

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 13, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2019.**

Smith moved to approved, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

**Citizens Forum**

None

**Old Business**

a. **Ord. No. 8107 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. Third Reading.** Ord No. 8107 was read on third reading. Park moved to adopt, upon roll call: Williams – No, Park – Yes, Decker – Yes, Carey – Yes, Smith - Yes and **motion carried.**

**New Business**

Leah Weirick arrived at 7:05 p.m.

a. **Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services Week May 19 – 25, 2019.** Mayor Robertson proclaimed Emergency Medical Services Week as May 19 through May 25, 2019 in the city of Rittman.

b. **Recognition of the February, 2019 Summa Hospital Network STEMI EMS Team of the Month: Andy Baillis, Angela Nussbaum, Mike Banks, Analyze Amstutz, Jeromy Straub, Nick Huff and Jay Russell.** Chief Sweigert stated that this group of individuals was dispatched to a residence. This team was at the patient and had an EKG on him within three minutes. They had the STEMI Team activated within 12 minutes after that, that’s absolutely outstanding what these individuals did. They were 66 minutes from the time of EMS activation to balloon time. This seems like a long time but we are quite a distance away from that balloon at Akron City Hospital. We beat anybody else that was in the whole region that goes to Akron City Hospital. Our time was that much better for this individual. This team gave a great job and I’d like to give them accolades for doing that great.

c. **Motion to Cancel the Council Meeting Set for Monday, May 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Due to City Hall being Closed in Observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.** Williams so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

d. **Res. No. 8109 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 that Obligation and Sufficient Sums Currently Exist to Satisfy this Obligation According to**

**the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8109 was read on first reading. Decker moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Smith moved to adopt. Williams inquired what was involved. It says air pipe replacement was that for a water tower or for a water system? Keener advised it was for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Ken would know more. Keener also stated we had to do a Then and Now because the PO was issued after the invoice and we are stating that money was available then. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

e. **Ord. No. 8110 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 351.03 of the Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading.** Ord. No. 8110 was read on first reading. Smith moved to place on second. Williams inquired if Chief Arcuri could elaborate on this. Chief Arcuri referred it to Office McComas. Feuerstein replied that Office McComas does not have the ordinance. The ordinance is referring to the two-hour parking ban. In the past we have had signs posted, but no ordinance that would allow us to site tickets for that. When we wanted this ordinance was before the Supreme Court issued the illegal search on chalking tires. Right now, we are in a bind because if we pass this, yes, we can enforce it, but how do we enforce it? I am sure it is not only us but also other cities. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

f. **Ord. No. 8111 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Declaring it Necessary to Proceed with the Sidewalk Improvement Project for Villa Street, Home Street and Mary Street by Installing Sidewalks Where Necessary and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8111 was read on first reading. Williams moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.** Park moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

g. **Ord. No. 8112 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.** Ord. No. 8112 was read on first reading. Weirick 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**

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

Feuerstein stated that he wanted to thank everyone, the police department, the fire and EMS departments and the City citizens for helping out with Reading Under the Lights. Even though they had to have it inside, it went really well. The kids had a lot of fun and they got a lot of books out of it. The Ohio EPA finally issued the covenant not to sue for the agreement we needed for the nature preserve. That is going to be starting the process, we have been in communication with OPWC so we should be able to moving forward. Hopefully within the next year and a half we can start to see that come to formation and move forward.

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

Nothing at this time.

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

#### **Council Remarks**

Weirick – nothing tonight, thank you.

Park – thank you everyone for attending. Great job to the Fire & EMS Team.

Smith – thank everybody and the crew, good job, great. The person was lucky to have them. Thank you much.

Williams – thank the response time for the EMT's. I know it's not an easy job. It takes a lot of dedication, more so than sometimes what we can pay you, but you guys go above and beyond every run. I wanted to recognize Don for his appreciation week and Nelson Landscaping and others who helped do some landscaping on the Police Department. I think the Mayor's wife was involved in that as well. The Mayor responded that she wasn't involved in the Police Department. Williams stated it was a good turn out for the Reading Under the Lights. It's a good event for a community to come together. Good job to Derek and the Mayor, thank you for being a champion for our city for the EPA. I know the State mandates and State bureaucracy is hard to muddle through. Looking forward to the fruits of your labor with the nature preserve. And, also, I guess I was quoted in the paper by the Post by saying that I didn't approve of 8107 because I didn't think the supervisor should be able to give raises to their employees. That's in fact not true. The reason I didn't agree with it is because I didn't think that the Retention and Recruitment position should be started so high in the pay scale. It started out at \$47,000.00 and it was moved to \$55,000.00. I think that when you have new positions it's good to start down and let that person work up the scale. I just wanted to make that a correction that I think if employees deserve raises by their supervisors, we ought to work hard in our jobs that we can be recognized. I don't think that I was represented well in that article. I wanted to make that straight.

Carey – I would like to thank the EMT's that were recognized tonight for the outstanding work. As someone who has a very busy little one, who gets into everything, if we need those services down the road it's nice to know that we have good quality, outstanding quality when we need to make that call.

Decker – I want to echo those accolades. I was actually speaking to somebody outside of the community today and he praised our departments for their competency. He has no connection to the community, so I want you to know that even outside of Rittman your work is appreciated and recognized. At the last meeting I did bring up some of my concerns regarding the parks and I wanted to publicly acknowledge the information that I sent to each of the Council members this week in an email. There are conversations in the community of what the citizens think our parks should look like, how they should be maintained and as a Council member I want to acknowledge when I hear that we do need to do a better job, but even just as a citizen and a father I want to echo those. I think the City can do a better job. If we need to restructure things in order to clearly delineate who's in charge of that, we need to do that. What steps need to be taken, we need to get working on that. There are many ways that we can get the City's resident's their input through forms online, to workshops at the library, set up a booth at the sleepwalker and let the public give us their input. However, we do it, I think something needs to head forward in that direction to the heads that be I think we need to hear what people are saying.

Mayor Robertson – I think we owe ourselves and probably Derek as a City Manager some concept of a strategic plan or larger vision for the City that not only applies to parks and recreation but streets and water and expansion and growth and development and where we want to go. You can only have a limited number of priorities and I'm sure it would help Derek a lot in his office with a long-term view and knowing and being able to hold departments heads feet to the fire to say what have you done today that helps with the strategic plan. I guess I am kind of stuck on how we get going on that and where we find the money to probably bring in a facilitator to help with that. We have a plan, but it is pretty outdated.

Decker – this forum is a way for people to voice their concerns, but we also need to understand not the most convenient for each resident in the city. I think if we are genuine and that we want to hear people there are ways we can go about it and those can be explored.

Mayor Robertson – don't forget Memorial Day parade steps off at 10:30 on Erie Street, disband at the shopping center and then regroup at the cemetery. It is usually a very nice service out there as well. Also echo what Derek said about reading under the lights. It was just terrific to see a couple hundred kids get a backpack full of books and just enjoy reading and seeing role models reading. I almost thought the indoor was almost better than the outdoor event. People with mobility issues were able to get in and out of the school easy enough. It wasn't too sunny or too cold or too windy or too rainy. We have a follow up meeting tomorrow with Reading Under the Lights. I am sure we will discuss all those kinds

of things. Just a terrific effort by the teachers and the community. A lot of donations and really wonderful to see everybody come together for a great cause like that.

a. **Approval of Voucher #'s 9933 thru 10058 and Memo Expense #'s M41912 thru M41920.** Weirick moved to approve, all Yeas upon roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Property Acquisition and Invite the Mayor, Law Director, City Manager and Finance Director 7:23 p.m.** Williams moved to approve Weirick seconded, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

c. **Motion to Come out of Executive Session – 7:49 p.m.** Weirick moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**Adjourn: - 7:50 p.m.** Williams moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**