

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING via Zoom
Monday, April 27, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2020

Williams moved to approved. Decker stated that he gave the invocation, approval as amended. All Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

None

Old Business

a. **Ord. No. 8164 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and Sate of Ohio, Amending Section 971.07 Water from Hydrants of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. Third Reading.** Ord. No. 8164 was read on Third reading. Weirick moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Ord. No. 8170 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8141, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8170 was read on first reading. Weirick 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.**

b. **Res. No. 8171 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman. Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manage to Declare a State of Emergency Due to the Public Health Crisis Created by Covid-19 and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8171 was read on first reading. Williams moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Weirick moved to adopt as amended to correct typo's. Discussion was had about the Government requirements and the use of Government Guidance. It was also noted that if the State of Emergency ends, Council will be notified. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

City Manager's Remarks

City Manager Beshara stated that last week she signed documents with the PUCO for natural gas to renew the certificates. She will check on when the electric expires. She also signed documents with VERDE on installation of the solar panels to power the Waste

Water Treatment Plant. She will keep Council informed on dates of installation and the timeframe. The staff continue to work from home however, office staff is alternating days in the office. We are working on a gradual transition to bring people back to work. Virtual reading under the lights will be this Friday, May 1.

Discussion was had on working on plans for the nature preserve with doing walk throughs and getting Council and community involvement. September is the timeframe to sign final bid documents.

Ronnie Ports from Engineering Associates spoke on the estimates he submitted for paving of Sterling & Erie. Also, Krabil, Front, Grant and Seneca. Discussion was had on which streets were to be done and what the assessments would be. Also discussed was the budget and loans for the project. There was also discussion on paving streets and then having to replace waterlines. More discussion will be held at the next Council meeting.

It was also noted that the parks will remain closed until further notice.

Finance Director's Remarks

Finance Director Bubp stated that he is looking into possible FEMA reimbursements for COVID related expenses. He is also working with the City Manager getting insurance quotes.

Council Remarks

Carey – thank you to all of the departments for your hard work during this time. They are doing a great job.

Shows - mentioned Ron Woodward and the work that they doing at the Server. They picked up the brunt of feeding the kids and families from the school. The school is doing the school lunches Monday through Friday. The Server has picked up the weekends and the food pantry encouraging people to share. Thank you for their hard work as well as the men and women that work for the City.

Williams – stated he is really proud, and works in other municipalities with his daytime job. Our city has done a wonderful job. Our workers have done well with doing business as usual in such a strange time. Also appreciates the unity that the community is showing and helping each other out. All of the department heads, I couldn't be prouder of our community.

Nelson – everyone is doing a great job. I think we are doing good compared to some other cities around us.

Decker – nothing else to add.

Weirick – nothing further, thank you.

Mayor Robertson – working on putting out the next video about the Nature Preserve. I want to make it clear that the grant money is to only be used for that nature preserve and not roads. I would like a lot of feedback from the community. I am taking anyone who wants to go on out on tours in groups of 6 – 8 people for an hour or two. I would like Council to also to come out whenever they want to look around. So far, I have taken about 35 people on the tour. We have found a very large beaver colony and there are several bird species.

Approval of Voucher #'s 12127 thru 12252 and Memo Expense #'s 0M04201 thru M42015. Weirick moved to approve, all yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

a. **Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation with Legal Counsel, the Compensation of Public Employee and for the Hiring and Firing and Dismissal and Discipline of a Public Employee to Invite the Mayor, Law Director, Finance Director, City Manager and David Harvey – 8:01 p.m.** Williams so moved. Shows seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 8:57 p.m.** Shows so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Motion to Approve a Salary Increase, Not to Exceed the Range in the Current Salary and Wage Ordinance, for the Deputy Treasurer of the City of Rittman to be Implemented Retroactively to January 1, 2020.** Nelson moved to adopt upon roll call Decker – Yes, Weirick – Abstain, Nelson – Yes, Williams – Yes, Shows – Yes Carey – Yes and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: - 8:59 p.m. Weirick moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council