

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Amanda Nelson, Josh Carey, Dave Williams, Philip Decker and
Melissa Shows
Members Absent: Leah Weirick
Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

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

Oath of Office

a. Howard R. McComas, II to Rittman Police Department Sergeant – Oath administered by Mayor William Robertson.

Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2021

Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2021

Williams moved to approve, upon roll call Williams – Abstain, Shows – Abstain, Nelson – Yes, Carey – Yes, Decker - Yes and **motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2021

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

Citizens Forum

William Snow from Stouffer Realty and John Meech attended to discuss Mr. Meech's property on E. Ohio Avenue which is for sale by Mr. Snow. They would like the use changed in the Zoning Code so that they can add storage units back into the allowed use. They also would like the City to refrain from stating that the property once was the City dump to those who call regarding the property.

Old Business

a. **Ord. No. 8244 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Chapter 991.01 Markers and Monuments to Create Paragraph € of the Codified Ordinances. Second Reading.** Ord. No. 8244 was read on second reading. Nelson moved to place on third, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Ord. No. 8246 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 171.54 Holidays of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. First Reading.** Ord. No. 8246 was read on first reading. Shows moved to place on second. Williams inquired what the history was; why aren't all of the Federal Holidays included in the holiday schedule. Beshara felt that at least one Federal holiday should be included. Beshara stated she can look into it. Bubb

stated with his experience with working with a bunch of different entities, mostly they have all Federal holidays off. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

b. **Ord. No. 8247 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 735.06 (b) License Issuance; Effective Period; Fee of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. First Reading.** Ord. No. 8247 was read on first reading. Shows moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

c. **Res. No. 8248 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8248 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Shows moved to adopt. Beshara stated this is for W. Ohio in 2023. We believe that we are in a good position to receive extra grant dollars which will make this close to 100% for W. Ohio. The timing of AMATS funding and OPWC funding did not allow us to do the 2022 projects. Williams stated that the road doesn't seem really bad. Sometimes things are just a matter of timing of when we can get a grant. I'd hate that we would pass it up because we don't think it needs it but at the same, if it comes back around and we don't have it, you're kind of stuck in the middle. Lengacher stated that he thinks part of it was resurfaced 17 years ago. Beshara stated that we can only get Federal dollars for Federal roads that they identify. Bulp stated that there are several roads that will get done before that one. It's not that that is the next one that we are doing. Mayor Robertson stated that only four roads qualify for this grant – Ohio, Eastern, Sunset and Main. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

d. **Res. No. 8249 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Determining that the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser Owned by the City of Rittman is no Longer Needed for Municipal Purposes and Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Solicit Bids for its Sale Required by Law and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8249 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Nelson moved to adopt. Beshara stated that there was local interest on this vehicle, and that's why we were not using Gov. Deals. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

e. **Ord. No. 8250 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8200, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8250 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Williams moved to adopt. Bulp stated that if you add up all the general fund changes, they net to zero. It is that time of year, where we have spent all, we are going to spend on certain line items. I can only move within departments, so this is a way to reorganize where we need the money without adding it to the appropriation. Williams inquired if this was a new way of doing things. Bulp stated he can't speak as to how it was done before, there was differing opinion on what constitutes a separate department. Legally I can move between themselves and only within the same object code. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

f. **Res. No. 8251 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Estimating the Amount of Active, Interim and Inactive Deposits to be Awarded, Fixing the Period of Designation and Date of Awarding and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8251 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Williams moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

g. **Res. No. 8252 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Stating to the Wayne County Commissioners Pursuant to Revised Code Section 709.031 the Services the City of Rittman Would be able to Provide for Territory Located Outside the City of Rittman in Chippewa Township upon it being Annexed into the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8252 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Nelson moved to adopt. Nelson inquired what this was referring to. Simpson stated that in order to annex into the City we have to let the County know that we have the ability to take on the services that area would require. It is just one small parcel of land so it isn't an issue. Upon roll call Williams – Yes, Shows – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Carey – Abstain, Decker - Yes and **motion carried**.

City Manager's Remarks

OPWC grant opportunity: Josh Slaga of GPD applied for an additional grant through OPWC, on behalf of the city, in the amount of \$104,943 for W. Ohio resurfacing, between Metzger Avenue and Main Street. This is a 2023 project. The total estimated project cost is \$534,215 of which 80% will be funded through AMATS. Josh feels we are in a good position to receive the additional grant money through OPWC.

Representative Gonzalez office: Mike Cunningham, Federal Grants Advocate and Policy Advisor of Rep. Gonzalez office will be here on Tuesday, September 14th to discuss federal infrastructure grant opportunities. Josh Slaga of GPD will also be attending the meeting.

Waterline replacement: Sealed bids for the Grant, State and Seneca waterline replacement program will be read at noon on September 28th at City Hall. The bid announcement has been submitted to the Daily Record in accordance with our bid requirements. Paving will be advertised at a later date for Grant Street. That funding is through OPWC and will be completed in spring of 2022.

Capital Improvement plan: Department directors and chiefs have worked through our tentative capital improvement project schedule for 2022 along with a five-year projection. We have not finalized our plans yet but under Matt Bulp's direction, we will do our best to position ourselves for projects that are of the most importance to the city. There will be more to come on the capital improvement plan in the very near future.

Parks: Thank you to our Service Department for completing work on 3rd Street Park and Washington Park. New equipment has been installed at 3rd Street Park and new mulch and a border were installed at Washington Park. Also, Garrick and Moose power washed the fence at Washington Park, so a big thank you to both of them.

Nature Preserve: The William J. Robertson Nature Preserve is looking great and construction is scheduled to be completed on time. As the Nature Preserve isn't open to the public just yet, please contact the mayor, Garrick or Moose for a ride through the park, unless you are a Saturday morning volunteer, then you know how great it is looking!

FEMA grant for the Fire Department: The city was awarded an \$80k grant for the installation of a vehicle exhaust system for our fire station. The system will cost approximately \$85,000. This exhaust system is extremely important in the help of the removal of exhaust carcinogens. Thank you to Andy Baillis and Chief Sweigert for the work on the application of this grant.

Executive Session: One will be for purchase of property and also to discuss compensation of a public official.

Finally, Trick or Treat will be held this year on Saturday, October 30th from 4-6 PM.

Finance Director's Remarks

Nothing tonight.

a. **Approval of Financial Report for July, 2021.** Williams moved to approve, upon roll call Decker – Yes, Show – Yes, Carey – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Williams – Yes and **motion carried.**

a. **Approval of Financial Report for August, 2021.** Shows moved to approve, upon roll call Decker – Yes, Show – Yes, Carey – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Williams – Yes and **motion carried.**

Council Remarks

Nelson – nothing tonight.

Shows – nothing tonight.

Williams – nothing tonight.

Decker – nothing tonight.

Carey – thank you to the Parks and Rec Department, for continuing to work on the parks. Third Street is looking very nice and Washington is almost done, it looks very promising. Keep up the good work.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 14360 thru 14479 and Memo #'s M72101 thru M72118.** Shows moved to approve, upon roll call Decker – Yes, Show – Yes, Carey – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Williams – Yes and **motion carried.**

b. **Approval of Voucher #'s 14480 thru 14632 and Memo #'s M82101 thru M82120.** Williams moved to approve, upon roll call Decker – Yes, Show – Yes, Carey – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Williams – Yes and **motion carried.**

c. **Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Compensation of a Public Official and Purchase or Sale of Property and to Invite the City Manager, Mayor, Law Director and Finance Director- 7:33 p.m.** Shows so moved, Williams seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

b. **Motion to Come out of Executive Session – 8:17 p.m.** Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

Adjourn: 8:18 p.m. Nelson moved to adjourn, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council