

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Melissa Shows, Josh Carey, Dave Williams, Philip Decker, Leah Weirick and Amanda Nelson  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Presiding:** Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Pastor Bud Olszewski followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations for the City Manager Position and to Invite the Law Director, Mayor and City Manager – 7:02 p.m.** Weirick so moved. Carey seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Motion to Come out of Executive Session – 7:13 p.m.** Shows moved to approve, all Yes on roll call and motion carried.

**Motion to Accept an Employment Contract to Hire Bobbie Beshara for the Position of City Manager as set Forth in the Amended Agreement.** Weirick so moved. Carey seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Oath of Office – City Manager, Bobbie Beshara.** The oath of office was administered by Mayor William Robertson.

**Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2020.**

Williams moved to approved, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2020 (Special Meeting).**

Weirick moved to approved, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes – January 29, 2020 (Special Meeting).**

Williams moved to approved, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes – February 03, 2020 (Special Meeting).**

Nelson moved to approved, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes – February 05, 2020 (Special Meeting).**

Weirick moved to approved, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

**Citizens Forum**

Jay Craig – East of Chicago Pizza. Mr. Craig once again spoke on behalf of Valor House in Akron. Valor House is a home for disabled Veterans. Representatives from Valor

House will be going door to door asking for donations for a coupon card from East of Chicago. All proceeds will go to Valor House. Council advised that as long as there were no issues, the program may continue.

### **Old Business**

a. **Ord. No. 8152 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 991.01 General Regulations, of the Codified Ordinances. Third Reading.** Ord. No. 8152 was read on third reading. Decker moved to adopt. Williams inquired if there would be any benefit at all, the last sentence says about "... will be charged to the person who caused said damage" I know a lot of crimes I have dealt with in the past, that there's sometimes multiple subjects or co-defendants involved. I didn't know if there would be any benefit to changing it to person(s). If that helps. I know sometimes the attorneys will pick these things apart. Simpson stated that it should be changed to avoid any confusion. Mayor Robertson inquired if Williams wanted to make a motion to amend? Williams responded yes, please. Mayor Robertson stated that the motion is to amend Ordinance No. 8152 to add (s) after person. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Decker moved to adopt as amended, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

b. **Ord. No. 8156 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 701.03 (a) Issuance of License and 701.99 General Code Penalty of the Codified Ordinances. Second Reading.** Ord. No. 8156 was read on second reading. Williams moved to place on third. Nelson stated that she had a question, what exactly does this fee go to? Challinor responded that it is for a Business License. Nelson inquired what that goes for? Like what does the City use that fee for? Keener advised general revenue. Nelson inquired how this ordinance is enforced and is it enforced? Challinor stated if she sees a business who is doing work, I call Ray and ask him to send one of his officers up to tell them to come up and see me to get a business license. Nelson stated that she was just asking. Challinor responded that it is for businesses outside of Rittman doing work in the City. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

### **New Business**

a. **Motion to Approve the Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for 45.32 Acres Located at 73 Frederick Street in Rittman.** Williams moved to approve. Williams inquired if Feuerstein could provide Council on maybe the history of this or how came about? Challinor responded every four or five years there's parcels that are agricultural through the auditor that need approved. Mayor Robertson stated that it is a benefit to their property taxes if they get approved as an agricultural district. All yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Res. No. 8159 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Finance Director to Make Advances and/or Transfers to or from Appropriate Accounts. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8159 was read on first reading. Weirick moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Decker moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Ord. No. 8160 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8141, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8160 was read on first reading. Carey moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Weirick moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

d. **Motion to Appoint Shawn Tooley to the Civil Service Commission for a Six Year Term.** Williams moved to approve, all yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

#### **City Manager's Remarks**

Last week was the State of the City, so I have no information to report. I just wanted to thank Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Rittman. I hope I left this place a little bit better than what I found it. Congratulations to the new City Manager Beshara. I am looking forward to the great things that she is going to do. So, again, thank you.

#### **Finance Director's Remarks**

Nothing other than I'd like to inform Council that the audit has started for the 2019 fiscal year.

a. **Motion to Approve the Financial Report for January.** Weirick moved to approve, all yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

#### **Council Remarks**

Decker – I want to first publicly thank all of the applicants that applied for the position to be City Manager. It gave us a lot of people to consider, a lot of qualified candidates. I'm grateful that that many people wanted to invest in Rittman. Thank you, Ms. Beshara, for your application and congratulations on the appointment, we look forward to working with you. Mr. Feuerstein, I am grateful for the service that you have given to Rittman and the direction that you put us on the path is not smooth but I am pleased with the direction that we are heading.

Nelson – nothing tonight.

Williams – I'd like to echo what Mr. Decker said. Derek, thank you so much. You've had a fresh perspective and led us in some progressive paths. I have been proud of where you have left our community and hate to see you go, but best wishes to you and your future endeavors. Welcome to Bobbie, I'm very excited. I think the background that you provide along with the network of Northeast Ohio and just all the people that you brought today, thank you for coming, welcome to our community. I really am looking forward to new adventures. I think our City is right on the cusp of really doing a lot of good things. It's great timing. I'm really excited. I'd like to congratulate Amanda for making the paper today and exposing her drive for improving our downtown. Thank you for running with that. I think we are all excited to see what the future brings us with renovating downtown.

Carey – I echo what Phil and Dave have said about Derek. I definitely appreciate your time here; I wish you absolutely nothing but the best going forward. You have got my number if you ever need anything. Also, congratulations to Bobbie and welcome. I look forward to continuing the path that Derek has put us on and hope we continue to go farther down the line to help make this place the best place that we can make it.

Shows – again, I am going to echo them. We have not always seen eye to eye, we started off kind of ruff, but I greatly appreciate the incite and what you have done for the City. Even when we didn't agree. But it helped inspire me to do this and I am here because of you introducing me to the process and I thank you for that and I wish you the best of luck. And, Bobbie welcome, I look forward to working with you.

Weirick – welcome aboard, thank you.

Mayor Robertson – I wanted to comment on the State of the City. It was a great evening out; it was at the Galaxy. It was a very nice venue, very nicely done. Derek, I really appreciated your speech. You did a very good job at highlighting some of the key things that have gone on. A lot of people left there feeling really good about the City. Josh stole the show with he and his dad in the Rec. Center Hall of Fame. That was a wonderful statement with your dad, I'm glad to have all that happen and thanks to the newspapers for the great press that we received. It really so nice to be positive in the newspaper, so I really,

really appreciated all of that. Thanks again to Derek for your time, I appreciate it, I appreciate your friendship and I know we will continue to talk over the years and congratulations Bobbie and good luck. Thanks everybody for attending, I appreciate all of you being here.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 11767 thru 11826 and Memo Expense #'s M12016 thru M12019.** Weirick moved to approve, all yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Wage Negotiations and to Invite the Law Director, Mayor and City Manager and Bobbie Beshara – 7:38 p.m.** Williams so moved. Shows seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Motion to Come out of Executive Session – 8:14 p.m.** Williams moved to approve. Shows seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: - 8:15 p.m.** Weirick moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**