

# AMENDED

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
SPECIAL MEETING  
VIA ZOOM  
May 28, 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

## Old Business

None

## New Business

**a. Workshop to Discuss Street Improvements.** Discussion was had on what streets in the City need to be repaired/replaced. Ronnie Portz with Engineering Associates assisted in the breakdown of the costs of the street repairs. The streets that were discussed were Krabill Road, Sterling Avenue, Grant Street, Front Street, Seneca Street and Erie Street. Conversation was had regarding the assessment split and the length of the assessment. Ken Mann assisted in the discussion with the cost and assessment. Also discussed was the waterline repair issues and how it impacts the street repair. It was also discussed as to what type of funding is available to implement these repairs. The discussion ended with the Finance Director stating he would look into the budget further and assess the availability of funds. Council also stated that they would look at the mentioned streets and recommend which one(s) they felt needed immediate attention.

**b. Motion to Extend the City Manager's Authority to Restrict and Close City Property or Public Areas through August 10, 2020 in Consultation with the Law Director and Council President.** Williams moved to approved. Discussion was had regarding allowing the City Manager to have this authority. The questions were asked why going through August when the Governor is opening up things now? The answer was that in case there is a spike and the Governor starts to close things again. It was asked couldn't they revisit if things started up again. The answer was for the sake of ease, that this way you wouldn't have to keep calling special meetings. The City Manager, along with the Law Director and the Council President, could make this decision. It was also stated that this authority was originally granted until May 30 and Council thought that was long enough. It seems the Governor is taking actions necessary to get things opened and the City needs to follow some of those steps. If things move backwards all will be aware and be in tune with the Governor. There are meetings scheduled for June, July and August. Special meetings are scheduled quickly. What happens if the Council President doesn't agree with the City Manager? The City Manager stated a special meeting can be scheduled to discuss. She consulted with quite a few before closing the baseball field. Her job is to administer to the Government of the Municipality. She stands behind her decision and believes that it is the right thing for the community. The Rec Center will be reassessed on June 14. If there is a spike or we run out of cleaning products we need to be able to address this. Hopefully there will be no other big changes. With a possibility of an upswing the City Manager is looking at the overall good of the community. There were issues concerning if this Authority was issued in consideration of the State of Emergency Ordinance and if not extended would we lose our FEMA funding? This issue is being looked into. The City Manager requested that

the authority be granted until June 8. Motion was made by Weirick to amend the motion to read: **Motion to Extend the City Manager’s Authority to Restrict and Close City Property or Public Areas through June 8, 2020 in Consultation with the Law Director and Council President.** Upon roll call, Decker – No, Weirick – Yes, Nelson – No, Williams – Yes, Shows – Yes, Carey - Yes and **motion carried.**

c. **Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation with Legal Counsel and for the Hiring, Firing, Dismissal and Discipline of a Public Employee and to Invite the Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, City Manager and Jeromy Iosa – 8:20 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 – 9:06 p.m.** Weirick so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Beshara stated that prior to adjourning we want to address an issue that came up and I want to say that we discovered a potential discrepancy with our payroll process early on during the Coronavirus Pandemic. The discrepancy in scheduling hours worked was handled immediately with the effected departments We are satisfied with the outcome and we continue to monitor to ensure there are no further issues.

**Adjourn: 9:07 p.m.** Williams moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**