

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, March 28, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Chuck Wyatt, Ken Park, Amanda Nelson, Dave Williams, Josh Carey 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 – March 14, 2022**

Williams so moved, upon roll call Williams – Yes, Park – Yes, Shows – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Carey – Abstain, Wyatt - Yes and **motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes – March 22, 2022 – Special Meeting**

Shows so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Citizens Forum**

None

**Old Business**

a. **Ord. No. 8281 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Purchase a Vactor 2110I Sewer Jet and Related Equipment from Jack Doheny Companies, Inc., of Twinsburg, Ohio for a Sum not to Exceed \$408,845.00 Pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act and Declaring an Emergency. Second and Third Reading.** Ord. No. 8281 was read on second and third reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Shows moved to adopt. all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 8282 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 171.55 Computation and Use of Vacation of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. Second Reading.** Ord. No. 8282 was read on second reading. Shows moved to place on third, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**New Business**

a. **Ord. No. 8284 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8258, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8284 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Nelson moved to adopt. Bub stated that for clarity the first two items are due to new employees in 2022. When you are budgeting for the next year even if you know you have open spots, it's hard to tell if they will be needed. The last one is we have about three years' worth of payments left on the

bonds for the dispatch equipment at the PD. Since we have the funds available right now it seems sensible to save the next three years of interest and pay it off. Williams inquired if we are considered back up for dispatch. Chief Shows stated that part of the agreement was they were going to keep a dispatcher here in Rittman for 40 hours a week. We haven't seen that yet. Covid was the main excuse and lack of employees. I am told that there at least two dispatchers in training and we will be getting one back on second shift soon. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

### **City Manager Remarks**

I have nothing to add, unless you have questions on what I sent you.

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

I would like to touch on that Bobbie & I successfully secured grant for a Transitional Work Program through the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. It is not an enormous amount, its roughly \$5,200.00, but it is 100% covering the development and implementation of a Transitional Work Program which is something that we really think that we should have had. Someone will be coming in and doing a deeper analysis of what everyone's jobs entail. If someone were to get injured, on the job or not, and the doctor says they can come back for light duty. We have a plan, there's a binder someone can look at and it says that person's position light duty is this. They can do it and get back faster. It reduces our lost time claims with BWC and it should theoretically lower our rates with BWC going forward and I think it is just a good thing to have in place. It is not going to be terribly intensive on our end. I am in the process of putting together a Transitional Work Committee and what it is going to entail. They have a layout on who should be on it. We have got most of the slots filled up. Williams inquired on what the process would cost, would the \$5,200.00 cover it? Bubb responded that it will.

### **Council Remarks**

Park – nothing tonight.  
Carey – nothing tonight.  
Wyatt – nothing tonight.  
Williams – nothing tonight.  
Nelson – nothing tonight.

Shows – I just want to remind about the community events coming up. We have the Easter event coming up, the pancake breakfast, Reading Under the Lights at the schools. It was announced today that the Server, in connection with some of the other businesses in town, are going to be providing lunches to our YMCA Program at the elementary that is a summer day camp/day care for families and mostly funded through YMCA. A lot of the businesses are volunteering support and money to make that happen.

Mayor Robertson – we had the electric vehicle delivered today for the Nature Preserve. People with handicaps or mobility issues we will be able to get them around the Nature Preserve. Or if we have kids coming in for a program, we can get them in and out. We are going to have placards on the vehicle to make it an official vehicle, so people know we are not just driving golf carts on the trails. Thanks to Barry Romich and the Romich Foundation for donating that with no cost to the city. The cost was \$13,850.00, and is six passengers.

a. **Motion to go Into Executive Session to Consider the Appointment, Dismissal, Promotion and Compensation of a Public Employee or Official and to invite the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director and Law Director - 7:13.** Shows so moved. Williams seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

b. **Motion to come out of Executive Session – 7:34.** Park so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: 7:35 p.m.** Wyatt moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**