

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, June 19,

20 23

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order.

From the Orrville Ministerial Association, Pastor John Mulpus, of Orrville Christian Church, led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

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

Excused: Lorson

Council minutes of the June 5, 2023, regular meeting were presented for approval. Shanklin motioned to approve those minutes; Carr seconded. All remaining ayes; motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: Have not met, no report. This is park season with baseball tournaments, concerts, and all kinds of things. Congrats to Ryan Immel and Eric and the team that maintain the park, it has never looked better. This Sunday is the grand opening of the Skate Park which has been open a couple of weeks already.

Ordinance & Personnel – Mosley: Requesting a meeting at 7 pm on July 3rd to discuss the housing of certain animals for the replacement of the ordinance we will table this evening.

Transportation – Mosley: Requesting a meeting at 7 pm on June 26th to discuss public transportation. Janet Conrad from Community Action, Wayne County Transit, will be there.

Health & Safety – Aspiras: Have not met, no report. Still meeting quarterly with EMS to figure out solutions. We will meet again at the end of this month.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Dave Handwerk: Our June Employee of the Month is Richard Smale, 2nd shift operator at the Water. A press release was read from the Chicago, Illinois, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Orrville for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. This is a significant accomplishment by our finance department and our finance director. We have quite a record going and should be proud and glad of.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Skate Park is open with sidewalk connections completed. Dog Park closed for two days to finish the connection to the entrance to that. New scoreboard at Mizer field is up. We thank the Orrville Firefighters Association for their donation of the scoreboard. The first ball tournament is next Friday, 5-Alarm Classic, a 12-U tournament. We expect 40+ teams here. Orrville Performing Arts concert next Thursday with The Eclectic Campfire. Sirens were tested today, a multi-month program with supply and connectivity issues. All are operable and working. WARCOG typically if there is a national tornado warning issued, the sirens will go off; we had a watch. This last storm, they were south of us.

Finance Director Strimlan: Attended the annual RITA meeting. Updates were given including we now offer electronic filing, increased customer service hours and increased the security of personal data. And we reduced our expenses. Last month saw an increase in our income tax collections we are now up almost 15% compared to last year at this time. And the total general fund revenue is up approximately 11%. A recap will be sent to council. The April and May Fund Balance reports were distributed with a request for a motion to approve, subject to audit. Wilson moved; Mosley seconds. Roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried.

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Old Business

Mosley moved to TABLED **Ordinance E-23**. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes.

New Business

Resolution 21-23, Mosley moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 21-23**, A Resolution approving the Budget for the City of Orrville, Ohio, for the calendar year 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Total budget excluding transfers is \$62 million: \$8 million for the general fund; \$7 million for the remaining tax supported funds; \$47 million for the utilities. This will go to second reading on July 3rd, if council would like a workshop on July 10th, with third reading on July 17th to meet the county's requirement of July 20.

Resolution 22-23, Mosley moved that it be placed on first reading. Carr seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 22-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the City of Wooster and Wayne County for making an application to the Ohio Department of Development for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant for Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Funds and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This allows the Mayor to allow us to partner with Wooster and Wayne County on a grant application for the CHIP program which is grant dollars focused to individual property owners for home repairs, private owner improvement projects, furnace, and water heater. It is income dependent. Highly competitive so partnering makes it more effective. It is possible to get up to \$300,000 to help home owners with these repairs. Great program with no known downside.

Mosley 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 ayes; motion carried. Mosley moved that **Resolution 22-23** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Resolution 23-23, Mosley moved that it be placed on first reading. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 23-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety – Service Director to enter into any agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation necessary for the Orrville Pavement Marking project (PID 11651) and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Ralph Regula earmarked funds 17 years ago or so, to eliminate truck traffic on Main Street. Suggestions were to extend High Street and eliminate Orr, which created the High Street extension project. To reduce truck traffic in the neighborhoods in which the Pine Street project occurred. We were recently informed by ODOT that funds remain. Narrow margins of what it can be used for resulted in the decision to use for pavement markings on Main Street. Any remaining will be on other major roads.

Mosley 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 ayes; motion carried. Mosley moved that **Resolution 23-23** be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Resolution 24-23, Mosley moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 24-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to participate in the 2023-2024 Non-Filing Delinquency Program and declaring an emergency.

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Discussion: This is a service offered by RITA for individuals not filing their returns as required by our ordinance. There are two parts to the program. The first is a letter campaign to those that have not filed their return with the city requesting they file the return or complete an exemption form included in the letter. Second is issuing an administrative subpoena if the letter is unsuccessfully to produce the records by a specified date. The cost is \$1 per subpoena. They cross reference with the federal returns.

Good of the Order

Mosley: Thanked everyone involved with the Skate Park.

Vance: Parking for the Skate Park is not at the Salvation Army, it is off of Ella.

Wheeler: The Salvation Army lot is a private parking lot. We do plan to add additional parking in the future.

Shanklin: Thanked the Orrville Fire and Police Departments with the fire calls they had last week.

Adjournment

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

Our next regular meeting will be July 3rd, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

_____, 2023
Date

Paul Vance, President of Council