

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 13, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Chuck Wyatt, Ken Park, Amanda Nelson, Dave Williams, Josh Carey and Melissa Shows

Members Absent: None

Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Pastor Clark Genet followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2022

Williams so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

Doug Stewart – 152 Matthew Drive - stated that the City Income Tax should not be increased. Students who are away at college who have jobs, are subject to the Rittman Income Tax even though they do not live in Rittman during the school year. Would retirement or 401k's be subject to the increase and last, the rec center should be open one day a month for kids who cannot afford to purchase a membership.

Old Business

a. **Ord. No. 8296 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 735.05 Affidavit Required of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading.** Ord. No. 8296 was read on second reading. Shows moved to place on third, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Res. No. 8297 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Designating an Additional "Community Reinvestment Area" as Permitted in Section 3735.66 of the Ohio Revised Code. Second Reading.** Res. No. 8297 was read on Second reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Nelson moved to adopt upon roll call Wyatt – Yes, Park – Yes, Nelson- Yes, Williams – Yes, Shows – Yes, Carey – Abstain and **motion carried.**

c. **Res. No. 8299 A Resolution of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Provisions of the Municipal Income Tax Ordinance to Provide for a Permanent Increase in the Amount of One-Half Percent (.5%) in the Income Tax Rate Effective January 1, 2023, for the Purposes of General Municipal Operations of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading.** Res. No. 8299 was read on second reading. Wyatt moved to place on third. Williams inquired what the other community rates were. Carey responded that the majority were lower than 2%. Beshara stated that this would generate approximately a half million dollars. Discussion was held regarding reducing the credit by .5%. Bulp stated that he would look into it with RITA. There was also discussion regarding what funds could receive revenue increase. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Ord. No. 8300 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8258, as Amended According to the Attached Sheets(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8300 was read on first reading. Carey moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Shows moved to adopt. William inquired if the \$30,000.00 expense in fund 600 water and 650 sewer for water meter replacement was for meters that have been malfunctioning. Beshara advised yes. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Res. No. 8301 A Resolution of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Expressing the Intent of the City of Rittman to Sell Personal Property, Including, but not Limited to Vehicles, Equipment, Tools and Supplies that are no Longer Needed for Public Use, or are Obsolete, or Unfit for the Use for Which they were Acquired by Internet Auction in Accordance with R. C. 721.15, and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8301 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Shows moved to adopt. Wyatt inquired where the funds go when we sell these items. Bubp stated it is deposited into the fund it was purchased from. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Ord. No. 8302 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 107.04 Bidding of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8302 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Shows moved to adopt. Discussion was held regarding the need for this legislation. It is to amend bidding requirements for professional services and other items and specialized services. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

City Managers Remarks

William J Robertson Nature Preserve Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Thank you to everyone who made our Ribbon Cutting ceremony such a great success. We couldn't ask for a more perfect day to welcome our citizens to this absolutely beautiful nature preserve. Thank you to Verdantes (formerly Hull and Associates) and Haynes Construction. It was a pleasure working with these professionals who truly were dedicated to this Rittman project.

This grand opening could not have been accomplished without our directors and staff, Garrick, Christian and Chuck. They knocked it out of the park and we are forever grateful to their efforts in working on all the minute details that were so important to this opening. To our mayor and his volunteer group, without you, this would not have been a reality and to Council and all of our departments, thank you for your support,

Salt Street Repairs - As the city has acquired a new drag paver, Don Rediger, our Service Department Supervisor his staff will work on road repairs on Salt Street on Friday, June 24th. The repairs will begin near Aqua Clear and head down to Morning Star. We hope this work greatly improve this part of Salt Street. Buck and I met with Michael Boyle of Morton Salt and Buck also met with Dave Kovacs of Aqua Clear in light of this repair work and how it will impact traffic throughout the day.

Road Resurfacing - The resurfacing of Eastern, S. Main and E. Ohio will begin on August 1st. All roads will remain open and traffic will be controlled with as little disruption as possible. Please share this information with your constituents as before you know it,

August will be here. A letter will be handed out or mailed to all property owners affected and posted on our website and Facebook. This work will take 4-6 weeks.

Meeting regarding proposed Splash Pad - Garrick and I have begun the process of discussing a splash pad for our residents to enjoy. There will be much more information in the near future and I will ask for Council's involvement over the next several months.

Williams inquired if when doing Salt Street with the drag paver, is it going to be a section at a time or will it be milled down? Lengacher responded they will try to mill the worst areas. The rest will be patches for right now. We will see how this works.

Finance Director's Remarks

Nothing tonight. Just a reminder that the Capital Plan Meeting is June 30, 2022.

a. **Approval of Financial Report for May, 2022.** Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Council Remarks

Williams – thank you Doug for sharing your thoughts on the taxes and rec center. Chief Shows as a first responding chief, we have all seen what happened in Texas and the response time, maybe you could help us understand on how you approach first responder trainings. Maybe that's a future discussion. Chief Shows stated that there is a safety plan with the school. It covers evacuations, safe places, where different agencies coming in to help respond and stage. We keep Officer Covil highly trained in the current events. He spends time in the schools. We do have radios in the school that monitor everything going on in the county. Shows stated that there is also extensive trainings with the staff. A lot of it is kept undisclosed because we don't want everyone knowing what the plan is. As a staff member I feel very well trained.

Nelson – I want to say how good Rotary Park looks since we did the clean up and I noticed mulch and the tree is down.

Wyatt – nothing tonight.

Park – nothing tonight, thanks.

Carey – nothing further tonight.

Shows – I want to echo and thank Doug for coming and bringing his concerns, it is good to hear from the citizens. I want to thank everybody that worked so hard to get the nature preserve open, all the volunteers to Garrick and Moose and their crew. Unfortunately, Chief Shows and I were out of town for a family emergency, but everyone I talked to said it was very well received. I love seeing all the positive remarks. I think all of our parks are looking great this year.

Mayor Robertson – I want to mention the Wooster Hope Center had a food giveaway on Friday and it went really well. Approximately 60 – 70 people picked up boxes. They are going to try to do this the second Friday of every month in front of Anchor Heating and Plumbing at 3:00 p.m.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 15759 thru 15896 and Memo Expense #'s M52201 thru M52217.** Williams moved to approve, upon roll call Park – Yes, Shows – Yes, Williams – Yes, Wyatt – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Carey – Yes and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to go Into Executive Session in Accordance with ORC 121.22 to Consider the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Discipline, Promotion, Demotion or Compensation of a Public Employee or Official and to Invite the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director, Law Director and Mike Brown – 7:46.** Shows so moved. Williams seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

c. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 8:12.** Carey so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: 8:13 p.m. Wyatt moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council