business

Good of the Order

Lorson: Complimented the Memorial Day service.

Mosley: Compliment to the Service Department on the cemetery maintenance for Memorial Day.

Vance: Pickleball courts, we need more and also lighting.

Adjournment

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

Our next regular meeting will be June 19th, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council