

**Rittman City Council Met in
A REGULAR MEETING
on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

Invocation was given Dr. Richard Lapehn, Pastor by followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2011

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

Workshop - None

Citizens Forum - None

Old Business

a. **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. Third Reading.** Ord. No. 7674 was read on third reading. Carey moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **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. Third Reading.** Res. No. 7675 was read on third reading. Russell moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **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. Second Reading** Ord. No. 7676 was read on second reading. Carey moved to place on third, 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. Second Reading as Amended.** Ord. No. 7678 was read on second reading as amended. Hanlon moved to place on third, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Motion to Cancel the November 28th Council Meeting**
Lapehn so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Notice of Receipt of Fiscal Officer's Certificate of Estimated Life of Improvement Related to the Proposed Bond Issue** Rissland advised this was a formality that had to go with the bond ordinance. Lapehn moved to accept, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Motion to Dispense with the Full Reading of Ord. No. 7681**
Russell so moved, upon roll call; Carey-Yes, Hanlon-Yes, Russell-Yes, Beaumont No, Lapehn-Yes, Johnson-Yes and **motion carried.**

d. **Ord. No. 7681 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$59,500 of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying a Portion of the Cost of Improving the City's Sewer System, Including the Acquisition of a New Sewer Cleaning and Vacuum Truck, Together with all Necessary Appurtenances and Equipment Thereto and Declaring an Emergency.** Ord. No. 7681 was read on first reading. Carey moved to suspend the rules and have second and third reading, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Ord. No. 7681 was read on second and third reading. Russell moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

e. **Res. No. 7682 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 Rittman Acres' Application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. First Reading.** Res. No. 7682 was read on first reading. Lapehn inquired if this was senior housing. Carey advised no, it was low income. Beaumont advised this (housing development) was neat and clean and a good place for people to live. Beaumont advised he felt this (grant for renovation) was a really good idea. The Mayor advised it was his understanding the renovations would take place while the residents remained in their homes. Russell moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

f. **Ord. No. 7683 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 and Declaring an Emergency.** Ord. No. 7683 was read on first reading. Carey moved to suspend the rules and have second and third reading, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Ord. No. 7683 was read on second and third reading. Carey moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

City Manager's Remarks

Barbara Rissland advised item #7 on the City Manager's communication states (one bid price) incorrectly and it should be \$1825 and Ms. Leatherman paid \$1925.

Rissland advised they received notification today from the Richland County Regional Planning Commission and it looks like South Fork Issue 2 funding (for street resurfacing) was pretty high on the list so, it was looking very good for that project for next year.

Russell inquired if Leatherman bid \$1100 then how did she get it for \$100 over what the other bid was as they were sealed bids.

Rissland advised Leatherman's bid was a base amount (\$1100) or \$100 over the highest bid (up to a max of \$2000) and the Law Director said it was acceptable.

Russell advised that didn't seem to him to be quite Kosher, but if they say it's right then he guessed it was.

Rissland advised if he would like additional information she could ask Kevin to provide it.

Lapehn advised if someone had bid \$2000.01 then they would have been awarded the property and Ms. Leatherman.

Rissland advised that was correct.

Russell inquired if that was how bids for real estate were usually done.

Beaumont advised Mr. Skraba may want to think there was some underhanded deal here, but there has been a lot of misinformation passed around such as that the city acquired the property by eminent domain and there was no record of that.

Russell advised he understood that. He advised his question was regarding the bidding process in itself and he was not questioning anything else.

Robertson advised they (city) was going after the highest bid and if someone says they would give us \$100 more than the highest bid.

Rissland advised she defers to the Law Directors assessment of the issue. She advised he (Bower) said it was okay to do it that way.

Finance Director's Remarks

Finance Director Barbara Rissland advised the financial reports for October were included in the packets and probably next meeting they would have the final appropriation amendments for the year. She advised she was going through those now seeing if they need any changes to the revenue estimates.

Beaumont inquired regarding the recreation center report if it was \$65,000 in the hole.

Rissland advised -\$65,717 before the debt service and the first part of the debt service payment was for \$19,000 so, they were close to -\$85,000 and they would have their final debt service payments of approximately \$100,000 coming out in the next week or so.

Beaumont advised so if was reading the spreadsheet correctly this would be the year they would be farther in debt (with the rec ctr) than ever before. He advised -\$117,000 was the highest back in 2004 and they would be surpassing that.

Rissland advised she believed the \$100,000 would come off the bottom line although she wasn't sure yet. She advised they (city) were subsidizing the recreation center quite a bit and partly that is due to the fact that the recreation trust fund had to be cut that transfer from the general fund

to that fund because it was running out of money. Rissland advised next year would be even worse as it will go from \$25,000 this year to probably \$5,000-\$10,000 next year and it would basically be out of money and the only thing it would be transferring in would be any interest it receives.

Beaumont advised then it was safe to say that this was something that should be high on the agenda for the first part of next year if they expect the recreation center to stay in business.

Rissland advised either that would be on the agenda or they would continue to subsidize them.

Beaumont advised it should be discussed. He advised we need a plan.

Rissland advised probably.

Robertson advised the plan could be that we continue subsidizing.

Beaumont advised if we have the money.

Rissland advised Larry (City Manager) went to the last recreation center board meeting and talked with them about increasing rates or looking at some sort of way to increase their revenue stream. She advised they were hopeful about Silver Sneakers, which is the program they just got in and it should increase their revenue somewhat. Rissland advised she couldn't tell how much yet as they were just implementing that program.

Carey inquired as to how many more years would they be paying on the recreation center.

Rissland advised she believed nine after this year or nine after 2012. She advised she would have to look at the debt schedule as it was nine or ten as they were halfway through.

a. Approval of Financial Report for October

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

Council Remarks

Council Member Steve Johnson had no remarks.

Council Member Darrell Carey advised it was nice to see that there was a new plant that has started construction on Morningstar Drive. He advised it would bring in a few more employees to the city. Carey advised the fact that the Carastar property has started to move forward was a plus.

Council Member Rick Hanlon had no remarks.

Council Member Richard Lapehn thanked Bill and Linda Crawford for hosting Trunk or Treat again. He advised they opened Crawford's to the whole menagerie with a packed full house due to the rain. Lapehn advised the Crawford's donate so much and are so generous and are stars in our city and are wonderful generous people.

Council Member Glen Russell advised there was a good article in the newspaper about the ghost train and it was very interesting.

Council Member Lynn Beaumont inquired of the police chief if the city was experiencing any increased theft/vandalism along the trail.

Chief Burg advised not to his knowledge.

Mayor William Robertson advised December 10th the Christmas celebration would be held at the old Rittman High School on Saurer Street from 2-5 pm. He advised it was a great event for the kids. Robertson advised last year it was held at Movie Gallery and 450 people came through. He advised there would be a little more room by having it at the old high school. Robertson advised the Silver Sneakers program at the recreation center for those 65 and older depending on your healthcare plan may qualify for subsidized or free recreation center membership and participation in various programs at the center as well. He advised anyone who isn't a member of the recreation center that was 65 or older could check with the recreation center to find out if they would be covered by their insurance for membership or not. Robertson advised it was a great program that also generates money for the recreation center as well and it will be great to have more members and get our 65 and older crowd involved. He advised the prescription drug drop-off was held a couple weeks ago and sixteen pounds were collected from Rittman without their containers. Robertson advised the S.A.L.T. coalition was active and working to keep kids off drugs, alcohol and tobacco and were a key partner in getting the permanent prescription drug drop-off box at the police station. He advised at any time anyone could go into the police station lobby and unwanted prescription drugs could be safely deposited and they would be disposed of properly by Medway.

a. Approval of Vouchers 56079 thru 56198 and Memo Expense #'s 111003 thru 111007, 111014, 111015 w/Then and Now Certificates Hanlon so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: - 7:27 p.m.

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

Mayor

Clerk of Council

