

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held May 22,

20 23

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 22, 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 Dave Williams followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

a. May 8, 2023 – Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

Rich Barnett – 43 Sheldon – commented that City Council does not have the power to remove the credit. Also inquired about the errors and omissions insurance. He would like answers. When will the City respond to the request for chickens? Also, he would like to know what fund the \$50,000.00 for litigation is coming out of. What is the cost to the citizens for the current litigation.

Tina McMillen -243 Ritter – inquired if the tax increase will be placed on every election. Why can't you make citizens forum interactive. She stated that she would like more voice.

Tara Boler – 8 Fairmont Avenue – stated that they are not being heard. They see or hear nothing happening. They are not getting honesty; they are not getting crystal clear answers on what they are spending money on. We are not getting any answers, not seeing any attempt from Council to curb some of the ridiculous spending that we have. Stop spending our money and tighten your belt like the rest of us did in order to get through this crazy economy.

Old Business

a. Ord. No. 8352 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Levying Special Assessments for the Eastern Road Improvement Project by Replacing the Existing Surface and Installing a New Surface with the Necessary Appurtenances Thereto. Third Readings. Ord. No. 8352 was read on third reading. Williams moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. Ord. No. 8355 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 193.081(a) City Residents Subject to Income Tax in Other Municipality of the Codified Ordinances. Second Reading. Ord. No. 8355 was read on second reading. Nelson moved to place on second. Cary inquired if the projected revenue was about the same as we were getting before. Bubb responded that it is a rough estimate because we haven't been on the 1% rate with the 1% credit long enough to establish the rate. Rita has done their best to give us a general idea of what that would be. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**

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New Business

a. **Motion to Accept the Resignation of John Tawney from the Board Zoning Appeals.** Wyatt so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Appoint Frank Clason to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Unexpired Term of John Tawney.** Nelson so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Res. No. 8356 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. 8356 was read on first reading. Shows moved to place on second. Bulp stated that this is for the fire fund; both fire and EMS funds have historically from time to time required transfers from the general fund. Property tax levies that fund those funds simply don't cover the whole amount. It is standard and not abnormal for the general fund to support special revenue functions. Park inquired if there was anything specific that happened that we need to make the adjustment. Bulp responded that the expenditures coming out for fire and EMS activities are not covered by the collections for EMS runs. The fire fund is all property tax and so the property taxes that come in are out based by the expenditures. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**

d. **Res. No. 8357 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Finance Director to Establish a Payroll Clearing Fund and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8357 was read on first reading, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Shows moved to suspend the rules. Williams inquired is this was an emergency. Bulp responded that it needs to be passed before the end of June. As we only have one meeting for the month of June, we could move it to second tonight then we would need to pass it at the next meeting. Carey inquired if this was record keeping to match up with Payroll Solutions that we will be using. It's not moving money anywhere. Bulp stated that all the money going into this fund is the money coming out for direct deposits and other payroll costs which we are already paying. Bulp stated it is not going to cost us money, it is not going to make us money. It is just a stopping point. Shows stated that it is part of the new transition of software that was obsolete. Upon roll call Shows - Yes, Williams - No, Nelson - Yes, Wyatt - Yes, Park - Yes, Carey - Yes and **motion carried.** Nelson moved to adopt. Williams stated that the research he did the money that goes into the "salary account", do we lose interest? That was one of the downfalls it says about these accounts is if that money is put in there, we could potentially lose interest. Bulp stated that if it were a different bank account that could be true. It is simply to move on the books. No money is changing hands. It is system stop point; it will zero out at the end of every payroll period. Williams stated that the article also said that one of the benefits is also a stopping point for fraud or security, to limit the amount of money if someone electronically tampered with it. Bulp stated the amount going into the fund is a very specific amount and it can be tied back to what the system said should be going out. It will also make reconciling the payroll activity much easier. It is just one fund you have to look at. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

City Managers Remarks

I spoke with Rich Schumacker, he is a resident of Rittman and he is going to serve on the Tax Review Board. According to the Codified Ordinances that doesn't have an ending term. He will join the other two members that Council chose. Also, if you haven't driven past 430 W. Sunset the house is down, the neighbors are thrilled and we appreciate everybody's effort that we have been working on, I understand for many years before I got here. The property owner still owns it. It is something that can be worked on with the landbank but the property owner has to be willing. Right now, the property is cleaned up,

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the trees are going to be trimmed as well and all of this is being assessed to the property owner.

Finance Director's Remarks

Regarding the Civil Service test for the officers, I want to point out that I worked with Chief Shows on this, he agreed to find other places in his budget to reduce expenditures in order to get these tests done, it is my understanding that we were at roughly ten part time offices this time last and we now have 4. If we want to keep people on road and keep everyone protected, we do need to do this. He did work with me on finding places to cut on the budget. Beshara stated that this is a list that we will have available for the next two years to hire from. And it is mandatory, we have to do it.

Council Remarks

Nelson – nothing tonight.

Park – nothing tonight.

Williams – thank you John Tawney for his service with the community, I hate to see him move and thanks to Mr. Clason for taking his role. I wanted to apologize to Chief Sweigert last I mentioned that he wasn't there for the Proclamation, it was my understanding that he wasn't aware that the Proclamation was being read. So, I apologize Chief and glad you are here tonight. Mr. Barnett would you please recite the Ohio Revised Code. I got 193.08. Mr. Barnett replied 193.081.

Wyatt – nothing tonight.

Carey – thank you Matt for clearing up the payroll clearing fund. I deal with things like that every day but not everybody does so it helped coming from you to explain it to everyone. Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight.

Shows – I also want to thank John Tawney. Having had all three of his children it is sad to see them go, but glad they are taking new opportunities. Thank him for his service and appointing Mr. Clason. I look forward to meeting with him and what he brings to the board. My last comment is the same as I have said the last three Council Meetings – school is out on Thursday. We are telling the kids every day to be careful, to be mindful. Traffic scares me to death and we try to drill that into the kids and make sure the adults are aware as drives. We have a lot new young drivers out with school letting out a lot of teens on the roadways as well.

Adjourn: 7:25 p.m. Shows moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**


Acting Mayor


Clerk of Council