

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING -VIA ZOOM
September 28, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Melissa Shows, Amanda Nelson, Josh Carey, Dave Williams and Philip Decker
Members Absent: Leah Weirick
Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Josh Evans, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2020.

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

Workshop

Ronnie Portz from Engineering Associates attended to discuss street and waterline repair for 2021. The plan for applying to OPWC for next year is several projects combining them together. OPWC is a competitive grant, like most. One of the things that you have to do is have local shares, city match. The more city match you have, the higher your score will be. The more money you ask for the lower your score is. What we are talking about doing was looking at waterlines and resurfacing areas. The waterline areas are areas that have potentially lead service lines. If we get an OWDA loan for the waterline portion, we could count that towards city match and then we can request for the paving portion to be the grant from OPWC. That is the summary.

Beshara stated that we were granted the Sterling Road project. We will be able to that next year.

Carey inquired if the new waterlines included everything to keep it up to what the EPA said they needed to do for the State? Portz replied yes, it would include a new main, new valve, new hydrants, new water services to the right of way lines.

OWDA updates their loans monthly. If we apply by October 15, 2020, the money won't be available before July. You can start the engineering in the spring but then construction couldn't happen until after July 1 when the grant agreements come out, if we are selected for funding.

Williams inquired from Finance what the thoughts were about taking on this debt? Finance responded that they would have to look at more detailed. At the end of the day, they have historically used these types of loans for waterline project. Waterline projects do need done. We have some modest reserves in the water enterprise fund. It could be managed just out of necessity. Williams also inquired if taking on this debt and the proposed Library/City Hall was more than the City could handle. Finance responded that they weren't too concerned about the overlap because it is going to be coming from different money.

Citizens Forum

Rick Hanlon - 211 W. Sunset – attended the meeting and inquired about where the building on 130 S. Main Street stands with property maintenance. He was informed that the Property Maintenance Officer sent a certified letter to the property owner to clean up/repair his property. Mr. Hanlon also inquired how many more waterlines the City needs to replace?

Mike Brown responded that there are quite a few, however they are concentrating on the ones with lead service lines. If we keep borrowing to replace that will compound into millions within a few years if we continue at that rate. Mr. Brown responded unfortunately yes. Also, as far as the Library/City Hall debt on a positive note the Rec Center debt should fall off and be paid off this year. That should free up \$180,000. I know you have to still maintain it, but that will help immensely. The sewer debt should fall off this year as well. Mr. Hanlon stated he didn't know if you could restructure water and sewer for the Enterprise funds to help pay for some of the waterlines.

Old Business

a. **Ord. No. 8190 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending 991 Municipal Cemeteries by Creating Section 991.051 Ash Gardens and Amending Section 991.10 Charges and Fees, of the Codified Ordinances. Second Reading.** Ord. No. 8190 was read on second reading. Williams moved to place on third, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Res. No. 8194 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Declaring Certain Personal Property of the City Surplus Properties no longer needed for Public Use and Authorizing the City to Sell Said Property on Govdeals.com. Second Reading.** Res. No. 8194 was read on second reading. Nelson moved to place on third. Shows inquired if they truly looked to see if both of the vehicles in questions were really ready to be gotten rid of? All Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Ord. No. 8195 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. 8195 was read on first reading. Carey moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.** Williams moved to adopt, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 8196 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Solicit Bids for Waterline Improvement on South Second Street from Diagonal Street to Ohio Avenue and North Second Street from Ohio Avenue to Douglas Drive and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8196 was read on first reading. Decker moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.** Weirick moved to adopt, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

City Manager's Remarks

Finance Director's Remarks

Council Remarks

Nelson – nothing tonight
Carey – nothing tonight
Williams-
Shows-
Decker –
Mayor -

a. **Approval Voucher #'s 12921 thru 12991.** Shows moved to approve, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: 7:47 p.m. Shows moved to adjourn, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council