

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held January 8,

20 24

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 8, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Josh Carey, Chuck Wyatt, Ken Park, Rich Schumacher, Amanda Nelson and Melissa Shows

Members Absent: Mayor William Robertson

Presiding: Melissa Shows, Council President.

The invocation was given by Chuck Wyatt followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2023 - Shows moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

Bill Albright – Candidate for State Representative. Mr. Albright attended to discuss his campaign issues and to get endorsement for his campaign.

Ron Woodward, 9 McElwee – attended to invite Council and City employees to join in the chili/soup cook off on February 10. He also stated that the Server helps with 20 organizations, one of them being the Lions Club. The Lions Club will help with eye exams and glasses for those in need.

Workshop

a. Luke Murry from GPD Engineering Group attended to discuss the upgrades needed to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Murry presented the site plan, addressed the major needs and the probable cost of construction. Also discussed grant applications, loans and loan forgiveness. There was discussion from the Council members with Mr. Murry regarding the need, if this can be done in stages, and if there would be any interruption to the community.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. **Res. No. 8386 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. 8386 was read on first reading. Park moved to suspend the rules. Nelson inquired if this was for something special. Beshara stated not at this time, it needs to be done every year. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Wyatt moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 8387 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 991 Municipal Cemeteries of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency.** First Reading. Ord. No. 8387 was read on first reading. Wyatt moved to place on second. Nelson inquired what the reason for the changes were. Beshara stated normally cremains are small in small containers and some people now want them in vaults. The vaults are larger, so there is more work to be done to bury the vault. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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City Manager's Remarks

I have nothing yet, it's a new year. Our new Service Supervisor is working out well, Erick Shreve. It's the beginning of the year but it also a crazy time for finance. Thank you everyone for your hard work.

Finance Director's Remarks

I don't have too much at this time. I am still trying to get everything closed and opened back up.

a. **Approval of Financial Report for November, 2023.** Park moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Council Remarks

a. **Approval of November Vouchers #'s 136 thru 18483.** Park moved to approve, upon roll call Wyatt – Yes, Park – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Schumacher – Yes, Shows – Yes, Carey – Yes and **motion carried.**

Nelson – I don't really have anything; however, I will say that while Matt is putting fires out, I am giving more fires as you saw in your packets for the extra reports that I requested. Basically, it is more defined for the month, which what we used to get was year to date. I thought going forward with the upcoming financial cuts that are going to have to be made, it would be a lot nicer for us to see our month to month and get more of a view of what we are spending money on. And then, I went so far as to ask him also to break it down for personnel and also what we are paying on our payroll costs as opposed to just other expenditures. That is why you are seeing that.

Park – thank you Woody for coming and making everybody aware of the soup and chili cookoff. If we could get involved in it that goes a long way to boost the moral around town with all things that are going on. Amanda's things are getting bigger, the events groups things are getting bigger and it's good to see all the way around. I appreciate you coming in and letting our department heads know that we'd like to see them get involved. Get a little friendly rivalry going.

Schumacher – I'm going to piggyback off of Ken because as a new Lion's Member and seeing everything that is going on last year. I've never seen so many lights around town and displays were just beautiful. I've been really pleased with what we've been doing at Lions and pulling people together and working together. That's a big thing with me, is bringing different organizations and groups together. Lions has helped with bringing the American Legion along; helping them through a financial crisis. Helping a family in need is near and dear to my heart. It's one of the reasons I am a solid supporter and volunteer at the Server. I'm just really thrilled that everything that's going on in town. The excitement that is being generated. I want to see more working together. Both the City and organizations working together to accomplish important things for the citizens of Rittman.

Wyatt – ditto what those guys said. I'm excited about the way things are going in town. I like to see the moral is up in town and people are talking about the good fun things that are going on. I appreciate Ron and everything he does at the Server and Amanda and everything she does with the Chamber. I think things are heading in a good direction. I'm enjoying more and more living in town.

Carey – again, echo. Thank you, Mr. Woodward, for all the updates on all the things going on around town. Thanks to Mr. Albright for his message about his upcoming campaign.

Shows – I'd like to echo the thanks. Thank you to Woody, Mr. Murry, Mr. Albright for coming in. Mr. McMillen for showing up. I appreciate having a citizen tonight and sit here and listen to what's going on and reach out when there's questions. I wish we could see a little bit more of that, more citizens coming in. We have a lot of hard decisions and I think sitting here with a workshop like we had today, I think it is important for the community to be involved. There's a lot of sporting events going on for the schools. There's a lot of home events, basketball games coming up. They are looking for volunteers if anybody is looking to help out the school system. They are looking for volunteers to help

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with the concession stands at the events. Right now, there are parents doing it. It's hard when the parent is running the concession and their child is playing and they can't watch their child play. If we could get other volunteers to come in it would be helpful and supported. I think we are moving a lot of things in the right direction but we still have a lot of heavy things in front of us.

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m. Wyatt moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**



Mayor



Clerk of Council