

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Amanda Nelson, Dave Williams, Leah Weirick, Philip Decker, Josh Carey and Melissa Shows  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Presiding:** Mayor William Robertson

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

**Workshop**

**a. Discussion of the 5 Year Capital Plan.**

Discussion was held regarding the paving of city streets. Discussed was the cost, the grants available along with other avenues of payments. Also included in this discussion were the engineering costs. The Waste Water Treatment Plan upgrade was discussed along with the library renovations.

**Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2021**

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

**Citizens Forum**

None

**Old 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. Third Reading.** Ord. No. 8246 was read on third reading. Weirick moved to adopt, 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. Third Reading.** Ord. No. 8247 was read on third reading. Shows moved to adopt. Shows inquired if there was any feedback on this. Beshara responded that there was not. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**New Business**

**a. Motion to approve the 5 Year Capital Plan.** Williams moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**b. Res. No. 8255 A Resolution of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, to Accept the Annexation of James T. Reedy Part of Chippewa Township Containing Approximately 3.073 Acres of Land, and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8255 was read on first reading. Shows moved

to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Weirick moved to adopt, upon roll call, Decker – Yes, Weirick – Yes, Williams – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Shows – Yes, Carey - Abstain and **motion carried**.

c. **Motion to Correct Resolution 8158, Passed January 27, 2020 to Change the Name SPC 65, LLC to SCP 65, LLC due to a Typographical Error.** Weirick moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

d. **Motion to Approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule.** Shows moved to approve. Decker inquired if the floating holiday would be changed to personal days. The motion is approved as amended. Upon roll call Shows – Yes, Williams – No, Nelson – Yes, Decker – Yes, Weirick – Yes, Carey - Yes and **motion carried**.

### **City Manager's Remarks**

**GRANT, STATE, SENECA WATERLINE BIDS** - Bids came last week for the waterline replacement project however, before we announce the apparent lowest bidder, the Law Director will need to review the bid document. The engineer's estimate was \$519,500.00 and the bid came in approximately \$80,000 lower than the estimate.

**REVIEWS** - I have started reviews of directors and administrative staff. Annual reviews are important to any organization. Taking the time to review the job performance and workload, is an indicator of the health of the organization. It is also the perfect opportunity to find areas that need attention both in the staff and in the organization. I hope to complete this task within the next month.

**WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE SAMPLING:** The Ohio Department of Agriculture recently received federal funding to support wastewater SARS-CoV-2 surveillance in agricultural communities of Ohio. Mike Brown and I met with the program director and after our meeting agreed that we would participate in this study. There is no cost to the city and the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory will follow FDA-recommended protocols for sampling and testing of wastewater for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This information will be shared with the National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS) to aid in early detection of COVID-19, including detection of variants, within our community. We anticipate that this study will begin in January, 2022.

**THE FRIENDS OF THE WILLIAM J. ROBERTSON NATURE PRESERVE BOARD meeting:** The newly formed board met via Zoom last Thursday and it was a very productive meeting. This group of volunteers were chosen by Mayor Robertson (with feedback from Garrick and Moose). The board will help establish volunteer guidelines plus rules for the Preserve. The next meeting, which we will get out to the public for those interested in volunteering and attending this meeting, will be held on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Recreation Center. We will spread out so as to have a safe environment for the meeting.

### **Finance Director's Remarks**

I don't really have anything else to add tonight.

a. **Approval of Financial Report for September, 2021.** Shows moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

### **Council Remarks**

Carey – nothing tonight.  
Williams – nothing tonight.

Shows – I want to thank you for all the information and work on the roads. I see it constantly on Facebook, somebody complains, the roads end up in a comment somewhere. I appreciate you making that a priority because it has been neglected for so long. Also, all the work at the Nature Preserve and the parks, the mowing. I know it's been a lot of work on our people and they are doing it with grace and I appreciate it.

Nelson – I wanted to make sure everybody saw the downtown pots and how great they look. They all turned out really well. We will be judging them on October 23, which is the business Meet and Treat.

Decker – nothing tonight.

Weirick – nothing tonight.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 14633 thru 17494 and Memo #'s M92101 thru M92118.** Shows moved to adopt, upon roll call Shows – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Williams – Yes, Decker – Yes, Carey – Yes, Weirick - Yes and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Purchase or Sale of Real Property and to Invite the City Manager, Mayor, Finance Director and Law Director – 7:30 p.m.** Weirick moved so moved. Decker seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 7:48 p.m.** Nelson so moved, all Yeas and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: 7:49 p.m.** Carey moved to adjourn, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council