

Council President Vance called the council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call. All present.

Council minutes of the regular meeting on September 3 were presented for approval. Lax motioned to approve those minutes; Squirrell seconds; Davies abstained; all remaining ayes; motion passes.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

Ordinance & Personnel – Squirrell: Has not met but requested a Committee of the Whole meeting on October 7 at 6:30 pm to discuss salary levels for elected and appointed officials.

#### **Administrative Reports**

Mayor Plybon: Employee of the month for August is Mitch Zimmerman in the Service Department. Appreciation of our police department on the recent social media threats. There was collaboration with our schools and superintendent and meeting the students needs. Announced today was a partnership with our non-profits, Salvation Army and United Way, to assist citizens regarding flood losses with vouchers. Donations can be made at any Farmer's National Bank or sent to the United Way. President Vance added that this program comes from the Mayor and his heart to help people.

Safety-Service Director Wheeler: Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad are doing maintenance work on the tracks at the S. Elm extension for a couple of days. VASCO will start next week on the OPWC street work on McGill, Washington and Bell. The splash pad closes next Monday, sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. VASCO will start work on the pickle ball court this week.

Utilities Director Brediger: A successful grant application was submitted to the Federal Government through our state joint action agency, AMP, for electrical vehicle charging stations. There are about three dozen registered electric vehicles in the Orrville zip code. At the next council meeting, legislation will be coming for the purchase of wind energy. Gave thanks to all who contributed to the Bloomin' Orrville program. The flowers have come down. We look forward to doing it again next year.

#### **Old Business**

**Ordinance E-24**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on second reading. Shanklin seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Ordinance E-24**, An Ordinance amending Chapter 1112, Section 1112.07 of the Zoning Code of the City of Orrville, Ohio, relating to Parking and Access for Retail Stores and Services.

Discussion: This will go to third reading. A public hearing will be held prior to the next council meeting.

#### **New Business**

**Resolution 24-24**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 24-24**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety – Service Director to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program for grant or loan funds and/or agreements as required to obtain said funds, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Proposing to move forward on an OPWC Pine Street project. East Pine experienced significant flooding. If funded, it would reconstruct E Pine Street concrete and implement additional storm water controls including an underground storm water storage and upgrading the culvert. We are seeking approval to submit the application. It does not guarantee we will be awarded. The application is coming due, seeking approval this evening to move forward.

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

**Resolution 25-24**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 25-24**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without bidding, for construction administration and inspection of the WAY VAR PM project with Omnipro Services LLC, in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Allows us to enter into a contract for construction and oversight of the striping project. The Ohio Dept. of Transportation requires that whoever does the design work is not the construction admin. Abbie did the design work in house. We require a consultant to oversee the project. 100% paid for by ODOT. No city funds.

Approval requested this evening.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 25-24** be adopted as read. Handwerk seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Resolution 26-24**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 26-24**, A Resolution authorizing and empowering the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement and/or agreements to purchase a portion of PPN #04-00589.001 located on Back Massillon Road, Orrville, Ohio, as well as obtain a temporary easement for the WAY- Heartland Trail Phase 3A project (PID 115403) and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: We are working on the third phase of the trail. Kristin secured over a million dollars in grant funding through Ohio Dept. of Transportation. Easements required and secured through Elren Farms and Will-Burt, on the agenda tonight, costs borne by Rails to Trails. This is the final piece between Allen and Forrer Roads. We hope to go out to bid in the spring. Grant is for construction of the trail. Currently it runs from the Depot area to Allen. This will construct from Allen to Forrer Rd.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 26-24** be adopted as read. Shanklin seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Resolution 27-24**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Carr seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 27-24**, A Resolution authorizing and empowering the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement and/or agreements with The Will-Burt Company to purchase a portion of PPN #58-00751.000 and 58-00752.000 located in Baughman Twp., Ohio, as well as obtain a temporary easement for the WAY- Heartland Trail Phase 3A project (PID 115403) and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This is the second piece. The first was approval of the Elren property. This is the Will-Burt property.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 27-24** be adopted as read. Lax seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Resolution 28-24**, Squirrell moved that it be placed on first reading. Davies seconds. Ayes all; motion passes. **Resolution 28-24**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract for pavement markings for the WAY VAR PM project with A & A Safety, Inc., in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Bids opened last week for the striping project, lowest bid by A & A, just under \$400,000. Funded through ODOT funds, from earmarked money by Ralph Regula

for the truck bypass project. Contract will be sent to ODOT for approval. We hope by the first of October to be able to move forward.

Squirrell moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Shanklin seconded. Ayes all; motion carried. Squirrell moved that **Resolution 28-24** be adopted as read. Davies seconded. Ayes all; motion carried.

**Good of the Order**

Davies – Thanked Water and Service Dept. for filling in water boxes.

Chief Seiler mentioned someone would like to public comment. Shanklin motioned to allow. Lax seconds. All ayes. Motion passes.

Public Comment

Melanie Welsh, Grace Lane resident: Discussion about blame placed on parents when students kill themselves or threaten to harm others. Believes community has a responsibility. Parents are told to be involved. We need community resources regarding education to have less division on how we view each other. We have food resources. Looking for positive parenting resources to stop generational trauma on the children. Presented complaints on the Orrville schools.

She was directed to the school board. Squirrell mentioned was a church in Orrville that is looking into holding positive parenting and activities with the school.

Chief Seiler mentioned the youth engagement specialist program with Hannah G. Student body needs to treat each other with dignity and respect. Rachel’s Challenge is being implemented which educates on bullying, starting in the middle school. And encourage student to properly report threats. If you see something, give it to a teacher or law enforcement.

Mayor appreciated her addressing council. Communication is key. Our officers collaborated with the school and safety was involved. Met with the school superintendent who is working on a strategic plan. The City has resource officers in every school for the kids to reach out to. The superintendent will listen.

Handwerk: There are programs at the Boys and Girls Club that can be utilized.

Wheeler: Communication systems are in other schools. Conversations have been held with the superintendent.

Mayor: Appreciates council’s passing of the resolutions tonight.

Davies moved to adjourn. Squirrell seconds. Ayes all; motion carried.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2024. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

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Paul Vance, President of Council