

**RITTMA CITY COUNCIL – AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. April 10, 2023**
- 5. Citizens Forum**
- 6. Old Business**

None
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Ord. No. 8352 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Levying Special Assessments for the Eastern Road Improvement Project by Replacing the Existing Surface and Installing a New Surface with the Necessary Appurtenances Thereto. Three Readings**
 - b. Ord. No. 8353 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 and Emergency. Three Readings.**
- 8. City Manager's Remarks**
- 9. Finance Director's Remarks**
- 10. Council Remarks**
 - a. Motion to go into Executive Session – in Accordance with any Subject Under ORC 121.2 (if needed).**
 - b. Motion to Come out of Executive Session**
- 11. Adjournment**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held April 10, 2023

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 10, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Chuck Wyatt, Dave Williams, Josh Carey, Ken Park, Amanda Nelson and Melissa Shows
Members Absent: None
Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Chuck Wyatt followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

a. **March 27, 2023** – Nelson moved to approve, upon roll call, Williams – Yes, Park – Yes, Shows – Yes, Nelson - Yes, Carey – Abstain, Wyatt – Yes and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

Tara Boler – 8 Fairmont Avenue – stated that she is still waiting to hear if the insurance company is going to reimburse the tax issues and if a Resolution would be passed to make Citizens Forum interactive with the Council members. She also stated that there was a large pot hole on N. Main Street.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

City Managers Remarks

Police Department updates - The Police Chief, through approval from the Civil Service, will be conducting a promotional exam for a new Sergeant position and for a FT police officer position.

Fire Department update - The Fire Chief has conducted an interview, through an interviewing process, to promote an officer to an open part time captain position. Chief Sweigert will be making the announcement soon on who was selected.

Medway update - This year I am serving as Chair of the General Assembly of Medway. Chief Shows is serving as Chair of the Medway Governing Board. On Thursday, April 4th, the General Assembly approved the recommendation the Governing Board and selected Agent Josh Hunt as the new Medway Director. We wish Josh the very best in his new role and in working to control the drug problems in Wayne County.

May 6th Clean-up Day - Please help clean up Rittman on Saturday May 6th. We will meet at the Rittman Fire Department at 8:30 AM where maps, bags and gloves will be handed out. Coffee and donuts will be provided and then after working hard, hotdogs, soda and chips will be provided. This is a joint effort with the Rittman Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to seeing you there!

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NOPEC meeting - A NOPEC representative will be in Rittman at the Rittman Recreation Center on Wednesday, April 26th from 5PM-7:30 PM to discuss the gas aggregation program. This is NOPEC's natural gas enrollment mailing and they anticipate that Council or our residents may have questions. Virtual meetings are also available for those who cannot attend the in-person meeting at the Recreation Center.

Weight equipment Recreation Center - Our new weight equipment has been delivered and not only looks beautiful but is highly functional, as well, for our members. This equipment was purchased through ARPA funds so there is no cost to our citizens. Thank you to Garrick and Moose for their hard work on picking out the new equipment and to Council for approving this purchase. The used equipment was sent to Norwayne Schools, Rittman Schools and some pieces will be scrapped as they are no longer usable.

Finance Director's Remarks

Nothing tonight.

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

Council Remarks

Williams – thank you everyone for the turn out for all of the City events, Amanda's event. It's good to see the outpouring of the community and ask that people support the upcoming levy.

Carey – thank you to the fire department, the Chamber and the numerous churches and the volunteers for all of the Easter festivities for all of our kids the last couple of weekends that was a lot of fun for the little ones. Congratulations to the Recreation Center on their new equipment that they got with ARPA Funds. It's nice to see progress on the library, I know one little boy that can't wait until the new library opens.

Wyatt – nothing. Mr. Wyatt inquired from Tara Boler where the pot hole was.

Nelson – thank you to everyone who came out to the Easter Basket giveaway. We gave 300 baskets away in 30 minutes. People were lined up starting at 2:00 p.m. waiting on us to start at 3:00 p.m. We started promptly at 3 and it was 30 minutes and they were gone. They were lined up past the tracks and also down Grant Street. It's really nice to have people from out of town come in. Also, we are selling raffle tickets for the fireworks for Sleepwalker for a Blackstone Grill. They are available from Cali at So Cal, Kris at City Hall and myself have them available and the Rec Center. And we also are doing sponsorships and selling table tickets for our first annual Night at the Races for the Chamber of Commerce. That will be our main fundraising event. That will be held at Thunderhead Pines in Smithville. Also, May 6 is the Community Clean Up day. The City, Chamber and Fire Department are working together on this. Meeting at the Fire Department at 8:30 to get clean-up locations. There will be donuts and coffee and hot dogs and chips and water when finished.

Park – nothing to add to all the previous information.

Shows – thank you everyone. The only other thing I want to add is the weather sirens are not working. Is there any idea when they will be working? Chief Shows stated he is waiting on a quote. The problem is the radios that activate them from the water tower on DeCoursey are operating on the old City band frequency. When all our City trucks and equipment had radios in them. That frequency is over 30 years old and most radios are over 30 years old. We have unused VHF radios that were on the EMS frequency when EMS ran separate from the fire department. We are going to have those radios installed in each of the towers. This should fix the problem. Park stated that this was the second time he has heard that they haven't worked on the tests. Chief Shows responded that the last time some of them failed was a battery issue. Each siren has 4 8 cell marine batteries in them. Those batteries do need changed.

Beshara stated that they are outdoor weather warning sirens for when you are outside.

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Shows – we do have other ways to keep people informed on weather warnings. I see a lot of work going on at the baseball fields. The youth groups are getting really excited about nice weather and getting outside and practicing. I appreciate the work being done.

Mayor Robertson – inquired if the outdoor warning getting outdated, everybody has cell phones and it is more reliable. Chief Shows stated that they are here and he was instructed to fix them.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 17091, 17225 thru 17415 and Memo Expense #'s M32301 thru M32327.** Wyatt moved to approve, upon roll call Williams – Yes, Park – Yes, Shows – Yes, Wyatt – Yes, Care – Yes, Nelson - Abstain and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: 7:13 p.m. Wyatt moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 8352

Passed: _____, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 8352

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EASTERN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY REPLACING THE EXISTING SURFACE AND INSTALLING A NEW SURFACE WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE.

That the special assessments for the cost and expenses of the Eastern Road improvement project by planning and milling the existing asphalt surface and installing a new asphalt surface all together with the necessary appurtenances thereto, pursuant to Resolution No. 8278 adopted February 28, 2022, Resolution No. 8279 adopted February 28, 2022 amounting in the aggregate to \$63,717.99, which were filed and are on file with the Clerk of Council, are adopted and confirmed. Those special assessments are levied and assessed upon the lots and lands provided in the above Resolutions in the respective amounts set forth in the schedule of special assessments on file, which special assessments are prepared on a benefited lineal foot basis and are not in excess of any statutory limitations.

SECTION TWO.

That this Council finds and determines that, subject to any reduction required by statute, the special assessments are in the same proportion to the estimated special assessments as the actual cost of the improvement is to the estimated cost of the improvement as originally filed.

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SECTION THREE.

That the special assessment against each lot or parcel of land shall be payable in cash within thirty (30) days after the passage of this Ordinance, or at the option of the owner, in five (5) annual installments with interest at the same rate as borne by securities to be issued in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments. All cash payments shall be made to the Treasurer of this City. All special assessments remaining unpaid at the expiration of those thirty (30) days shall be certified by the Clerk of Council to the Wayne County Auditor as provided by law to be placed on the tax duplicate and collected as taxes are collected.

SECTION FOUR.

That the Clerk of Council shall deliver certified copies of this Ordinance to the County Auditor within twenty (20) days after its passage.

SECTION FIVE.

That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION SIX.

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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ORDINANCE NO. 8353

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.

WHEREAS, certain appropriations are necessary for the continued operations of Municipal Services; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will provide for the efficient and lawful appropriations to fund Municipal Services; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the city of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE.

That the annual Appropriation Ordinance is amended pursuant to the attached Exhibit "A".

SECTION TWO.

That a certified copy of this Ordinance be delivered to the Wayne County Auditor.

SECTION THREE.

That because of the immediate need for the appropriation of said funds, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health and safety and shall go into immediate force and effect upon its passage.

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Mayor

Attest:

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2023 APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT #5

Fund	Department	Amount	Description
100 General	Police	7,741	Civil Service Examinations and Benefit Buyback
100 General	Other	1,750	Real Estate Fees
100 General	Administration	(7,084)	Part-Time Salaries to be Unused
100 General	Service	277	Benefit Buyback
400 Capital Projects	Administration	12,395	Weather/Emergency Sirens
210 EMS	EMS	800	Overtime Pay