

**Rittman City Council Met in
A REGULAR MEETING
on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Rick Hanlon, Glen Russell, Richard Lapehn, Darrell Carey
and Lynn Beaumont

Members Absent: Steve Johnson

Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

Invocation was given by Barbara Brooks, clerk followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2011

Lapehn so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Workshop - None

Citizens Forum - None

Old Business

a. **Ord. No. 7672 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 921.02, Repair of Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading.** Ord. No. 7672 was read on third reading. Carey moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Carey inquired as to when the contractors would be pouring the sidewalks for this year. Boggs advised they were supposed to be in (Rittman) last week, but then it rained most of the week and if it remains dry he was hopeful they would be in town this week.

b. **Res. No. 7673 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring a Sewer Jet Combination Unit and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading.** Res. No. 7673 was read on third reading. Russell moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Ord. No. 7674 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Ohio, Authorizing a Contract with Waste Management, Wooster, Ohio, to Provide Residents of the Said City with Garbage Refuse Pick Up, Curbside Recycling and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading.** Ord. No. 7674 was read on second reading. Lapehn moved to place on third, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

d. **Res. No. 7675 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties, Ohio, Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the City of Rittman on Behalf of the State of Ohio (the Borrower) to Reimburse its Water Fund for the 2010 Waterline Improvements, Salt Street and Terrace Street Project, Project Number CP19N/CP20N with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio. Second Reading.** Res. No. 7675 was read on second reading. Russell moved to place on third, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Ord. No. 7676 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Accept the Lowest and Best Bids for the Furnishing of Commodities for the Year 2012 and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading** Ord. No. 7676 was read on first reading. Carey moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Approve the 2012 Holiday Schedule**
Lapehn so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. Res. No. 7677 A Resolution of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Supporting the Appointment of Francey Morris as a Trustee to the Wayne County Public Library and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading and Adoption.

Res. No. 7677 was read on first reading. Beaumont advised Rittman hasn't had a representative on the library board in a number of years and he felt it was really important and he would encourage the City Manager to call the director and let him know how much Council wants this to happen. Boggs advised the position is appointed by the commissioners. Beaumont advised there were a lot of things that may happen to the structure of the library this year and he felt it was important to get someone on the board from Rittman. Boggs advised he believed the Mayor has already made some contact with the commissioners (regarding this issue) and he has mentioned it and they would send a copy of this resolution as well. Beaumont advised he felt they were fortunate to have Francey (Morris) applying to the position as she has expertise in the field as she retired from the school as their librarian. Lapehn moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

d. Ord. No. 7678 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Rittman, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal year Ending December 31, 2012 and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Ord. No. 7678 was read on first reading. Russell moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

e. Ord. No. 7679 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Accept the Best Rates for Employee and Dependent Hospitalization, Surgical and Major Medical Coverage for a Period of One (1) Year Commencing January 1, 2012 and Declaring an Emergency. Ord. No. 7679 was read on first reading. Carey moved to suspend rules and have second and third reading, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Ord. No. 7679 was read on second and third reading. Russell inquired if there was a way to negotiate rates for 2 years and get a better rate. Boggs advised he wished he could go three, but the insurance companies won't do it because the rates are so volatile they usually increase. Beaumont inquired as to how this ordinance could be affected by Senate Bill 5 (Issue 2). Boggs indicated he believed it wouldn't as SB5 requires the employee to pay 15% of their healthcare premiums and our employees already are paying 20%. Beaumont inquired if it could work in reverse against us (city). Boggs advised he didn't believe so because they have union contracts although he didn't know if healthcare was covered under the benefits for non-union employees, but he has built his reputation on treating union and non-union employees equally. Carey inquired if he has already received multiple quotes. Boggs advised he was in the process and the problem they run into is most insurance agents won't give a bon-a-fide quote until they were 30 days (from the expiration date). Carey advised they needed to make sure all of (the quotes) were equivalent. Carey advised if he remembers correctly last year they had difficulty with apples-to-apples. Boggs agreed and advised they had a problem with that in the past when those on the committee union, non-union and staff members met with the agents they were shown specific policies, deductibles and costs and an issue arose when one agent didn't quote that same policy (structure) and stated they could get it for the same price that they deserved it for whatever reason. Boggs advised he believed all parties understood now and he was of the understanding that the only way an agent could quote the same policy at less money was if they cut their commission and although possible he felt it was highly unlikely. Boggs indicated he believed the local agents who have provided a quote in the past would be doing so again as well as one from the Ohio Plan, which was a consortium of cities and villages. Mayor Robertson advised this ordinance was giving Larry (City Manager) the authority to make the decision for the best quote/policy. Boggs agreed and indicated the policy would expire at the end of the year and typically with the holiday season there were less meetings scheduled and he was hopeful they wouldn't have to schedule a special meeting. Boggs advised he felt this was saving a step (in the process). Russell moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

f. Res. No. 7680 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio for Support from the City of Rittman, Supporting the Villas of Rittman for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. First Reading and Adoption. Res. No. 7680 was read on first reading. Russell inquired if the city had any background information on this company. Boggs advised he had some documentation sent to him from this company that he could provide if Council wished. Boggs advised he discussed with the VP that when the place was managed properly the police department has fewer calls. Boggs advised he was assured that they (Millenia Housing Development, Ltd) run their properties very well and part of the documentation sent showed before and after photos of many of their projects. Boggs advised to be honest if they were discussing whether or not to build another Villa Apts. he would probably not be supportive. Boggs indicated since it was existing and another company was in the process of purchasing it and advised this resolution supports them in their grant application efforts to do the renovations. Boggs advised in his opinion they couldn't lose and they

planned on renovating inside and out and indicated they would also replace/install sidewalks. Boggs advised he was very pleased with the conversation. Beaumont inquired if this was specific as to Millenia Housing Development or if it would include other low-income housing developments. Boggs advised he believed this (Resolution) was specific to them (Millenia). Beaumont inquired if they were setting a precedent to every low-income housing company that might come to Rittman. Boggs advised he believed there were only two other (such existing low-income housing) developments that qualify for these grants and those are the Towne Manor and Rittman Acres. Beaumont inquired if he had a twin-plex that was low-income if it qualified. Boggs advised he didn't believe so, but it didn't prevent him from applying. Beaumont advised he was questioning if it was specific as to this company or were we saying we are open to any and all low-income housing applications. Beaumont advised if someone else were to come with us with this (same request) and say we gave it to them (Millenia). Boggs advised we weren't giving them anything, but were merely supporting their application. Beaumont inquired if we would support anybody who came to us and meets the qualifications. Boggs advised if a similar situation arose with the (other two existing low-income housing developments) he would say yes. Boggs advised he didn't believe anyone else would qualify under the same guidelines other than the Towne Manor and Rittman Acres. Carey moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

City Manager's Remarks

City Manager Larry Boggs advised he was proud to announce that a representative from the Ohio Auditor's Office presented the City of Rittman an Award of Distinction for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2010. Boggs congratulated Finance Director Barbara Rissland on such an achievement.

Boggs advised Bill (Mayor Robertson) and he attended an excellent meeting in Columbus and he was very enthusiastic as he believed the other parties involved were and while there was still a long way to go he felt this was a good beginning.

Finance Director's Remarks

Finance Director Barbara Rissland advised she spoke with the bond counsel regarding the USDA grant for the sewer jet and she hoped to have it for the next meeting, but it would probably require three emergency readings at that time.

Council Remarks

Council Member Rick Hanlon thanked the volunteers from the fire department giving assistance to get electric at "Charlies Puddle" (Tricomi Park) and hopefully Ohio Edison could get it hooked up so they could move forward and if someone wanted to sponsor the purchase of a pump to help remove the green scum off the water soon and have some good fishing next year.

Council Member Glen Russell thanked everyone for coming. He advised the pavilion behind the post office was getting deteriorated and he inquired if anything would be done before winter.

Boggs advised he didn't know if it would be before winter and agreed there has been some continual vandalism and there has been some discussion of repairing it, but he didn't believe it would be before spring.

Council Member Darrell Carey had no remarks.

Council Member Richard Lapehn inquired regarding the renovation of the Villas if they knew what would happen with the displacement of residents while their apartment(s) were renovated.

Robertson advised he believed it would be done while they were living there one apartment at a time.

Boggs advised he would double check and let him know for sure.

Lapehn advised he also thought it was neat to hear the Rittman High School Academic Challenge team would be on the television program soon. He advised they haven't been on (the show) in a long time. Lapehn advised it will be recorded on Nov 6th and won't be shown until Feb. or March.

Council Member Lynn Beaumont advised he noticed the leaf vacuum today had a spray of shredded leaves coming out of the top through a hole in the hose and spreading them all over the neighborhood.

Boggs advised he would check with the Service Director and report back.

Mayor William Robertson advised Thursday (10/27) Crawford's was having their Trunk or Treat at 6:00. He advised Friday night (10/28) Autumnwood was having an indoor Trick or Treat for those interested.

a. Approval of Vouchers 55967 thru 56078 w/Then and Now Certificates

Carey moved to approve, upon roll call; Hanlon-Abstain, Russell-Yes, Lapehn-Yes, Beaumont-Yes, Carey-Yes and **motion carried**.

Adjourn: - 7:40 p.m.

Russell so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council