

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order.

From the Orrville Ministerial Association, Pastor Ken Wengerd, New Creation Fellowship, led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. Squirrell excused; all others present.

Council minutes of the February 19, 2024, regular meeting were presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Carr seconds. Yeas all; motion passes.

Administrative Reports

Mayor Plybon: Attended the American Public Power Associations Legislative Rally in Washington DC along with Director Brediger, Joe Messenger, Rich Corfman and Councilman Kyle Shanklin. Recently met with the Exchange Club. Attended the annual Health Department in Wooster. Toured Venture Products and learned about their production. Along with Chief Seiler, recognized the Citizens of the Month at Orrville Elementary. 1st grader Millie Grimes – parents Craig and Kristi and 3rd grader Piper Swerline – parents Jeremi and Lora.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Service Dept. is working on tree removals, sidewalks and prepping ballfields. Shipment of salt arrives to fulfill our order.

Utility Director Brediger: In D.C. last week for the annual national legislative rally, as Mayor mentioned. Discussed with offices our exposure to double digit transmission rates and fees that are passed on to our customers. The 1st year impacts the sequestration has had on some financing, federal bond program, we invested in. Senator Brown's office is working on legislation on that. Another transition with respect to bringing on renewables and at the same time the fossil fuel being forced to retire early and the big gap on what is needed on a 24/7 basis versus the intermittent reliance on mother nature. On the city website and Facebook a notice was posted that we are changing our outage management call-in company probably within the next week or so to Daupler. If you have a cellphone number registered with the utility office, there will be notifications for outages. There is an opt-out option. The same 1-800 number will remain.

Finance Director Strimlan: Fund Balance reports for December 2023 and January 2024 were discussed. 2023 concluded with positive net income across all the funds of \$5.9 million. The combined ending fund balances totaled almost \$91 million. A review of 2023 will be in the annual report next month. Asked for a motion to approve the two reports, subject to audit. Shanklin so moves; Lax seconds. Yeas all. Motion passes. Finance meeting on March 11th.

President Vance: We have the City proposing a zoning amendment.

Clerk Gault: Request for a zoning map amendment for a city owned property on Hostetler Road at the north end of Elm Street. Rezoning from an R-4 to an I-1. If council is in agreement, this will be referred to the Planning Commission who will meet on April 18th at 3 p.m. Once the commission makes their recommendation related to the amendment of the zoning map, if approved, it will come as legislation before council and the Council Planning Committee may request to meet to discuss it, if desired. What is council's request? Move forward.

Wheeler: Details will be discussed in executive session.

New Business

Resolution 5-24, Shanklin moved that it be placed on first reading. Handwerk seconds. Yeas all; motion passes. **Resolution 5-24**, 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, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This will go the full three readings for our 2024 Final Appropriations. Workshop to be held on March 11th immediately following the Utility Board meeting. The total appropriations are \$66.8 million excluding the transfers. Includes \$50.6 million allocated for the Utility funds, \$8.4 million for the General fund and \$7.8 million for the remaining tax supported funds. When compared to the budget that was prepared and approved last June, there is a 7.6% increase overall. Factors contributing to that change: the Utilities account for about 7.1% due to capital project changes and an increase to the General Fund for staffing changes due to the increasing EMS calls as well as the addition of debt service payments for the new fire truck.

Resolution 6-24, Shanklin moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Yeas all; motion passes. **Resolution 6-24**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with a State Purchasing Cooperative to purchase one (1) 2023 or 2024 Chevy Tahoe Police Special 4WD vehicle; or alternatively to purchase said vehicle from another dealer upon equivalent terms, conditions and specifications, but at a lower price than it can be purchased through State Contract as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04 and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Part of the annual vehicle replacement plan. We have been having difficulty finding Ford Interceptor and even went out of state. Chief Seiler mentioned the opportunity to purchase the Chevy Tahoe, Highway Patrol does use the Tahoe. These are roomier. There is one on a lot and willing to go below state bid, which is allowed. Requested approval to right since we found one in stock. The cost is about \$10,000 less than the Ford. We will retire 2011 Crown Vic and will offer it up for sale.

Shanklin moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Asirra seconded. Yeas all; motion carried. Shanklin moved that **Resolution 6-24** be adopted as read. Carr seconded. Yeas all; motion carried.

Resolution 7-24, Shanklin moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconded. Yeas all; motion passes. **Resolution 7-24**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the 2024 Concrete Street Project in the City Of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is part of the 2024 road repair projects. The big project is the asphalt OPWC streets. We are recommending East Hostetler, a stretch between National Pattern and Quality Castings parking lot where there is a significant amount of truck traffic. We will try to do the project during Quality's break during the 4th of July.

Shanklin moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Carr seconded. Yeas all; motion carried. Shanklin moved that **Resolution 7-24** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Yeas all; motion carried.

Resolution 8-24, Shanklin moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconded. Yeas all; motion passes. **Resolution 8-24**, A Resolution of Council Support for Federal Funding To Renovate Fire Station II.

Discussion: We are looking for funds to help with the expansion of Fire Station II. It is to most feasible to expand to add living quarters when we have to go to 24/7 fire department coverage. We have an estimate on costs. Mr. Shanklin provided a contact in Max Miller's office looking for funding and a conference call was completed. There is potential funding available from the Federal government. If available it would come quickly and it requires a show of support from our legislative body, mayor and chamber of commerce as well. It would be matching funds.

Regular Meeting / Public

Monday, March 4,

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Shanklin moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Yeas all; motion carried. Shanklin moved that **Resolution 8-24** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Yeas all; motion carried.

Service Department Annual Report – Superintendent Ryan Immel – copy on file

Executive Session

Aspiras moved to enter into executive session as per ORC 121.22 G2 to discuss the sale of property. Shanklin seconded. Yeas all; motion carried. 8:18 pm

Davies moved to adjourn. Carr seconded. Yeas all; motion carried.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2024 with a Special meeting and workshop March 11, 2024, immediately following the 6:30 pm Utility Board meeting. Meeting adjourned.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council Date

Paul Vance, President of Commerce

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