

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING via Zoom
Monday, May 11, 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

The invocation was given by Philip Decker followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – April 17, 2020

Weirick moved to approved. All Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

None

Old Business

None

New Business

a. **Motion to Cancel the Council Meeting Set for Monday, May 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. due to City Hall being Closed in Observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.** Nelson moved to approved. All Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Appoint John Tawney to the Civil Service Commission for the Expired Term of Keely Dreher, Term Expires January, 2026.** Williams moved to approved. All Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Ord. No. 8172 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinances No. 8141, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8172 was read on first reading. Weirick moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Discussion was had regarding the internet service speeds at the Rec Center and EMS buildings and the need to increase the bandwidth speeds. Also discussed was the CARES Act Appropriation for PPE. Weirick moved to adopt All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

d. **Ord. No. 8173 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 551.02 (a) Removal or Cutting Weeds or Grasses; Litter Removal; Notices and Section 551.04 Failure to Comply; Remedies of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8173 was read on first reading. Carey moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Williams moved to adopt. Beshara advised that the height regarding 10-inch height on weeds and grass to 8 inches to have better control over property maintenance. Also discussed was the necessity of mowing parcels in violation of the

ordinances and payment thereof. There was also discussion on what the process of notice of the violation is. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

City Manager's Remarks

Beshara stated she is going to asking for an Executive Session at the end of meeting. All departments are back to work and proper protocols are being followed. I want to thank directors and chiefs, the Safety and Health Committee as we meet once a week to go over what has been happening. The new City Hall plans are still moving along. Also discussed was keeping up with COVID 19 issues involved with keeping all of the employees safe.

Finance Director's Remarks

Bubp stated as far as FEMA reimbursements are not going to be a timely issue. When FEMA puts a deadline on then we submit our expenses. Sanitizing will count. The money received from the CARES Act will have to be deducted from this. Also discussed were the quotes that were being submitted for the liability insurance. A decision should be made soon.

Council Remarks

Nelson – stated she was coming into the meeting irritated and upset about the condition of the City. It is very frustrating that the focus of the on the safety of our citizens and Covid – 19 which is understood, but our City has gone by the wayside. There is trash and mattresses and overgrown grass including City lots. She doesn't feel things are getting done in a timely manner. Would like to see what we are going to do going forward. There are minimal businesses downtown and no one wants to come into the City.

Beshara - stated we need a more aggressive enforcement policy. She is working on it but it will not be fixed overnight. When Council sees a violation please let us know. We will continue to work on the enforcement.

Decker – nothing this evening.

Williams – stated he supports Amanda's statements on property maintenance and try to make the City more appealing. He stated that Bobbie has been aggressive at the Safety meetings with directing City employees to clean up. We need to be consistent with the Police Department following up on properties and becoming a nuisance ourselves to these property owners. Also wanted to thank Bobbie and the Mayor and Ron Woodward for putting together the parade. And also thank Mindi Vance for the graduation project.

Carey – stated he wanted to thank all of the Directors and Chiefs and workers for continuing to work during this time. Thanked everybody for continuing to work and welcome back.

Shows – stated she wanted to thank John Tawney for joining us and serving on the new board. Also thank you to Chief Sweigert and his department with the house fire last week. It shows how our community comes together. The quick action of the fire department made it not as bad as it could have been. Thank you everyone for attending this evening.

Weirick – nothing further tonight.

Mayor – please stay in your cars during the Memorial Day Parade. Safe distancing. Be a part of the parade!

Approval of Voucher #'s 12253 thru 12300 and Memo Expense #'s M42106 thru M52003. Williams moved to approve, all yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

a. **Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation with Legal Counsel, the Compensation of Public Employee and for the Hiring and Firing and Dismissal and Discipline of a Public Employee to Invite the Mayor, Law Director, Finance Director, City Manager and David Harvey – 7:43 p.m.** Weirick so moved. Shows seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 8:37 p.m.** Decker so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: - 8:38 p.m. Weirick moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council