

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
SPECIAL MEETING  
VIA ZOOM  
March 30, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Melissa Shows, Josh Carey, Dave Williams, Philip Decker, Leah Weirick and Amanda Nelson

**Members Absent:** None

**Presiding:** Mayor William Robertson

**New Business**

a. **Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Hiring of a Public Employee and to Invite the Mayor, Law Director and City Manager and Matthew Bulp – 7:02 p.m.** Weirick so moved. Nelson seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 7:07 p.m.** Nelson so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Motion to Accept the Employment Contract for the Finance Director and to Appoint Matthew Bulp to that Position.** Weirick so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

d. **Ord. No. 8167 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Providing Emergency Authority for the Municipal Manager to Restrict and Close Public Areas.** Three Readings. Ord. No. 8167 was read on first reading. Decker moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Weirick moved to adopt. Mayor Robertson pointed out that there is a typo in Section 5 the word COVID is misspelled. Williams requested a more detailed description of public areas so the public knows. Beshara stated that there are 13 public parks. My anticipation is that the Governor may be making this call before I have to. I think we should have eyes and ears out there to see what is going on in the parks and if people are gathering closer than 6 feet together. If it is a problem and the numbers haven't peaked yet it would give me the authority. I believe that before that happens, the Governor will probably make that call, Dave. I'll go over all of the parks again with Garrick so we can be sure. Before I do anything, I can make sure Council is aware and we can discuss it. Beshara stated that all of the picnic tables have been removed 73 of them were removed and that was done by George Heater and his crew, I want to thank them for that. All of the picnic tables are in the Service Department yard. I think that was a really good move and I hope that will help distance people even more during this time. Decker inquired in the section related to this being revoked, we have the date of the 31<sup>st</sup>. Which is a Thursday making Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>. We would probably not open parks and picnic tables going back out on that Friday. Beshara stated we are going to wait to see and put things on hold until we have more information from the Governor. I am not going to make them put everything back on that date specifically. Decker inquired if we need then Mr. Simpson any kind of language on what closure might look like as Council gets complaints on May 1<sup>st</sup> that things are supposed to be opened again and the Council hasn't specifically extended the closure as this is indicating. Simpson inquired if it says April 31 or does it say May 31? Decker replied April 31. Simpson stated when he drafted it, he was pretty sure he had May 31. Carey state that there are not 31 days in April. Simpson stated he purposely drafted it so it would be longer than we should need it. But it would automatically be revoked by then. Decker moved to adopt it as amended with the date of May 31. Mayor Robertson stated that the way he reads it is

the May 31<sup>st</sup> date is the longest date that Bobbie can have this authority. The parks still may be closed all the way through August. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.** Weirick moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**