

Public Hearing on Ordinance H-23 was held at 7:30 pm. . **Ordinance H-23**, An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$2,000,000 aggregate principal amount of City of Orrville, Ohio Health Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (OrrVilla, Inc. Project), for the purpose of refunding certain health facilities Revenue Bonds previously issued to assist OrrVilla, Inc. in financing a portion of the costs of constructing and acquiring certain hospital facilities within the City and paying for certain additional capital expenditures, and paying for the costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds, authorizing the execution and delivery of a base lease and lease and assignment to the original purchaser of the bonds and any other documents or instruments in connection with the issuance of those bonds, authorizing and approving related matters, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Morris Stutzman of OrrVilla discussed the need for the bonds. OrrVilla owns and operates an assisted living facility on Sassafras Street. In 2008 council issued hospital facility revenue bonds, acquired by the Commercial and Savings Bank. Asking the city to do this again to enable OrrVilla to refinance the amount due on existing bond as well as make improvements to the property to enhance the facility, extend its useful life, and allow to better provide for the health and welfare of citizens that reside there. With 40 units fully occupied with 44 residents this will assist them.

Public Hearing closed at 7:32 pm.

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order.

The Orrville Ministerial Association, Pastor Brad Dews, led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. CJ Handwerk, excused. All others, present.

Council minutes of the October 2, 2023, regular meeting were presented for approval. Lorson motioned to approve those minutes; Carr seconded. All ayes; motion passed.

Public Comment

President Vance requested a motion to extend the time allotted for public comment from Paul Eash of Catify Café and Adoption Center from three minutes to ten minutes. Lorson so moved and Mosley seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Eash addressed the council concerning a feral cats article in the local paper after the last council meeting and misinformation that was shared. Feral cats are stray, undomesticated cats that have not been humanized. Most can be tamed. An unsprayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing 2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total, in 9 years, 11,606,077. TNR works. Kitten at four months can become pregnant. COVID amplified the crisis due to veterinarian offices closed. Not as many were spayed or neutered. One rescue organization in Medina, Alley Cats and Aristocats, with a capacity of 80-100 cats. In July they had 168 kittens and 72 adults = Overwhelmed. Most feline diseases cannot be transmitted to humans. Roundworm and hookworms, yes, but highly unlikely as it's in feces. You would wash your hands before touching your mouth. Cats may be aggressive as they have no clue if you have good or bad intentions. Catify hopes to raise \$6m by the end of February to build a \$6M facility to handle over 700 cats at one time, animal hospital, and be self-sustaining through the café that will hold 270 people to dine there. Those profits will fund the vet services. This will be a solution for all of Wayne County. Right now we have to go to Akron, Canton, and other large areas to handle TNR's. If a business could give us a spot temporarily, maybe Heartland or Baja, to work out of, serve a cup of coffee and generate money for TNR's. We can then begin to capture these cats, get them fixed and put them back. TNR works. We are will to set up a TNR program in Orrville if we can find a place to work at.

Mosley: What are your requirements for a space.

Eash: Heartland Point would be ideal. There is already a café. We could block off a room with plexiglass for the cats. Kitchen w 4,000-5,000 sq. ft. until the facility if built.

Pres. Vance: Some other organizations have reached out as well. Council could look at a committee meeting in the future to collate all the information and see what efforts the city might be able to partner with.

Standing Committee Reports

Parks and Recs – Carr: Handwerk was excused this evening so committee Secretary Carr presented a reminder of the Fall Festival this Saturday from 5-7 pm.

Administrative Reports

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Leaf pick up scheduled was announced. Final pass being Dec 4-15th. Compost Center begins Saturday hours only for the month of November 8 am – noon and closes after November 18th.

Utility Director Brediger: The shorter stack at the power plant is being replaced. October 5th, Ohio Senator Al Landis was here to tour the plant along with Dover Mayor Gunnoe. Sen. Landis is a proponent of public power and followed up with us about some legislative items we spoke with him about earlier this spring.

Finance Director Strimlan: The quarterly investment report was distributed along with the Fund Balance for September. Lorson moved to accept the fund balance subject to audit and was seconded by Shanklin. All ayes. Motion carried.

President Vance: Council approves two members to the Firemen’s Dependency Board every year. Last year we appointed Ed Hershey and Bob Ballentine. We need to appoint a new member due to the passing of Bob Ballentine recently. Requested motion to approve Jeff Lorson to fill that vacancy. Motion my Shanklin, second by Carr. All ayes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Ordinance H-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on second reading. Squirrell seconded. All ayes; motion passes. **Ordinance H-23**, An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$2,000,000 aggregate principal amount of City of Orrville, Ohio Health Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (OrrVilla, Inc. Project), for the purpose of refunding certain health facilities Revenue Bonds previously issued to assist OrrVilla, Inc. in financing a portion of the costs of constructing and acquiring certain hospital facilities within the City and paying for certain additional capital expenditures, and paying for the costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2023 Bonds, authorizing the execution and delivery of a base lease and lease and assignment to the original purchaser of the bonds and any other documents or instruments in connection with the issuance of those bonds, authorizing and approving related matters, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Public hearing was held this evening. No discussion.

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 H-23** be adopted as read. Squirrell seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 35-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Shanklin seconded. All ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 35-23**, A Resolution authorizing the Public Utilities Board of Control to enter into contracts, without bidding, each for a one-year period, for various services and supplies required by the Department of Public Utilities, Orrville, Ohio, for year 2024.

Discussion: This is an annual piece for utility purchases. This keeps us from bringing forth 21 different resolutions every year. The same list brought before council last year and is for all three utilities. The utility board approved this at their October 9th meeting.

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 35-23** be adopted as read. Squirrell seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Resolution 36-23, Lorson moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. All ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 36-23**, A Resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Orrville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Three changes have been made for the fire truck purchase and financing and for Electric/Water capital transfer that we do annually for the utilities. Aspiras requests it be passed for the fire truck purchase.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Mosley seconded. All yeas; motion carried. Lorson moved that **Resolution 36-23** be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Good of the Order

Aspiras: Be sure to only put leaves in the piles to be picked up. Other items can cause problems for the equipment and employees.

Lorson: Place your leaves in the tree lawn, not in the road where they can run into the gutters and clog them up.

Adjournment

Carr moved to adjourn the council meeting; Squirrell seconded. All ayes; motion passes.

Our next regular meeting will be November 6, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council

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