

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held September 25, 20 22

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 26, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Josh Carey

Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Dave Williams followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes -September 26, 2022 – Wyatt so moved, upon roll call Williams – Yes, Park _ Yes, Shows – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Wyatt - Yes and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

None

Old Business

a. **Ord. No. 8314 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 735.06 License Issuance; Effective Period; Fee of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. Second Reading.** Ord. No. 8314 was read on second reading. Shows moved to place on third, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Motion to Approve a Conditional Sign Permit for Angela Vega, His & Her Comic Shop, LLC, 10 S. Main Street.** Angela Vega and Jessica Parobecek attended to get a conditional sign permit to replace the old “Bert’s” pole sign with a new logo for Creative Images and His and Hers Comic shop. They are going to share the sign and the cost of the sign. They will submit the final drawing with the City Manager. Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord No. 8315 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. 8315 was read on first reading. Shows 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.**

c. **Res. No. 8316 A Resolution Accepting the amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8316 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules. Nelson inquired what this was regarding? Bup responded that this needs to be done every year, it’s certifying the tax levy rates. Park inquired if anything had changed? Bup stated no, no levies have fallen off. There is really nothing we can do if we disagree with any of the rates. There is no reason to disagree, they haven’t changed. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Shows moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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City Managers Remarks

Beshara stated she signed the purchase and sale agreement between the Rittman Community Improvement Corporation and ABC Railway. That's the property that the City owned for many years, S. Main to Eastern Road. We worked with the railroad, we wanted to cut out the Depot and make sure that the Depot stayed in the CIC, so that they wouldn't do anything to that building. The CIC will receive \$25,000.00, and it is very appreciative that this finally handled and taken care of.

Joan and I met with a representative from a company called DNS about getting new microphones for this room. We will be able to take them to the new building as well. These are very old and antiquated. We will need an appropriation for that at the next meeting, it will be approximately \$2,000.00. They will be gooseneck microphones and replace where there is one now. We are getting to the point that this is going to go down and there will be nothing in place.

Govdeals has been good to us. We sold the SWAT vehicle for \$6,700.00 and today a man and his girlfriend came in town from Colorado and are on their way driving it back. We also sold a roller. We got about \$1,700.00 for that.

Williams inquired if the microphones would be touch to talk. Beshara responded that you do not have to push to talk, but you can turn them off.

Williams inquired if ABC is going to fix the Eastern Road crossing. Beshara responded that they did not indicate anything regarding this.

Finance Director's Remarks

Nothing tonight.

Council Remarks

Nelson – the Chamber has the pot decorating contest coming up, the last day to register is the 30th. I'll then assign pots and decorating can start next week. This is open to anyone, not just businesses. I am working with Salt and Honey, they are doing a Pink Friday event, they are going to have a coffee truck coming November 18 and 19. They are wanting to make sure that it is ok to have the coffee truck in the street in front of the store. Beshara advised to tell them to contact the Police Department and let them know what it going on. Mayor Robertson inquired if the tree decorating will happen again this year. Nelson responded that we were able to use the hill this year.

Williams – thanks Jessica and Angela, its always good to see improvement. There are other communities going through some of the same downtown distress that we do. They decorate the windows or at least cover them with paper. I didn't know if we could use the windows for advertising for other local businesses, for window decoration or to make them look more filled. Beshara responded that that would fall under the sign permits. Wayne County Children's Services sent a representative to the S.A.L.T. meeting last Monday and they talked about their levy. I'd encourage people to educate themselves about the levy and the importance of they levy. I worked for Children's Services for seven years out of college and it's the hardest job I have ever had. It deals with the most vulnerable population we have. I'd like for people to consider voting and supporting the Children's Services levy.

Wyatt – I don't have anything this evening.

Park – nothing tonight, thanks.

Shows – the library ribbon cutting is Friday at 11:00. We all received emails encouraging us to come. There is no way I can be there, but getting the word out and getting as many in the community to attend. I know there will be refreshments, they have put a lot of work into it and glad to see the project taking off. We are still looking for a school crossing guard. Anybody wants to come up, the afternoon seems to be the most important. We don't have the staff in the building to do it, we have pulled Officer Covil to the corner and he is doing it for now. That creates backup at pickup because he directs the two lanes and with the construction so we are seeing a backlash with that. If you know anybody who wants two hours a day, send them to Bob. At this point we are trying to talk to high schoolers

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to see if we can get kids that need service hours, we will pay them for 2 hours. We are starting to see people reaching out for the holidays. Erika Galvin is our school social worker who helps coordinate all of those services. If you know anyone who is looking to make donations or adopt families, going through one central person tries to help reach as many families as we can. There is a coats for kids drive coming up, there is a lot of need this holiday season.


Beshara stated that there is a bid opening on October 3 for Krabill Road. Hopefully the bids are going to come in low enough that we will accept one of them. Williams inquired if it would be paved in the spring. Beshara stated that she wasn't sure when it would start. Williams inquired if we were going to contact Ryan Homes about that corner, I thought that was part of the deal that they would be responsible for it. Simpson stated that he is working with Mr. Hahn on that to get money to help pay for this.

a. Motion to go Into Executive Session in Accordance with ORC 121.22 to Discuss the Purchase of Property and to Invite the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director and the Law Director- 7:27 p.m. Shows so moved. Nelson seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

c. Motion to Come Out of Executive Session - 8.05 p.m. Nelson so moved, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

Adjourn: 8:06 p.m. Wyatt moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.


Mayor


Clerk of Council