

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING -VIA ZOOM  
January 25, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

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

The invocation was given by Paster Bud Olszewski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2021.**

Nelson moved to approve. Williams stated that there was an error in his Council remarks. Motion amended to approve as corrected, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

**Citizens Forum**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

a. **Res. No. 8213 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Certifying that When a Municipal Obligation was Incurred Sums were Lawfully Appropriated in the Funds to Satisfy this Obligation According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8213 was read on first reading. Weirick moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.** Weirick moved to adopt. Williams inquired of Chief Shows if Lexipol was a license to continue the use of it. Shows replied that it was their policy of procedure manual, it's online and it also provides monthly training. All Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 8214 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8200 as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8214 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.** Decker moved to adopt, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Res. No. 8215 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Finance Director to Make Advances and/or Transfers to or from Appropriate Accounts. First Reading.** Res. No. 8215 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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

The Second Street waterline will be starting hopefully toward the end of the week. They are staging right now at Park Street Park with construction material. I don't know at this time how long the replacement of the lines will take, but Mike is here to answer any questions Council may have.

We continue to follow the governor's guidelines and curfews regarding all City functions and in regards to the Rec Center, those with a 24-hour pass are still unable to go in after 10 PM and before 5 AM. For the most part, Garrick has had few complaints. Also, the first Saturday in February is when the hours at the Rec Center will be extended and instead of closing at 12:30, the Rec Center will close at 2 PM. We were closing at 12:30 due to Covid but want to add more time gradually for our members.

The Mayor, Dave Williams, Matt Simpson, Matt Bulp and I will be on a call with Hull and Associates and the EPA Wednesday in regards to the driveway into the Nature Preserve on Rte. 57. The reason for the call is to further discuss the wetlands that we will have to work around in order to comply with the EPA regulations. More to come on that.

Also, we had a meeting with the Library last week and will have another meeting this Wednesday as we vet through the process of moving forward on the City Hall/Library construction. Due to various reasons and Covid being the biggest reason, these conversations stalled but we are very excited to get moving on this project.

The Nature Preserve is coming along and we will be going out to bid within the next two months. The mayor and his volunteers have done a great job of clearing and looking at the best place for a driveway entrance off of Project Area 2 (Morning Star entrance). If you get a chance, please take a walk on the property to see the work that's been done.

Williams inquired about the building next to BG's, has any progress been made on the siding? Beshara responded he was still waiting to get supplies to work on the building. I can check with Scott.

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

Getting through the various January deadlines. We are getting W-2's out to everybody this week. That's all I have.

### **Council Remarks**

Nelson – I want to let everyone know that the Chamber is planning on doing an Easter Event. Some of you may have gotten emails regarding this. We are looking for donations, we are not obviously not doing the Easter Egg Hunt this year, it is not safe enough. We don't think that is a good idea. We would like to do what we did last year, handing out candy in a controlled environment, masks, gloves, in a drive thru situation. We are looking to give out about 500 Easter Baskets this year. We don't want to bags of candy; we would like to do something a little bit better. Letters went out to all of Chamber Members and other businesses in the community. If you want to pass that information along to other people or civic groups or anybody that you might know that would want to contribute, donations can be dropped off at Prim and Proper, the Chamber Office, So Cal Salon and Greater Wayne Credit Union. That's monetary or if you want to donate candy or toys or whatever. We are looking to make it a little bit better than last year and still do the normalcy thing without it

being normal. The second thing is I just wanted to say that I know its winter and I know property maintenance is not in every body's mind right now. I am seeing a lot of cars parked in front yards. I just wanted to bring that up and just remind everybody, I know there's no real citizens here tonight, but just to keep it in mind that that's an ordinance and we are not allowed to park in front yards.

Williams – there are a couple of street lights out going out S. Main Street, south of the bridges. I know that our police like to patrol out there and I think that it would be ... and there are also a lot of pedestrians that walk from South Fork into town that way. Also, there are a lot of deer thru there. Maybe if we could make a priority to light that area up, I think it's also an introduction into the South end of town. It kind of sets the tone a little bit. If we could put that on the list. Lighting is key for good law enforcement and that could be the difference between a cell phone and a gun to decipher which is which. It's vital for police safety to have good lighting in those areas. I'll get with Kris about some other street lights around town, but otherwise, that's all I have.

Carey – other than just piggy backing a little bit on what Councilman Williams said, there are a lot of lights out, everywhere. I'm not sure where we are with Ohio Edison on getting some of those replaced. I have seen several people commenting that there's alley lights and things like that that are out. They don't feel that it is safe to go in the back, in their alleys at night. I'm not sure where we are with getting some of those replaced. That would definitely be good priority I think everywhere in addition to just S. Main Street. Other than that, I have nothing else, everybody be safe.

Decker – I have nothing else to add.

Shows – the only thing I have in mind this evening I had last time is that to put the word out to get citizens to sign up for their vaccine, especially our elderly community, those are still going on through the Wayne County, Ohio Health Department page. You can also sign up at Discount Drug Mart. We got a call last week for one of my family members to get that scheduled. It is moving in Wayne County and spread the word.

Weirick – nothing tonight.

a. **Approval Voucher #'s 13446 thru 13480 and Memo Expense #'s M12101 thru M12103.** Decker moved to approve, all Yea on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: 7:21 p.m.** Shows moved to adjourn, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council