

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 16148

Held April 10 ,

20 23

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 10, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Chuck Wyatt, Dave Williams, Josh Carey, Ken Park, Amanda Nelson and Melissa Shows  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Presiding:** Mayor William Robertson

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

**Approval of Minutes**

a. **March 27, 2023** – Nelson moved to approve, upon roll call, Williams – Yes, Park – Yes, Shows – Yes, Nelson - Yes, Carey – Abstain, Wyatt – Yes and **motion carried.**

**Citizens Forum**

Tara Boler – 8 Fairmont Avenue – stated that she is still waiting to hear if the insurance company is going to reimburse the tax issues and if a Resolution would be passed to make Citizens Forum interactive with the Council members. She also stated that there was a large pot hole on N. Main Street.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**City Managers Remarks**

**Police Department updates** - The Police Chief, through approval from the Civil Service, will be conducting a promotional exam for a new Sergeant position and for a FT police officer position.

**Fire Department update** - The Fire Chief has conducted an interview, through an interviewing process, to promote an officer to an open part time captain position. Chief Sweigert will be making the announcement soon on who was selected.

**Medway update** - This year I am serving as Chair of the General Assembly of Medway. Chief Shows is serving as Chair of the Medway Governing Board. On Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the General Assembly approved the recommendation the Governing Board and selected Agent Josh Hunt as the new Medway Director. We wish Josh the very best in his new role and in working to control the drug problems in Wayne County.

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Clean-up Day** - Please help clean up Rittman on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Rittman Fire Department at 8:30 AM where maps, bags and gloves will be handed out. Coffee and donuts will be provided and then after working hard, hotdogs, soda and chips will be provided. This is a joint effort with the Rittman Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**NOPEC meeting** - A NOPEC representative will be in Rittman at the Rittman Recreation Center on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5PM-7:30 PM to discuss the gas aggregation program. This is NOPEC's natural gas enrollment mailing and they anticipate that Council or our residents may have questions. Virtual meetings are also available for those who cannot attend the in-person meeting at the Recreation Center.

**Weight equipment Recreation Center** - Our new weight equipment has been delivered and not only looks beautiful but is highly functional, as well, for our members. This equipment was purchased through ARPA funds so there is no cost to our citizens. Thank you to Garrick and Moose for their hard work on picking out the new equipment and to Council for approving this purchase. The used equipment was sent to Norwayne Schools, Rittman Schools and some pieces will be scrapped as they are no longer usable.

## **Finance Director's Remarks**

Nothing tonight.

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

## **Council Remarks**

Williams – thank you everyone for the turn out for all of the City events, Amanda's event. It's good to see the outpouring of the community and ask that people support the upcoming levy.

Carey – thank you to the fire department, the Chamber and the numerous churches and the volunteers for all of the Easter festivities for all of our kids the last couple of weekends that was a lot of fun for the little ones. Congratulations to the Recreation Center on their new equipment that they got with ARPA Funds. It's nice to see progress on the library, I know one little boy that can't wait until the new library opens.

Wyatt – nothing. Mr. Wyatt inquired from Tara Boler where the pot hole was.

Nelson – thank you to everyone who came out to the Easter Basket giveaway. We gave 300 baskets away in 30 minutes. People were lined up starting at 2:00 p.m. waiting on us to start at 3:00 p.m. We started promptly at 3 and it was 30 minutes and they were gone. They were lined up past the tracks and also down Grant Street. It's really nice to have people from out of town come in. Also, we are selling raffle tickets for the fireworks for Sleepwalker for a Blackstone Grill. They are available from Cali at So Cal, Kris at City Hall and myself have them available and the Rec Center. And we also are doing sponsorships and selling table tickets for our first annual Night at the Races for the Chamber of Commerce. That will be our main fundraising event. That will be held at Thunderhead Pines in Smithville. Also, May 6 is the Community Clean Up day. The City, Chamber and Fire Department are working together on this. Meeting at the Fire Department at 8:30 to get clean-up locations. There will be donuts and coffee and hot dogs and chips and water when finished.

Park – nothing to add to all the previous information.

Shows – thank you everyone. The only other thing I want to add is the weather sirens are not working. Is there any idea when they will be working? Chief Shows stated he is waiting on a quote. The problem is the radios that activate them from the water tower on DeCoursey are operating on the old City band frequency. When all our City trucks and equipment had radios in them. That frequency is over 30 years old and most radios are over 30 years old. We have unused VHF radios that were on the EMS frequency when EMS ran separate from the fire department. We are going to have those radios installed in each of the towers. This should fix the problem. Park stated that this was the second time he has heard that they haven't worked on the tests. Chief Shows responded that the last time some of them failed was a battery issue. Each siren has 4 8 cell marine batteries in them. Those batteries do need changed.

Beshara stated that they are outdoor weather warning sirens for when you are outside.

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Shows – we do have other ways to keep people informed on weather warnings. I see a lot of work going on at the baseball fields. The youth groups are getting really excited about nice weather and getting outside and practicing. I appreciate the work being done.

Mayor Robertson – inquired if the outdoor warning getting outdated, everybody has cell phones and it is more reliable. Chief Shows stated that they are here and he was instructed to fix them.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 17091, 17225 thru 17415 and Memo Expense #'s M32301 thru M32327.** Wyatt moved to approve, upon roll call Williams – Yes, Park – Yes, Shows – Yes, Wyatt – Yes, Care – Yes, Nelson - Abstain and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: 7:13 p.m.** Wyatt moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk of Council