

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Ken Park, Brian Smith, Philip Decker, Josh Carey and Leah Weirick
Members Absent: Darrell Carey
Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

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

Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2018

Weirick moved to approve, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2018

Decker moved to approve, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

None

Old Business

None

New Business

a. **Proclamation from the Cin-Day Lucky Dawgs Cleveland Browns Fan Club Recognizing Rittman as the “Suburb of the Week”.**

b. **Ord. No. 8093 An Ordinance of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Sections 153.06, 153.07 and 153.08 and Providing for the Renumbering of the Subsequent Definitions and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8093 was read on first reading. Decker moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Weirick moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Ord. No. 8094 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Sections 995.07 and 995.07 and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord No. 8094 was read on first reading. Decker moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Smith moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

d. **Ord. No. 8095 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Providing for the Compensation of Certain City Employees Effective Date and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8095 was read on first reading. Josh move to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Weirick moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

City Manager’s Remarks

I will be submitting the grant I mentioned in my memo this week after the State EMA reviews it and make recommendation, once we submit it, to FEMA for the

advanced assistance grant on Landis Ditch. Since it has never really been studied, it is not considered part of the Muskingum Watershed District and it is not maintained by the District. We feel as though this is probably one of the bigger sources of water that we receive. The study will help us understand Landis Ditch, as well as how those waters come into our City and the best way to prevent a lot of that flooding. From that grant, once we learn all that we can, we can then apply for future grants to try to implement the solutions found in the study. It seems like a lot of money to study a problem that we all know is a problem, but we have to do that in order to be competitive for future grants.

We are working on the sidewalks to get the best quotes possible so we can move that project forward. Lastly, I attended a meeting last Tuesday and Reading Under the Lights is coming back for the second year. We are looking at either May 3rd or May 10th depending on other cities and when they are doing their event as well as availability for our staff to work on that. I thought it was very successful last year. Anything to get kids reading is positive. I encourage Council and any members of the community, if they want to volunteer, I would be more than happy to get the information to them. Anything to encourage kids to read is very important.

Finance Director's Remarks

A couple things with year end I would like to report that the overall fund balance actually came in \$1,000,041.00 higher so that was a great thing. Contributing to that was and this is a total for all funds. Receipts were \$575,000.00 higher and expenses were \$682,000.00 lower. I was very pleased with the outcome for the year. The biggest fund balance change was the general fund, I projected \$400,004.00 carry over. It actually came in at \$800,086.00. I was very pleased with the outcome.

a. **Approval of Financial Report for December.** Weirick moved to approve, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Council Remarks

Park – excited to hear the good news about the carryover balances. That's a wonderful thing. thanks for sharing that.

Josh – nothing tonight.

Leah – nothing.

Smith – thank you all for your work and attendance.

Decker – nothing tonight.

Mayor Robertson – the little coffee shop across the street opened up. They are open a couple days a week. Monday in the morning, Tuesday in the afternoon. It is a meeting place/gathering place. The coffee is free, donations. There are some baked goods.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 9221 thru 9369 and Memo Expense #'s M12181 thru MD1814.** Decker moved to approve, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: - 7:18 p.m. Weirick moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council