

**Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
March 25, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Ken Park, Brian Smith, Josh Carey, Philip Decker, Dave Williams and Leah Weirick
Members Absent: None
Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Philip Decker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2019.

Williams moved to approved, upon roll call Williams – Yes, Weirick – Yes, Park – Yes, Smith – Yes, Carey – Yes and Decker -Abstain and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

None

Old Business

a. **Ord. No. 8103 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Ohio, to Approve the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances; to Provide for the Adoption of New Matter in the Updated and Revised Codified Ordinances; to Provide for the Publication of Such New Matter; to Repeal Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith; and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading.** Ord. No. 8103 was read on second reading. Park moved to place on third. William inquired that Section Five states that because of the immediate need to update, does this mean that we need to get it sooner than later? Clerk Challinor responded that American Legal sends it to us. It is a standard/generic Ordinance. All of the legislation is already on the web site. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. **Ord. No. 8104 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Solicit Quotes for the Renewal for Errors and Omissions Coverage, for all Members of the Fire Department, Property and Casualty, Auto General Liability, Ambulance Malpractice Insurance, Law Enforcement Liability and Public Officials Insurance for a Period of One (1) Year Commencing June 1, 2019 and to Enter into Agreements for the Same, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading.** Ord No. 8104 was read on first reading. Park moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Ord. No. 8105 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8081, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8105 was read on first reading. Weirick moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Weirick moved to adopt. Smith inquired if we deleted contractual services for cleaning last time, so we are replacing it again, or are we adding to it? Feuerstein replied that it is another request from him for that same item. There was a lot of confusion last time, I did it hastily in asking for it before with a certain amount. I wanted to put on the amount that I had originally wanted to put on there in hopes that might have a different discussion. There was some discussion from the Rec

Center Board to hopefully have another discussion on it and I just wanted to do it one more time. Keener stated that it was moving monies from personnel services from part time salaries and maintenance salaries, custodial salaries to contractual services. Smith inquired if we were just trading dollars. Decker stated which was different from last time where we were only cutting \$9,000.00 and increasing to what was on there. Feuerstein stated this will get us through the rest of the year and then we will have a conversation for next calendar year if we want to continue that service in the October discussion of the budget for next year. Decker inquired if this was for the same cleaning service? Do we have a contract with somebody yet? Feuerstein stated that he can't legally go to them and say I am going to sign it and not know the direction. I know before there was some confusion over the amount and everything else of what I was originally asking for so I wanted to just put it plainly. I wanted to do it a little bit just to get through the nine months and see how well the service goes or if the service doesn't go well, then we can review that come budget time in October. Decker stated he had one concern, was that the consideration for who was going to be potentially getting the contract if we were quotes from was for a business outside of town? I actually became aware this week of a cleaning service within Rittman and have just have terms of the City supporting its own businesses. I think giving them an opportunity. Feuerstein stated that we haven't contracted with anyone because legally A- I can't and B- once I know what's available to do that then I can really go and look at that. If this passes then give me that information and we'll review everything. Decker other questions, the mower price on there is this a new purchase? Is this a replacement? Feuerstein replied that it was a new purchase. We rent one every year about two times a year. It comes to about \$6,400.00 for the year. This is one from Wayne County that they were selling that is in good condition, slightly used, but in good condition. Decker inquired if this was just a mower attachment or is this the full tractor? Feuerstein replied that it is the full thing. This will allow us to do a little bit more besides mowing. Instead of always having to rent it out we will have it in house. As long as it stays with us over the next six years, we will get our money back and then some. It gives us a little more flexibility in what we want to do. Especially for ditches. Williams stated that going back to the Rec Center and the cleaning, can you give us a status update of kind of how things are going with that. Feuerstein stated that the same as before. The Rec Center Board had their discussion, there's a lot of confusion over that. But it is still operating the same as before. After that I wanted to wait until I could actually present what I wanted to present the last time. That was an error on my part for presenting it poorly. I wanted to eliminate the confusion and have a good conversation about it. Whatever direction Council goes, then I at least know that I put I the way I wanted it to be presented this time around. Williams inquired what the Board decide in their discussion? Feuerstein replied that he thinks from the article that recapped our meeting there was confusion as to it was this amount and there was \$26,000.00 but, on the amendment, there was \$23,000.00 and they were in support of a cleaning service and they wanted to know why I put a different amount on there than that. That was mainly my fault. Smith inquired if Karen was still cleaning there. So, then I within a day after that meeting gave you (Feuerstein) three Wayne DD and two local people. Have we followed up them at all? Feuerstein replied that he had. Wayne DD, I know it's the start of when I talked to him, I talked to Ken Kelly, he and I traded a few emails. I am waiting to hear back from him. I do know its ADA Recognition Awareness month and I know he has been pretty busy with that. I wanted to follow up. Depending how this goes there's still a part for them because it's jobs skills, it a collaboration it's a partnership, so that is still going to continue whether this passes or not, or how we do things. That's a tremendous service that they provide and it's a huge opportunity for them to get to know Rittman and for us to know the program to help people develop job skills that can help them later in life. That's going to continue. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Res. No. 8106 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Restricting Travel of Commercial Trucks and Trailers Through the Section of Sunset Drive/Doylestown Road Between Ohio Avenue and Wadsworth Road.** First Reading. Ord No. 8106 was read on first reading. Feuerstein stated that this was the pleasure of Council. Park moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Carey moved to adopt. William inquired if there have been accidents there. Chief Arcuri responded that there are no accidents. Chief Sweigert

responded that there have been a number of accidents out there, some before Ray started. Williams inquired if it was a commercial truck vs. private vehicles? Sweigert responded even other vehicles that aren't looking and making a right-hand turn. It's a smart move to get the truck traffic out of there. William inquired if there is anything we can do, he assumes that the truck traffic is with Morton Salt, is there anything we can do as a city to communicate them to keep in good partnership with them. Feuerstein stated that a lot of deliveries at Morton Salt they don't control over when they are coming or who it is going to be. I think if we have enough signs, hopefully once we change the behavior, it won't happen right away, but hopefully over time. Maybe we can talk to Morton and hand out a flyer saying from now on please utilize the ramps. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

City Manager's Remarks

Reading under the lights will be held May 3, 2019. We have some great books so if anyone wants to volunteer to read, we have Rock, Paper, Scissors and the Bad Seed. I believe we are going to get the companion book of Good Egg. Zippy from the University of Akron as well as a few other mascots will be there. It should be a great event again, hopefully not as hot as it was before. I give a lot of credit to the little kids for braving the heat. Smith inquired about any updates on the library/city hall project. Feuerstein replied that we are currently working on it. We have a call scheduled this week to go over it. We have our side, the library side and a shared conference room entrance way. We have to figure out how we are going split up the cost of maintaining that area, the landscaping and the parking lot. We are trying to put it into a condo agreement. We will create a condo association with the library and the condo association will basically have control of the shared space and that's how we divvy up responsibility. We are progressing quickly and they are about as aggressive as we are right now trying to get to a solution. Hopefully we are going to be finalizing a design soon that allows them to get funding. We have a meeting this week on Wednesday. We have had meeting probably every other week. Keener advised that it is a very complicated agreement and everything to do with it. We are working on this check list. Feuerstein replied that there are certain rules that libraries have to follow and certain rules that we have to follow. Since there has never been a library/city hall combined building we get to venture on this territory on our own without any real guidance from anyone else. We have some really good skilled people with us and hopefully we can start to check things off of the check list and move forward. Williams stated that this is a good thing and appreciates for using the folks of Board of DD for possible job skill learning and custodial work. Maybe we should keep that in consideration for this new facility. Something like that. I guess as you're are going to meet Wednesday, I think we have an opportunity to make this building a centerpiece to our City by location and by part being a community center. I guess thinking about a bigger City plan when they do the architecture and the design of the building. Can we use this as the anchor to the City if we ever get grants to do further remodeling to the City. Could we use this building as the foundation for the rest of the decorative look? Feuerstein replied that part of the idea was to model off of what the schools have done. That will continue that character and also continuing downtown. When you drive and you see buildings you know you are in Rittman. We are trying to finalize the layout of the building and once we do that we can start talking about the ascetics of the outside. That's been talked about and everyone keeps saying let's not get a head of ourselves, we have to start here first. Once we figure out the design that's going to shape the rest of the building. Mayor Robertson inquired if they have talked about gardens and sidewalks coming down to Main Street so when walking you can access the building. I think they have that in mind too. They realize it's a centerpiece and right on Main Street. Williams inquired if there would be community rooms or if that is a part of the design? Feuerstein replied yes. There will be one large conference room for Council meetings as well as programing by the library. They will probably use that room a lot more than we will. They are going to have a stage, a sink so they can do cooking demonstrations as well. They have lot of big ideas for that space as well as the library overall. They plan on brining a lot more programming than they have right now. Williams stated that Garrick get booked at the Community Room pretty full and busy. Mayor Roberson stated that the restriction at the library would be only during library hours. They will be in charge of that room more or less,

other than Council Meetings. Feuerstein stated that we gave them a lot of control over that room because we have maybe 20 meetings a year. It is for the kids and the community, so we gave them a lot more authority over that room. As long as it had enough seats for us to conduct our meetings, we wanted to make sure they had what they needed to do the type of programming they desired. Mayor Robertson stated that we probably won't be up on a raised platform.

Finance Director's Remarks

Nothing at this time. I will add the first part of the audit process has been completed. I am happy to say that we don't have any recommendations or citations.

Council Remarks

Smith – thank you everyone for attending.

Park – nothing tonight.

Carey – thanks everyone for attending tonight.

Williams – good job Pam on the first round of the audit. I guess just out of practice I am going to read this. I spoke with Derek regarding this and it seems this issue has been resolved, however the author of this letter would like me to read it anyway just to put it on record. It is from Ben Imhoff of Rittman, we the undersigned are stating concerns of safety and enjoyment of playing pickleball. We cannot see the ball. We are requesting at the very least that the five bulbs that are half burned out be replaced in the very near future. Please. Respectfully signed – and there is probably 10 -12 people who have signed it that play pickleball. It is my understanding we have the lights, we are just waiting for the school to lend us their lift and thank you Garrick for orchestrating the fix in all of this. Like I said it was just a matter of person asking me to read it. Thank you for resolving the issue.

Weirick – nothing tonight.

Decker – nothing tonight.

Mayor Robertson – we had a nice swearing in ceremony for Chief state your name, inside joke. Very nice turn out. A lot of people from around the county came and am really excited about the new venture. Feuerstein stated credit to the newspaper staff for actually being able to put together an article. Nothing was publishable.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 9701 thru 9781.** Weirick moved to approve, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: - 7:20 p.m. Williams moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council