

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held January 9,

20 23

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Presiding:** Mayor William Robertson

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

**Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2022** – Shows moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

**Citizens Forum**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

a. **Ord. No. 8331 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 1163.16(b)(1) Accessory Uses of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. First Reading.** Ord. No. 8331 was read on first reading. Carey moved to place on second, discussion was held regarding the change and that the standard kits for storage sheds are bigger than the current ordinance allows. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 8332 An Ordinance of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio Opting out of HB 172 and Continuing to Ban the Discharge, Ignition or Explosion of Fireworks in the City of Rittman. First Reading.** Ord. No. 8333 was read on first reading. Shows moved to place on second, discussion was held regarding that it hasn't been a year since this ordinance was passed. Also discussed were the amount of complaint calls. Chief Shows stated that dispatch informed the caller that the police department would not respond to any of the calls due to the fact that the fireworks were legal. Additional discussion was held regarding the number of calls City Hall received after the holiday and it was indicated by members of Council that the residents should make sure that they are shooting off fireworks safely and within the distance recommended for safety, and we are still only asking for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, nothing else. Upon roll call Williams – Yes, Park – Yes, Shows – Yes, Wyatt – Yes, Carey -Yes, Nelson - No and **motion carried.**

c. **Ord. No. 8333 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio Authorizing the City of Rittman to Join the Community University Education Purchasing Council of Government. First Reading.** Ord. No. 8333 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

d. **Res. No. 8334 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the City of Rittman to Join the Community University Education Purchasing Council of Government. First Reading.** Res. No. 8334 was read on first reading. Wyatt moved to place on second. Beshara stated that this is standard procedure. Further discussion was held regarding the program, the fees

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associated and looking into getting information on other services offered. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

e. **Res. No. 8335 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Advertise for and Accept Bids for a Vehicle Exhaust Removal System of the Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading.** Res. No. 8335 was read on first reading. Shows moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

## **City Managers Remarks**

**Utility Payment Processing Update** - The Utilities Department is happy to report that as of today, we have approximately an additional 100 residents/businesses who signed up for the free utility payment processing that we offer. With our recent efforts through our water bill enclosure and messaging on social media, it is paying off for our citizens as it is easy to sign up which saves our residents the cost of stamps or interest fees when paying online. This is a direct withdrawal from their checking accounts monthly. Please remind your constituents to visit our website under forms for this easy payment process.

**WJR Nature Preserve Grant** - Thank you to Parks and Recreation Director, Garrick DiSalvo for securing a Nature Preserve grant through First Energy for a bike rack to be placed at the Preserve. This will be an excellent addition to our Nature Preserve and we are extremely grateful for our relationship with Amy Hopkins and First Energy.

**FEMA Grant Exhaust System Legislation** - This legislation is on for first reading. Congratulations to Chief Sweigert for securing \$80,900 through a FEMA Firefighter's Assistance Grant. Diesel emission is a known carcinogen and has been known to cause heart disease and with this new exhaust system, it will help protect our firefighters from these cancer-causing fumes.

## **Finance Director's Remarks**

I am going to keep it very brief. We have successfully closed the 2022 year and the 2023 budget year is underway. We are now working on the 1099's and W-2's. CMI needs to update before we can do that. I want to thank Shelley, she has been really great in getting the payroll taken care of with the roll over to the new year. The first payroll is often pretty difficult.

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

## **Council Remarks**

Nelson – I want to say thank you to the service guys for fixing my lights in front of my building promptly. We had some issues. Last week someone got into our fuel tank and stole fuel. A week before that they syphoned out of trucks and today Simonson had a dump truck syphoned. Hopefully the lights being back on will help.

Park – nothing tonight.

Williams – nothing tonight.

Wyatt – nothing tonight.

Carey – nothing tonight.

Shows – nothing tonight.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 16813 thru 16966 and Memo Expense #'s MD2201 thru MD2222.** Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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**Adjourn: 7:26 p.m.** Carey moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**



Acting Mayor



Clerk of Council