

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 8, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Josh Carey, Ken Park, Amanda Nelson, Dave Williams and Melissa Shows  
**Members Absent:** Chuck Wyatt  
**Presiding:** Mayor William Robertson

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

**Workshop**

a. **Enterprise Resource Software.** Discussion was held regarding new software for administrative services. Matt Bulp researched several companies. Software Solutions and Civica – Authority were the two companies that he felt would be the best choice for the city’s needs. Both services were discussed with the advantages, disadvantages and cost. Matt would like to implement the services of Software Solutions. Council will make their recommendations by the next meeting.

b. **Capital Plan Night Review.** Matt Bulp provided the results from the Capital Plan Night. Matt categorized all of the suggestions that were received by each department that night and presented them to Council. Matt commented briefly regarding each suggestion.

**Citizens Forum**

Wally Ott – 361 Sterling Avenue – attended the meeting to thank the service department for fixing the big hole in front of his residence. He also inquired when the street would be repaved.

Mark Hill – 83 Pinewood Avenue – attended the meeting to address Council that the rec center is losing money and why is no one doing anything about it. What is the solution? Bulp responded that he was aware; he prepared the data that Mr. Hill handed out. Also, to look at the big picture of the city, most of the departments are not self-sustaining. Rec centers normally do not generate revenue. Bulp prepared data relating to the operating income and/or loss of the other departments for 2021.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

a. **Ord. No. 8305 An Ordinance of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties, Amending the Provisions of the Municipal Income Tax Ordinance to Provide for a Permanent Increase in the Amount of One-Half Percent (.5) in the Income Tax Rate Effective January 1, 2023, for the Purposes of General Operations of the Safety Services of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8305 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, upon roll call Williams – No, Park – Yes, Shows – No, Nelson – No and Carey – No and **motion failed**. Shows moved to table indefinitely, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

b. **Res. No. 8306 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Finance Director to Create the Following Fund: OneOhio Opioid Fund. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8306 was read

on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Shows moved to adopt. Williams inquired if this was the class action suit against the pharmaceutical companies for opioids. Beshara responded yes. Williams inquired what the settlement sum was. Bulp responded we will get \$515.00 per year over 18 years. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

c. **Ord. No. 8307 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 Sheets(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8307 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Carey moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

### **City Managers Remarks**

**Sleepwalker** - Thank you to Amanda Nelson, Cali, Kris, Rachel, Garrick and Moose for their dedicated work in making Sleepwalker a very successful event. From the parade to dinosaurs, the princesses, great music, Meow Fix, fireworks and much, much more, it was a fantastic weekend. Thank you to our volunteers who manned our table, Kris for her organization of our city table, Chuck and the Service Department crew, Council, our mayor and our Safety Services for their dedicated work in making it a safe and fun event and a HUGE thank you to Mother Nature for cooperating!

**Pre-Construction meetings** - We will hold two pre-construction meetings this week. The first is for the new garage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the other is for the Sterling Road Water replacement line. We look forward to these projects starting sometime this summer and fall.

**Industrial Site** - We have had a steady flow of interest in the site owned by UR II in Rittman. These leads can sometimes turn into site visits and when they do, we must adhere to strict guidelines of confidentiality when working with potential businesses. We will continue to be hopeful that one of these leads turns into an economic development plus for Rittman.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rick Horton Memorial Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show** - Please see the attached flyer with all of the information regarding this very fun and memorable event honoring former Rittman employee, Rick Horton who passed away from Covid in 2020. The event is on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Hall. Hope many of you can attend and/or show your support!

**New School Year-August 16<sup>th</sup>** - It is hard to believe school will be back in session soon. Please keep all of our kids and staff in mind as you drive through town as traffic will pick-up and kids will be walking on sidewalks and crossing streets as they make their way to school. Let's be extra careful on the roads and be mindful of distractions.

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

Nothing else tonight.

a. **Approval of Financial Report for July, 2022.** Carey moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

### **Council Remarks**

Carey – thank you Mr. Ott and Mr. Hill for attending to share their thoughts and concerns.

Williams – thanks Mr. Ott and Mr. Hill, thanks to Mike and Russ for your contributions. There is a spot down by the trailhead behind Laria that is a divot in the new pavement. Beshara replied that it is being worked on. The S.A.L.T. Coalition meets Monday night at the high school at 6:30p.m. Rittman Band is at Mogadore for a band show this Saturday and the Historical Society has an Ice Cream Social this Saturday at the Pioneer House. The Pioneer House has a great history of Rittman.

Park – nothing tonight.

Nelson – I want to thank everyone who helped out with Sleepwalker, Fire, EMS, Rittman PD, our Service Department, Water Department. The service guys were out with me until midnight on Saturday closing up electric boxes. Cali, Kris, Rachael from Schar, they all helped out. Everything went really well, Thursday night was super busy. Normally I can drive the Kubota up and down, but I could not on Thursday. Fireworks were better than I anticipated. The next thing coming up will be the fall planter decoration contest.

Shows – again, thank you to everyone for being here, echoing that thank you to Amanda and all of the volunteers for Sleepwalker, I know it wasn't easy. It is good to see people enjoy things in the community. School is starting with teachers reporting on Friday, kids come back on Tuesday. Watch for kids while driving and encourage others driving to do the same. We are working to improve drop off and pick up, we have construction going on at the elementary school which is going to affect traffic patterns. We are still looking for a crossing guard. Mr. Isaac is not able to continue. This year school lunches are no longer funded. It is going back to parents having to pay, we are encouraging anybody who struggles to reach out to the schools to get the forms filled out to see if they qualify for free lunches or reduced lunches.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 16032 thru 16196 and Memo Expense #'s M72201 thru M72220.** Shows moved to approve, upon roll call Shows – Yes, Williams – Yes, Carey – Yes, Nelson – Abstain, Carey – Yes and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to go Into Executive Session in Accordance with ORC 121.22 to Consider the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Discipline, Promotion, Demotion or Compensation of a Public Employee or Official and to Invite the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director and Law Director – 8:09.** Shows so moved. Williams seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

c. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 8:52.** Williams so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: 8:53 p.m.** Shows moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council