

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order.

From the Orrville Ministerial Association, Pastor Paul Simonsen, Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. All present.

Council minutes of the February 5, 2024, regular meeting were presented for approval. Carr motioned to approve those minutes; Shanklin seconded. All ayes; motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance – Lax: No report. The finance calendar was sent. Motioned to approve the finance calendar, seconded by Shanklin. All ayes; motion passes.

Parks & Recreation – Handwerk: Requested an April 15th, 6 pm meeting to discuss a program for donations for parks, the Depot plans, and Community Day.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: The Employee of the Month is Mike Brenner from the Electric Distribution Department. Mayor attended with the Orrville Ministry Network luncheon and also attended the Chamber annual meeting.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Service Dept. is working on tree and sidewalk projects. The Fire Department have had 174 calls so far this year, 51 more than this time last year, three and a half weeks ahead of last year's pace.

Utility Director Brediger: Will be traveling with the Mayor, a couple of utility board members and Councilman Shanklin to Washington D.C. to attend the legislative rally.

President Vance: Welcomed Boy Scout Troop 60 to the meeting.

Old Business

Resolution 2-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on second reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 2-24**, A Resolution authorizing the City of Orrville, Ohio to enter into an extension of an agreement with the Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club ("OABGC") for a grant to assist with salary, training, and associated miscellaneous expenses for a teen coordinator/director position at OABGC and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: No committee meeting requested. Handwerk in support.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Squirrell moved that **Resolution 2-24** be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 3-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 3-24**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the North Depot Parking Lot Paving Project in the City Of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The North Depot parking lot is adjacent to Heather's Studio. This is phase 1 of the Depot Park project. There will be considerable construction and disruption to the Depot parking area. This area will be used as primary parking during construction as well as overflow parking after construction. It is currently chip and seal and will become asphalt. Requested approval tonight to go out for bids as soon as possible to be completed by mid to late May. The area connecting to Water Street will remain as is, open. This is in our final appropriations, capital budget.

Squirrell 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. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 3-24** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Resolution 4-24, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion passes. **Resolution 4-24**, A Resolution to establish the classifications of Fire Technician I – P/T, Fire Technician II – P/T, Fire Technician III – P/T, Fire Technician IV – P/T, Fire Lieutenant – P/T, Fire Captain – P/T, and Assistant Fire Chief – P/T unclassified service of the City of Orrville, Ohio, and repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith.

Discussion: HR Manager McFarren addressed council. This has been in the works for several years. The fire department employment was originally volunteer, then to the seasonal status approved last September, to now, the permanent part-time staff. This will move us into phase two. These job classifications within the classified or unclassified service do not yet exist. The part-time positions will remain in the unclassified service. A couple of our volunteers quit their other full-time jobs to become the seasonal employees in the fire department. We will see if a wage and classification study is warranted. Health benefits can be offered if they average over 30 hours a week. We have 4-5 that are averaging over that amount and will be offered the health insurance plan with a six-month look back period on who is offered insurance. We will also offer a vacation amount and overtime for any hours over what the FLSA says. These jobs will be posted. Once this takes effect, it will be retroactive back to March 1st.

Aspiras motioned to amend Section 5 to read that this resolution shall take effect and be in force from March 1st, 2024. Shanklin seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Davies seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 4-24** be adopted as amended. Lax seconded. Roll call vote; all ayes; motion carried.

Police Department Annual Report – Chief Seiler – copy on file

Master Officer Nate Maimone, Orrville Officer of the year, for the 7th year in a row, was introduced. He was selected from among his peers for best representing the core values of courage, compassion, honor and trust. Hired in October of 2008 and previously was a dispatcher for the Medina police department and worked part-time as a patrol officer at the Villages of West Salem and Dalton. He is a member of the Special Response Team, Investigative Unit, Technical Team Member, a CVSA operator, and a field training officer.

Adjournment

Squirrell moved to adjourn the council meeting; Davies seconded. All ayes; motion passes. Our next regular meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2024. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Date

Paul Vance, President of Council