

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order.

From the Orrville Ministerial Association, Pastor Newton Brenneman, New Hope Christian Church, led the prayer.

The pledge was recited.

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

Council minutes of the July 17, 2023, regular meeting and August 9 special meeting were presented for approval. Shanklin motioned to approve those minutes; Handwerk seconded. All ayes; motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: No report. The Brenneman scoreboard was painted. Matt Corbett, Crystal Clean was thanked. Fall Festival will be October 21st from 5:30-7PM at Heller Hall.

Ordinance & Personnel – Lorson: Council held a special meeting August 9th to appoint Bev Squirrell to the unexpired term of Travis Wilson, council representative Ward 4.

Health & Safety – Aspiras: No report. Requested a committee meeting for Monday the 11th at 7:00 PM to discuss the ladder truck purchase and fire department staffing.

Planning – Carr: Read a letter from the Planning Commission rejecting the changes to Codified Ordinance 515.19 pertaining to housing of chicken and rabbits due to the close proximity to the neighbors.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Dave Handwerk: Our employee of the month for August is Robin Hansen from the Utility Cashiers Office. And our September employee is Kyle Badger in the Distribution Department.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: School is in session. We have SRO's in all three schools. Service Department is working on pickle ball court lights and installing a sidewalk to lower Orr Park restrooms. Street projects are completed with punch list items ongoing. We are planning for next year's projects.

Utility Director Brediger: A three-man crew is down in Florida's Tallahassee area helping restore power after hurricane Idalia, along with 10 other AMP communities. Hot weather has the plant up and running for peak shaving for a few days. Water main leak on Kenwood that was hit due to a mismark from OUPS. The City's natural gas aggregation program is fixed at \$6.61 mcf through October of next year. Prices on the PUC website's apples-to-apples show rates from \$3.35 to \$4.50 mcf range. You may consider switching. Now is a good time. There is no charge to switch out of ours.

Finance Director Strimlan: The State has not yet released our audit for 2022. Once it is, you will be notified and the documents uploaded to the webpage. The second quarter investment report was distributed. A General Fund revenue update will be sent as soon as we close the month of August. Things are looking slightly better than anticipated. The July Fund Balance Report was submitted and a request was made for a motion to approve subject to audit. Lorson moved to approve and Mosley seconds. All ayes; motion passes.

Council President Vance: With Mr. Wilson's resignation, he was council pro tem. Mr. Aspiras was appointed the next council pro tem effective immediately. Thank you.

No Old Business

New Business

Ordinance G-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Shanklin seconded. All ayes; motion passes. **Ordinance G-23**, An Ordinance opting out of H.B. 172 and reaffirming the ban on discharging, igniting, or exploding consumer grade 1.4G fireworks in the City of Orrville, except as set forth herein, and repealing and replacing Ordinance C-22.

Discussion: The State updated their Ohio Administrative Fire Code to reflect hours from 4pm – 11pm. That is not an item that is discretionary for local ordinance. Our previous was 8am-midnight. This is the only change to reflect the Ohio Administrative Code 4-11pm.

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

Resolution 27-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. All ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 27-23**, A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Discussion: After the budget is approved by council in June it is forwarded to the Wayne County Budget Commission. Once approved they forward this legislation to us which authorizes the auditor to collect our property millage, a little over \$500,000 currently.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carr seconded. All yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that **Resolution 27-23** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Resolution 28-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. All ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 28-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Finance Director of the City of Orrville, Ohio, to enter into a contract extension agreement with the Independent Public Accounting (IPA) firm of Zupka & Associates for the provision of financial audit services for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.

Discussion: Our 3-year contract with Zupka ended so we would like to extend that based on: a good relationship with Zupka, they understand our system, reporting and process, contract has a 3.5% increase over the life of the contract.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Shanklin seconded. All yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that **Resolution 28-23** be adopted as read. Squirrell seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Resolution 29-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. All ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 29-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc., to purchase through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program a Pierce 100 Foot Tower Ladder Truck with Enforcer Cab and Aluminum Body and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Replace existing ladder truck. There is about a 4-year wait time once ordered. Our current truck will then be about 27 years old. We will discuss it at the committee meeting. The manufacturer has offered a discount in the month of September. We are working through financing and have recommendations at the committee meeting.

Good of the Order

Lorson: I don't want the irony of this to be lost on anyone. Tonight we made the fireworks law a little more restrictive. Permitting fireworks to be used around Ohio was ultimately was the result of a multi-million dollar business lobbying again and again. Now from 4-7 pm , light explosives at your property line, continuously if you like regardless of what your neighbors think. It's the law. At the same time, your kid can't raise a chicken or a bunny in a pen in your own backyard. Right now, as the law reads, you are not allowed to have them in Orrville. People have them. 4-H kids have them as projects. We need to fix the law. Planning Commission had an issue with what council came up with. We will revisit it. We don't want to take chickens and bunnies away from little girls.

Squirrell: Resident have asked about the stray cats in our city. What is our agreement with the Wayne County Humane Society or what can people do to get rid of them.

Wheeler: We have an agreement with the Humane Society and they take the cats for us and bill the City. We've had the program for a number of years. Wooster has the same program. Often, they are not accepting cats but they will accept ours as part of our agreement. We have traps you can use by calling the Service Department.

Mosley: Other communities have stray cat complaints. Some have catch and release programs where their humane society will catch, neuter and return them right back into the community so it doesn't really take care of the problem. If you trap it and take it to the humane society they say they aren't accepting cats.

Wheeler: They will if it is through the City of Orrville, if caught within city limits. They have space to meet the needs of our contract. They do offer a TNR where they come into town.

Kirkbride: Their trap neuter release program is very effective. Veterinarians and vet techs donate their time to neuter and also treat for parasites and diseases. They can sometimes adopt some out and see if any are chipped to return to their owners.

Lorson: The TNR program are a misdirected effort. Cats belong inside the house. TNR keeps the problems of still digging in your mulch, go to the restroom, spray your lawn furniture and kill your songbirds and small animals. Millions of songbirds are lost to feral cats every year. Keeps his cat indoors. Others should too.

Shanklin: Going back to the chicken and rabbit legislation. We can't be the city that denies kids and youth to expand their knowledge. This is absolutely ridiculous. We owe it to them to allow them to use this to stay away from drugs and so forth.

Squirrell: How many children are actually within the city limits who are having to raise chickens and bunnies?

Lorson: OSU extension said there are 60 kids with Orrville Zip Codes that have chicken or rabbit projects in 4-H at this year's fair.

Squirrell: So we don't know if they are in the city limits or not.

Lorson: We do not. I know people that are.

Squirrell: Is it being enforced and how?

Wheeler: We have always enforced that legislation. We did just this week about a rooster. When this legislation started, we didn't think it was fair to enforce when it may potentially become legal. We have gotten a few calls a year on it.

Lorson: In our (new) Ordinance roosters are forbidden. Six chickens in a pen, not free ranging are allowed. We looked at dozens of other communities and pulled what we thought were the best parts.

Mayor: Since this is brought up and Councilman Lorson is comparing this to a State Law about fireworks that none of us agree with, there was a Daily Record article that mentioned the 4-H categories. Long ago our forefathers decided there were city limits for a reason and people could live in the city if they wanted to and outside to have their farms. The article listed 20 different categories all of which can be done in the city limits. I'm not bashing the youth of the city.

Vance: Inquired of a Senior Center in Orrville and if anyone was thinking of opening one.

Mayor: There was talk years ago. Whether a teen center or senior center, it involves money and buildings and staffing.

Regular Meeting / Public

Monday, September 5,

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Adjournment

Lorson moved to adjourn the council meeting; Mosley seconded. All ayes; motion passes.

Our next regular meeting will be September 18, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council

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