

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting / Public

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Monday, July 3,

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Council President Vance called the council meeting to order.

From the Orrville Ministerial Association, Pastor Haroldo Nunes, Open Arms Hispanic Ministries, led the prayer.

The pledge was recited.

Mayor Handwerk spoke in regards to the integral part Pastor Nunes has been in our City with the Latino community for the past 17 years. He is moving to Florida and there will be someone taking his place. We appreciate all Haroldo has done for the community over the years.

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

Council minutes of the June 19, 2023, regular meeting were presented for approval. Carr motioned to approve those minutes; Shanklin seconded. Lorson abstained, all remaining ayes; motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: Have not met, no report. The skate park kickoff was last Sunday with roughly 200 in attendance and was a great success.

Ordinance & Personnel – Lorson: Committee met prior to this council meeting to discuss the housing of chickens and rabbits and raising them within the city limits. It will go before Planning Commission.

Transportation – Mosley: Committee met last Monday with Jan Conrad discussed the potential of a transportation program partnering with other Wayne County agencies. First step will be surveying. We are the second highest usage outside of Wooster however we are the second biggest municipality in the county. We will look to see the needs of our community.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Dave Handwerk: The employee of the month for July is Anthony Immel from the IT department. We appreciate all the work our fire department does for this holiday celebration week and also the police department on lots of extra duties this week, service department, and the utilities are on call in case they are needed. Busy time starting with the parade tomorrow.

Safety-Service – Kristen Endsley: Trash delay due to the holiday. Elm, Ella and Sunset roadwork has begun and it will resume next week.

Utility Director Brediger: The annual fire hydrant testing will begin on July 10th and will continue 3-4 weeks.

Old Business

Resolution 21-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Mosley 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: The Utility Board approved the 2024 budget for Utilities at their last board meeting. Budget will be on final reading July 17th for City Council's approval to meet the county's deadline.

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Resolution 24-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Wilson 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.

Discussion: This is a service offered by with two parts to the program. The first is a letter campaign sent to taxpayers that have not filed their return or may be delinquent asking them to submit their return or complete an exemption form included in the letter. There is no cost for that program, it is included in our fee we pay. The second part is issuing administrative subpoenas. If the letter campaign is unsuccessful and they do not get a response from the taxpayer, they issue the administrative subpoena requesting the taxpayer produce tax records on a specific date. The cost for that program is \$1.00 per subpoena issued. RITA has identified a potential of 1100 taxpayers that may be non-compliant for year 2019-2021. This legislation allows us to participate in those programs. The non-filers are found by cross-referencing the Federal database, something we did not previously have access to. Collection agencies can be effective. Since this is a first and second year with RITA we have agreed to waive the taxpayer penalty for non-filers.

New Business

Ordinance F-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Carr seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Ordinance F-23**, An Ordinance repealing and replacing Sections 144.01, 144.02, 144.03 and 144.04 of Chapter 144 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, relating to fees and use of revenues for fire, rescue and emergency rescue and ambulance transport services and declaring an emergency.

Amend: Lorson moved to amend the title to:

Ordinance F-23, An Ordinance repealing and replacing Sections 144.01, 144.02, 144.03 and 144.04 of Chapter 144 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio, relating to fees and use of revenues for fire, rescue and/or emergency medical and ambulance transport services, and changing the title of Chapter 144 and declaring an emergency.

Aspiras seconds. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Amend: Lorson moved to amend Section 1.

Section 1: That the title of Chapter 144 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Orrville, Ohio shall be changed to: Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical and/or Ambulance Transport Services.

Aspiras seconds. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Discussion: The fire department bills for motor vehicle accidents for things like extrication, the jaws of life, scene traffic control, one major insurance company is questioning our ability to bill for fire department services on an accident because we don't have the language called out in section 144. Our billing company brought it to our attention. We can have a committee meeting if desired. We are just changing the language in order to be paid for the service we provide. Aspiras asked if it could be passed tonight.

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

Resolution 25-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 25-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Director of Utilities of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to enter into a contract, without bidding, for the purchase of one Sixty foot distribution bucket truck and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is one of the largest fleet distribution trucks, last purchased in 2011, and is on the fleet rotation program due to safety factors. There are only two manufacturers in the United States. The best proposal has a two year lead time. We will sell off the old

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truck, usually to tree trimming companies. Requested to have it passed before the summer break. Proposal is south of \$390,000. At \$150,000 more than last time. It will be indexed at 2-4% a year possibly.

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 25-23 be adopted as read. Mosley seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Resolution 26-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Carr seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. Resolution 26-23, A Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to enter into any agreements with the State of Ohio (the "State"), through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management ("OBM"), necessary to participate in the Ambulance Transportation Program and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) where we received money to the City of Orrville, the State of Ohio has set up this ambulance transportation plan. Any EMS service that works with Medicare is eligible for up to \$20,000 to provide premium pay for their EMS employees. We are eligible for that amount. This legislation is due to there being a sub-recipient agreement from the State of Ohio and the City of Orrville and is part of the application process. There are no matching funds required. We should take advantage of any opportunity to cash in on ARPA funds before they run out.

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 26-23 be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Lorson: This is Orrville's biggest week of the year, reminded people to clean up after yourself and help with cleanup of the candy strewn about. The skate park had a wonderful grand opening event. It will be a great asset and is already getting much use.

Aspiras: Asked the public to check social media posts from the OFFA, police and City about this week. And suggested you take current pictures of your child beforehand.

Wilson: Announced he is moving out of the ward, this is probably his second to last meeting. This is unplanned. July 25th.

President Vance: Council will need to make an appointment through the end of the year. The next general election will decide who will fulfill the term for Mr. Wilson for the next two years. We will make the process available for residents to submit resumes.

Adjournment

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

Our next regular meeting will be July 17th, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

_____, 2023
Date

Paul Vance, President of Council