

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 27, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Chuck Wyatt, Dave Williams, Josh Carey, Amanda Nelson and  
Melissa Shows

**Members Absent:** Ken Park, Mayor William Robertson

**Presiding:** Council President Melissa Shows

The invocation was given by Dave Williams followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

a. **January 30, 2023** – Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and  
motion carried.

b. **February 13, 2023** – Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and  
motion carried.

**Citizens Forum**

Rich Barnett – 43 Sheldon Street – spoke regarding the January 30, 2023 minutes wherein all questions asked were not addressed or answered. Ord. 8331 appeared on old business and it was not on the prior meetings agenda. Paragraph 193.096 of the Charter refers to requesting tax refunds within 3 years of when the tax was filed, was due or paid.

Tara Boler – 8 Fairmont – stated we are wanting answers. We have not gotten answers to all of our questions. We want actual answers. We are also not seeing that Council is not really looking to meet the citizens where they are. They seem very out of touch. I talked to Mr. Carey last meeting. There is no reason Council can't pass a Resolution to answer our questions while we are here. I don't see that on the Agenda either. We are going to hold Council accountable. We want answers. We are not going to leave you alone until we have them.

Jay Russell – 28 Winkler – Inquired about the sidewalk program. It hasn't been done for 4 or 5 years. The trees break up the sidewalk. You have to walk in the street to get around the bad sections. No one is checking the sidewalks.

**Old Business**

a. **Ord. No. 8331 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 1163.16(b)(1) Accessory Uses of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. Third Reading.** Ord. No. 8331 was read on third reading. Nelson moved to adopt. Beshara stated that we have addressed it twice; it is compliance with the size of garages so people don't have to obtain a variance. It was inadvertently left off the agenda last meeting. All Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

**New Business**

a. **Motion to Accept the Resignation of Shawn Tooley from the Civil Service Commission.** Wyatt moved to accept, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

b. **Motion to Appoint Duane Scott to the Civil Service Commission for the Unexpired Term of Shawn Tooley.** Wyatt moved to accept, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

c. **Res. No. 8344 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Expressing the Intent to Sell Personal Property Including, but not Limited to, Vehicles, Equipment, Tools and Supplies that are no Longer Needed for Public Use, or are Obsolete or Unfit for the Use for Which they were Acquired by Internet Auction in Accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 721.15 and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8334 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules. Nelson asked if this was for a specific item. Beshara stated that we need to do it every year. William inquired if there was ne need to suspend the rules. Beshara stated we could wait. Nelson withdrew her motion to suspend the rules. Nelson moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

### **City Managers Remarks**

March 1 there will be a bid opening for the vehicle exhaust system for the fire department. That is the vehicle exhaust system of which we received a grant. Don and Matt Simpson will be opening the bids on March 1. The water main bid opening is March 14. Also, Sterling Road will be done in about a month. We received an OPWC Grant for the paving of Sterling. We will be getting legislation to Council on that as well. Williams inquired what was done? Brown advised the water line part. Williams inquired if there was an idea when the paving would be done, just a ball park? Beshara stated that we have to go out to bid.

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

The current Capital Plan that was passed by Council in October did include on it the annual sidewalk program. We are looking to get that back in motion. Which precise areas we will be doing with the allotted money is to be discussed. We realize that has lapsed over the last couple of years.

### **Council Remarks**

Nelson – nothing tonight.

Williams – thank you Mr. Barnett and the Boler's for attending and brining your thoughts to Council. I want to thank Shawn Tooley for his service and also Mr. Scott for stepping into that roll, I appreciate it. I'd like to thank the different department heads that attended as well.

Wyatt – nothing tonight.

Carey – nothing tonight.

Shows – I echo those. I understand the frustration in the time lapse. I do want to point out that we had great discussion and that would be between Bobbie, Joan, I, Matt, it is over four hours of recording. Anyone who would like a copy of that you are more than welcome to. We will have on USB drives that you can get the audio for the entire session. There are sometimes when it was very difficult to hear. We do have it all preserved for anyone who would like it. Jay, I would like thank you for coming in and talking about the sidewalks. I'm glad to see that they are a little more proactive and they have already started working that back in. Our thoughts and prayers to the families of Ken Park and Sergeant Mike Mascolo who both lost their mothers this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and know what a difficult time for them.

a. **Motion to go Into Executive Session in Accordance with ORC 121.22 to Discuss Pending Litigation and to Discuss a Personnel Matter, Hiring, Firing, Discipline of a Public Employee and to Invite the Finance Director, the Law Director, City Manager and Chief Don Sweigert– 7:20 p.m.** Shows so moved. Williams seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

b. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 7:56 p.m.** Wyatt so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: 7:50 p.m.** Shows moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**