

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held March 27

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**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 27, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Chuck Wyatt, Dave Williams, Ken Park, Amanda Nelson and Melissa Shows
Members Absent: Josh Carey
Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Dave Williams followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

a. **March 13, 2023** – Wyatt moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

Chris Baker -90 Strawberry Hill – Mr. Baker stated that he can't get any updated information on what is happening in the City. He used to be able to come into City Hall and pay his utility bill and talk to the ladies. There used to be a local paper where he could find information. Now he has to do it online. This is not a good time to be closed and inaccessible, there needs to be communication. Mr. Baker also stated that the last time he was involved with Council Meetings was when they paved his street. It looked great then, but not it is all broken up with pot holes everywhere. His last issue is he does not like the tax issue. He doesn't like the fact that he isn't getting his money back. This happened in the middle of last year. He didn't get a letter until February of this year. He feels that he should get back 2022 but also half of 2021 because the City knew about it in the middle of 2022. Also, the Council Meetings should be able to link to his blue tooth hearing aid so he can hear them.

Cliff Feightner – 13 Hawk Ridge – Cliff stated that the condition of Strawberry Hill is bad. However, he wants to thank the City. He received an email from his pod cast host, if you have any information you want him to read on his pod cast, his email is aroundrittman@gmail.com. He received a notification from his pod cast host stating that he is up to 4,500 downloads. He knows what people want to hear and what they don't. He stated that they don't want to hear anything from the County Commissioners. He tries to give people what they want to hear. Also, he stated how proud he was of the people of this City. People came up on social media asking why there isn't an Easter Egg Hunt this year. The City stepped up. The last he heard there were over 10,000 filled Easter Eggs that the kids are going to be able to hunt for on Saturday at First Street Park. If it is raining it will be at the Presbyterian Church. The kids are going to have a great time between that and Amanda passing out baskets this weekend. And the pancakes at the fire department.

Mike Brown – Utilities Director – after a year long anticipation, our brand new Jet Truck was delivered today. Our new garage is up and we are moving into it. I'd like to welcome Council to come check it out.

Old Business

a. **Res. No. 8344 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**

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they were Acquired by Internet Auction in Accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 721.15 and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Res. No. 8344 was read on third reading. Shows moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Motion to Appoint Shawn Vallery and Leah Weirick to the Income Tax Review Board for a term ending December 31, 2024.** Wyatt moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 8347 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8318, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8347 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Shows moved to adopt. Williams inquired if the legal fees were for Matt Simpson. He replied they were someone else's. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Res. No. 8348 A Resolution of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Certifying that when a Municipal Obligation was Incurred Sums were Lawfully Appropriated in the Funds to Satisfy the Obligation and Sufficient Sums Currently Exist to Satisfy the Obligation According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8348 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Shows moved to adopt. William stated it is scary and telling to see that our revenues are less than our expenses. The General Fund \$100.00 and there's a couple of others that emphasizes our need to pass that upcoming income tax. It doesn't look like we have enough to pay the bills. Hopefully, the finance director can shed a little bit of light on it when he returns. DiSalvo stated that it was an issue with a vendor on with their W-9. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

d. **Res. No. 8349 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Finance Director to make Advances and/or Transfers to or from Appropriate Accounts. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8349 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Wyatt moved to adopt. Shows stated that this was in the Capital Improvement Plan. We have been waiting to move forward with this and it is finally in a place where we can move money to complete the project. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

e. **Res. No. 8350 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Declaring it Necessary to Improve Sterling Avenue from City Limits to S. Main Street and Erie Street from Serling Avenue to S. Main Street by Planing and Milling the Existing Surface, and Installing a new Asphalt Surface, all Together with the Necessary Appurtenances thereto and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8350 was read on first reading. Wyatt moved to suspend the rules, Williams inquired if we need to do it to get bids. Shows replied that it needs to be done to secure better pricing. Wyatt inquired if this also encompassed the residents to be assessed. Wyatt also stated that he sees no figures on what the cost will be. All Yeas on roll calls and **motion carried.** Shows moved to adopt. Show stated this Ordinance is to inform the residents that there will be a paving assessment. The grant does not cover all of it. It is a 70/30 grant. The local share is 30% which will be a 50/50 split with the residents. The total approximate cost is \$479,000.00 of which we got \$387,000.00 in grants, leaving a balance due of roughly \$92,000.00. This is the beginning process to let everyone know. The residents have the option to pay it or assess it to the tax bill. Upon roll call Shows – Yes, Williams – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Wyatt - Yes, Park - Yes and **motion carried.**

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f. **Ord. No. 8351 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 Street Improvement of Sterling Avenue from City Limits to S. Main Street and Erie Street from Sterling Avenue to S. Main Street and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8351 was read on first reading. Wyatt moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Williams moved to adopt as amended to correct the error on the street name, upon roll call Shows – Yes, Williams – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Wyatt - Yes, Park - Yes and **motion carried.**

City Managers Remarks

Remarks were read by Acting City Manager, Garrick DiSalvo. The main transmission line for water bid came in at 3.6 million dollars. The estimate was for over 4.2 million. We have a grant for 2.6 million and the loan is approximately 1 million.

Finance Director's Remarks

None

Council Remarks

Park – thank you everybody for the comments, thank Cliff for keeping it positive. Mr. Baker, thank you for getting the information out about your roads and concerns.

Nelson – just reminding everyone that there are Easter Events this weekend. The Fire Department pancake breakfast, Rittman Chamber Easter Basket give away and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Williams – I want to thank Mr. Baker for your concerns tonight. Thank you, Cliff, as always. Thanks to the Chamber, the citizens for stepping up with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Server. As I was walking down main street this week for a project I was asked for the drain in front of the new coffee shop to be looked at. The sewer grate is packed and the building that the coffee shop is going to be in is taking on water in the basement. It looks like the soil is above the pipe. Maybe we can use the new water jet. Thanks Mike for the invitation, we'll be sure to come out and take a look at it. I'm sure it's a nice piece of equipment to have for your operating. Thanks, Chief Shows.

Wyatt – I have nothing this evening.

Shows – I want to echo everyone else, thank you all for attending tonight. Mr. Baker we want to assure you we have heard a lot that people are upset the door is locked. Just understand it is for security measures. I understand the difficulties with hearing, call them. You are certainly welcome into City Hall. Often there is one person in there by themselves. It is an extra security measure we thought was necessary. If you are unable to go through the door bell, use the phone call and someone will let you in. Hopefully with the new move in the next year we will be able to have a lobby where they can actually come in out of the weather. I want to thank the crews that were out this weekend with the storm. I called Chief Shows and the road crews were always working on limbs across Frederick. Thank Garrick for stepping in, he is doing double duty coming to City Hall every day. Making sure things run smoothly while Bobbie is gone on her first vacation since she has been employed here.

Mayor Robertson – I would like to thank Moose for going out and cleaning up the trees that fell at the Nature Preserve. We had five of them that feel right across the trails.

a. **Motion to go Into Executive Session in Accordance with ORC 121.22 to Discuss Pending Litigation and to Discuss a Personnel Matter, Hiring, Firing, Discipline of a Public Employee and to Invite the Law Director, Acting City Manager, the Mayor and Chief Shows – 7:31 p.m.** Shows so moved. Wyatt seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

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b. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 8:56 p.m.** Williams so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Adjourn: 8:57 p.m.** Wyatt moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**



Mayor



Clerk of Council