

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014#

Held February 13,

20 23

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Ken Park, Mayor William Robertson

Presiding: Council President Melissa Shows

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

Approval of Minutes

a. **January 9, 2023** – Wyatt moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **January 23, 2023** – Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Workshop

a. **Thomas Ballinger – Candidate for Wayne County Sheriff.** Mr. Ballinger shared his political platform for Wayne County Sheriff. Mr. Ballinger stated that he graduated from Smithville and currently lives in Orrville. Mr. Ballinger served in the United States Army for seven years and obtained the rank of staff sergeant and is currently a police officer in Copley. Mr. Ballinger stated that his mission is to increase the number of patrol units on the roadways for quicker response time and stronger community policing. Continue to develop the relationship with the WCSO and community mental health organizations to ensure individuals receive the treatment needed. Work with the courts, commissioners, and probation to re-instate the Discipline and Rehabilitation Center (DRC). Strengthen the relationship with school districts and law enforcement through regular interaction and collaboration. Continuously obtain grants and federal funding to help provide new and updated equipment, training for all the deputies, drug enforcement, education and school safety programs. And establish a county-wide juvenile diversion program that promotes responsible behavior while keeping youths away from the juvenile court system.

Citizens Forum

Rich Barnett – 43 Sheldon Street – stated that the approval of the January 30 meeting are not on tonight's agenda, will that be addressed at the next meeting. He wants to see the answers to the questions asked. Many were left unanswered. Are attachments available to see on ordinances?

Tina McMillan – 243 Ritter – would like to see the whole ordinance to know what is being talked about.

Tara Boler – 8 Fairmont – wants to know what cuts the City is planning on making. Also wants to know why not use the City Charter over Ohio Revised Code. City Charter is three years, not one year, plus interest. We want answers, when are we going to get answers from City Council? We asked a lot of questions that answers were not available. Now we want answers.

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Old Business

a. **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.** Tabled. Nelson made the motion to remove from the table, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**

a. **Ord. No. 8333 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 745.02 Regulations of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman.** Third Reading. Ord. No. 8333 was read on third reading. Nelson moved to adopt. Nelson stated that there was a question on what this was for, it is to get rid of garage sale permits. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **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.** Third Reading. Res. No. 8334 was read on third reading. Williams moved to adopt. Shows explained what this Resolution is for. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Motion to Approve the Designation of Farmland in an Agricultural District for KNTR Ltd. for the Parcel No. 63-03398.000.** Nelson moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 8342 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8318, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency.** Three Readings. Ord. No. 8342 was read on first reading. Carey moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Wyatt moved to adopt. Williams inquired if the MS4 Permitting Services for the storm sewer is something that we have to contract out because we don't have license to do it? Beshara stated it is contracted out because we need engineers to guide us through it. Williams inquired if it was mandated by EPA? Beshara stated that it is. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Ord. No. 8343 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Solicit Bids for Replacement of the City's Main Transmission Waterline and Declaring an Emergency.** Three Readings. Ord. No. 8343 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Wyatt moved to adopt. Beshara stated moving ahead with this will give us the opportunity to get bids back. She is not sure if the City will be able to start this this year, but hopefully we will. You have to follow all of EPA protocols. Williams inquired where the pipe replacement would be. Mike Brown responded from the Water Plant down 504 on the south side of the road to Rittman Road to the cemetery. He is hoping the water quality improves and won't have to us as much chlorine. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

City Managers Remarks

Sergeant Miller is retiring from full time at the City of Rittman. We are hoping that he decides to come back part time. February 14, Valentine's day, is his last day. Dave started full time with the City in 2007. In 2017 Dave was promoted to Sergeant. Numerous times Dave was named the Rittman Police Department Officer of the Year, which is quite an honor as you were chosen by your peers. Also, you have been very instrumental in training our K-9's and the K-9 program. Also, thank you for your service in the Army.

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There are many other achievements of Sergeant Miller and he has aspired do on behalf of the City of Rittman and for the citizens. For that we want to thank you very much and wish you the very best in your retirement. Dave thanked everyone. He has enjoyed working in Rittman and will miss parts. The City of Rittman has given him a lot, but it is time to retire. Chief Shows stated that the flag folded in the case in Council Chambers was carried by Sergeant Miller when he was serving overseas. He brought the flag back and presented it to Council. Shows stated that when she started with the Police Department in 2008 Dave was deployed. He did a full deployment in Iraq and then came back to work for us full time when he returned.

Beshara also thanked Council for the approval of the CUE and the Waterline. Also wants to remind everyone that the offices are closed on February 20, 2023 for President's Day. We had the state of the City last week, it was a great event. Thank you, Amanda, and everyone who showed up. I think there were about 75 – 80 people. I also want to thank Council for your hard work, Matt and Matt and our office staff as we have been going through this income tax issue. It has been very difficult and stressful; it's something that none of us has expected to encounter. I appreciate your faith in me and bringing it forward and sending to our citizens because it wasn't an easy task, so thank you.

Finance Director's Remarks

None

a. Approval of Financial Report for January, 2023. Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Council Remarks

Nelson – thank you to everyone who came to the Chamber sponsored and paid for event on Thursday. We had a really good turnout and we recognized some great community citizens that do a lot for our community. White Timbers is always a good host; Peggy is amazing.

Williams – I'd like to thank Mr. Ballinger for coming and speaking to us and letting us know a little bit more about you and your platform. Thank you to Sergeant Miller for his service and thanks to everybody who came out tonight and asked questions. I appreciate knowing what is concerning to you and how we can address your concerns.

Wyatt – thank Sergeant Miller for his service and his ticket he wrote me years ago. Mr. Ballinger for coming in and for the Prosecutor and all you guys that came in. Trust me, I am really going through my mind what can be done going down the road. Thank you for coming.

Carey – thank you Sergeant Miller for his service, for all the years that he has been here and to congratulate him on his retirement. Thank you again Mr. Ballinger for coming and answering some questions. Some of them not so easy, I'm guessing. Thank you to all the citizens for coming out today with their questions and concerns.

Shows – echo everybody's thanks. Dave has always been a very special friend to me. I started working with him in 2008, worked with him for 10 years in dispatch. The value he has added to the City is unprecedented. On a side note that as sad as we are to see him leave and go off to new ventures, we were able to hire a full time replacement from our part time staff. Dan Kopinsky joined the Police Department full time last week so we welcome him. He has already been making a name for himself as a part timer working very hard for us and Doylestown. Now he will be full time for us. Welcome him aboard. Again, to the citizens, thank you for coming. The full copies of the legislation are available on rittman.com website. We will look to see if we can make them more prominent, but they are all there. As far as our minutes go, we typically approve them at the next meeting. Being that we were two behind because of the holidays and what not, the January 30 meeting will be at our next meeting at the end of the month. Thank you all for coming and your time.

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a. Approval of Voucher #'s 16967 thru 16966 and Memo Expense #'s MD2201 thru MD2222. Carey moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: 7:51 p.m. Nelson moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**


Acting Mayor


Clerk of Council