

**Rittman City Council Met in
A Regular Meeting
on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Darrell Carey, Rick Hanlon, Bill Workman, Lynn Beaumont
and Glen Russell

Members Absent: Richard Lapehn

Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

Invocation was given by Dr. Jerry A. Burton, Pastor followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Richard Lapehn arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2011

Workman moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Workshop - None

Citizens Forum – No comments.

Old Business - None

New Business

a. **Ord. No. 7635 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 7623, As Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 7635 was read on first reading. Russell moved to suspend the rules and have second and third reading, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Ord. No. 7635 was read on second and third readings. Russell moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 7636 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio Designating Depositories for the City of Rittman, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 7636 was read on first reading. Workman moved to suspend the rules and have second and third reading, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Ord. No. 7636 was read on second and third reading. Russell moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Res. No. 7637 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Fund Agreement on Behalf of the City of Rittman for Planning, Design and Bidding Engineering Services for the Water Reservoir and Tank Replacement, Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** The City Manager amended the language in this legislation prior to its reading, discussion or voting. City Manager Boggs advised at this last minute they have an opportunity to apply for an EPA grant. Boggs indicated they hoped to acquire grants and low interest loans to replace the water reservoir or a new elevated tank at the N. Metzger Ave. water tower site. Res. No. 7637 was read on first reading. Workman moved to suspend the rules and have second and third reading, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Res. No. 7637 was read on second and third reading. Russell inquired if the current water tower was in disrepair or what was the reason for its (proposed replacement). Boggs advised there was an underground water reservoir at the N. Metzger site that needed replaced and it was recommended if they didn't (install) another underground source then, they would need to build a third water tower. Hanlon inquired if (the cost) to replace that was budgeted as part of the five-year plan. Rissland advised they didn't put anything in the water fund pending approval of a water rates increase, as they really didn't have enough funds at that time. Hanlon inquired if it was known how much the city would have to borrow. Boggs advised what they have is an opportunity to file for an EPA grant and if they would be accepted they had a chance at 50% grant and 50% zero or low interest loans. Boggs advised if it were accepted, it would come before Council for approval and if we didn't see the funds projected we would have to reject (the grant). Boggs advised he believed there was a chance they could get all of it funded and he felt they didn't want to pass that opportunity by, even at 50% he didn't felt they should pass it up. Hanlon advise he would hate to say they want a grant for 50% and then the city couldn't come up with the (matching) funds and reject the offer and become ineligible to apply.

Boggs agreed it could place a black mark on (the city). Hanlon advised that was his only concern. Carey moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

City Manager's Remarks

City Manager Larry Boggs advised the Mayor and he would be meeting with Morton Salt and another company regarding the Carastar issue tomorrow (3/15) and they were excited to see what might evolve from that meeting. He advised he felt they were making a little progress from previous meetings and the Carastar attorney.

Finance Director's Remarks

Finance Director Barbara Rissland had no remarks.

a. Approval of Financial Report for February

Carey moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

Council Remarks

Council Member Rick Hanlon thanked everyone for coming. He inquired regarding the property maintenance code as to where it stood with the administration section.

Boggs advised he should be able to finish it by the end of the week so we could probably schedule a committee meeting the following week.

Hanlon advised he felt they should move forward with as soon as they could. He advised when (the clerk) had it typed she could call the committee and set a meeting.

Workman advised he would like 2 weeks notice so he can ask off at work.

Council Member Darrell Carey had no remarks.

Council Member Bill Workman thanked everyone for coming and spending their time with us tonight. Workman inquired if there was any news about (Landis Ditch) and the retaining walls that were falling in.

Boggs advised he had a little bit of news. He advised both property owners on either side of the creek have hired attorneys and it was obvious they would see a lot of red tape or litigation. Boggs advised he took it as a positive move that the owner of the shopping center retained an attorney although he was sure (the shopping center owner) would be looking at all the legal aspects. He advised hopefully the 1963 document holds up legally and he would assume they could make progress at that point.

Council Member Richard Lapehn thanked Larry and the folks that fixed the entrance to the high school with asphalt. He advised it was a good temporary fix until the construction was done and they could repave the entire lot and get everything nice and neat this summer hopefully. Lapehn inquired as to who was responsible for Eastern Rd as there was a pothole (going east from Main) that was really dangerous. He advised it was at the end of a driveway on the north side of the street.

Boggs advised (the city) has an agreement with (township/county) and he would check as to whether it was our responsibility.

Lapehn advised if there was a car coming eastbound he would slow down or stop until the car goes by so he could go around it, as it was huge. He advised there was going to be people with flat tires right and left because it was so big.

Boggs advised if Council receives complaints on chuckholes or sees one themselves they could send him an email or call and they would get it on the list. He advised there was a long list and it would be tough to catch up on all of them with the hard winter that we have (experienced).

Lapehn advised cold patch does the trick for a short term and was a good solution. He advised regarding the out of town depositories as he understood they were still looking fees and trying to get the best deal for the city and inquired as to how it would work for out of town if it would be all electronic.

Finance Director Rissland advised probably the active funds depositories for every day would be one of the banks in town just for the logistics of taking the deposit daily. She advised for the CD's and short-term investments, which was really considered cash as far as the auditors look at it, could be done electronically and still get a decent rate. Rissland advised typically if you call around and get rates from three or four or five banks someone will want your money more than someone else and it might make a difference.

Lapehn advised that was a savings for the city of approximately \$3,000 and he felt it was a great idea.

Rissland advised she would choose whoever has the best fees and it would take some time just for the logistics of ordering the paper stock, deposit tickets, checks and things like that and she wanted to look at the two lowest banks for fees and look at their Internet banking sites as they do a lot of activity with automated clearing house (ACH) and she just wanted to see how that works. She advised they would transition into it and would have to leave the current accounts open for awhile, as there would be outstanding checks and activity from the different state agencies and until everyone was notified then they would make the switch.

Council Member Glen Russell had no remarks.

Council Member Lynn Beaumont advised keeping with the pothole theme, but the street opposite of the Depot (Restaurant) looked like the Alaskan trail (S. Seneca St.) and was just terrible and literally undriveable. He thanked Barb (Rissland) for including in the ordinance for the (designation of depositories) every bank known to man. Beaumont advised he felt it was a really good idea and for years (the city) hasn't done so and it was good for the city to let other banks get involved cause we could only benefit and \$3,000 was a lot of money.

Mayor William Robertson advised Thursday (3/17) there was a Chamber meeting to discuss plans for the grand opening of the Rails to Trails. He advised they would like to make a little event out of it and anyone with ideas was welcome to attend and it would be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Chamber office. Robertson advised the grand opening of the trail would be May 14th, which was a Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

a. **Approval of Vouchers 54802 thru 54848 Including Then and Now Certificates** Hanlon moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: - p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council