

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held February 23, 2026

Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 23, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Don Sweigert, Hayward, Amanda Nelson, Rich Schumacher, Melissa Shows and Nick Huff
Members Absent: None
Presiding: Mayor Rudy Arnold

The invocation was given by Rick Thompson, Pastor at Hillside Baptist Church followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

a. February 9, 2026. Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

Citizens Forum

Theresa McAvinue – 80 Bellevue – Mrs. McAvinue spoke on the disrepair of the sidewalks.

Old Business

- a. Ord. No. 8504 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Creating Chapter 946, Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control, of the Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Ord. No. 8504 was read on third reading. Shows moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.
- b. Ord. No. 8505 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Chapter 1105, Stormwater Runoff Control Criteria, of the Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Ord. No. 8505 was read on third reading. Schumacher moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.
- c. Ord. No. 8506 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Chapter 1180 Erosion and Sediment Control, of the Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Ord. No. 8506 was read on third reading. Shows moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

New Business

- a. Motion to approve gift card purchases to Home Depot for 2025 pursuant to House Bill 312 and city of Rittman Policy. Nelson moved to approve, Sweigert inquired about a purchase in July for bathroom cabinets. Beshara stated that it was for the bathroom at the new city hall, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.
- b. Res No. 8510 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, authorizing the Finance Director to make advances and/or transfers to or from appropriate accounts and declaring an emergency. Three Readings. Res. No. 8510 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to suspend the rules, upon roll call Sweigert – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Schumacher – Yes, Huff – Yes, Shows – Yes, Hayward – No and motion carried. Shows moved to adopt. Hayward inquired about the line item for operations. Beshara responded that it’s to operate the K-9

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fund. Chief Shows stated that whenever there is a donation made, it has to go into the general fund then it is appropriated out of that fund. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

c. **Ord. No. 8511 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8492, as amended according to the attached sheet(s) and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8510 was read on first reading. Sweigert moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Nelson moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

d. **Res. No. 8512 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, authorizing the Municipal Manager to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8512 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Nelson moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

e. **Ord. No. 8513 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, amending Section 121.03 Order of Business; Rules of Court of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. First Reading.** Ord. No. 8513 was read on first reading. Shows moved to place on second. Sweigert inquired if the agenda needs to be followed by the order of items. Simpson stated that you can move to adjust the order of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Sweigert stated that the workshop was before we moved minutes, but the ordinance shows that the workshop is after the approval of the minutes. Sweigert moved to amend to place workshop as item (4) and approval of minutes as (5) all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Shows moved to place on second, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

f. **Ord. No. 8514 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, amending Section 991.10 Charges and Fees of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman. First Reading.** Ord. No. 8513 was read on first reading. Nelson moved to place on second. Sweigert stated that the change would allow our employees who are not residents to garner the benefit of fees that a resident would pay. Beshara stated that is \$100.00 difference between resident and non-resident. There have been a couple of employees who do not live in the city that have bought lots and to be buried with their loved ones here in Rittman. I thought it was a good gesture to see how Council feels about it. It's not going to be that many people. Simpson stated that Beshara also wanted to include close family members. Sweigert stated that his concern was why don't we encourage them to move into the city if they want to get the resident fee. We did this with EMS billing and gave the employees the same charge as a resident. The unfortunate thing is the employees who live outside the city don't pay into the property tax that funds the EMS. Those employees don't pay the 2.3 mil property tax. Beshara stated that this is cemetery, it's a little different. Sweigert voiced concerns because now our residents who live in town who do pay property taxes and all the other taxes their funding somebody and their close family members to get buried in our cemetery. Beshara stated that when people come to us that want to be buried that work here, but don't live here. I thought that was pretty special and I was looking to treat them the same because they work so hard for our city. It's a \$100.00 difference. Huff inquired if we could change it to immediate family. Shows stated that it should also extend to retired employees. Shows made a motion to change wording to include current and retired employees, upon roll call Sweigert – No, Hayward – No, Nelson – Yes, Schumacher – Yes, Shows – Yes, Huff – Yes, roll call and **motion carried**. Nelson moved to place on second. upon roll call Sweigert – No, Hayward – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Schumacher – Yes, Shows – Yes, Huff – Yes, roll call and **motion carried**.

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City Manager's Remarks

I don't have much, just a reminder that next Thursday is the State of the City Address. I do have a possibility of getting a grant award to demo the old City Hall. Wayne County Land Bank got word, normally you can't get a grant to demolish a city building or public building, they are opening it up to communities. I'm having it assessed right now to see how much asbestos is in the building and what the cost would be to take down the building. That's future work, but I just wanted to let you know, I'm working on that grant at this time.

Finance Director's Remarks

Absent

Council Remarks

Nelson – the Annual Banquet is next Thursday at White Timbers Winery. There are still tickets available, they are \$50.00 each. You can contact Garrick at the Rec. Center. We also have purse bingo coming up for our Beautification Committee. Those are the ladies that do all the downtown pot decorating, the flowers and all the decorations for Christmas. If you want to support them, those tickets are available those are also \$50.00 each. That includes a bingo card, light appetizers, and the purses are designer that will be binged off. The date is March 20 and that is also at White Timbers, they did donate the space for us to use for that event.

Hayward – thank you everyone for coming out.

Schumacher – this Saturday at 4:00 p.m. the Lion's have their soup and chili cookoff at Heritage Hall. There will be raffle baskets and all sorts of fun a band will play as well. We are still always looking for more soup entries. If anyone is interested let us know.

Huff – Chuck thanks for plowing. Thanks for coming out tonight.

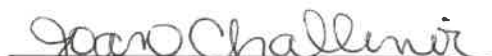
Shows – I want to thank everyone for coming out on this cold night.

Sweigert – it's good seeing everybody. Thresa and her husband have brought up about sidewalks at every meeting we have had this year. Is there a plan to identify to the worst sections of sidewalk and then put that in a prioritized list with money and to be able to address the worst ones in the city? Chuck Lengacher replied that the sidewalks themselves are the property owners responsibility. Sweigert replied that he thought at one time put aside \$50,000.00 per year for sidewalk improvement. We assessed them if they did not pay. Beshara stated we will look into it in the Spring.

Mayor Arnold – it's been 100 days for the newly elected folks, and I appreciate everyone who attends and everyone who has helped us get to this point. Beshara stated that last week our Mayor was on a panel along with the Mayor of Wooster, Mayor of Orrville some of our officials from the State, Al Landis who's our State Senator. State Representative Merideth Craig and Congressman Max Miller. There were about 200 people in the audience. It was put on by WEDC. We talked about communities and economic development. Every Mayor had a chance to speak about their community and I want to say our Mayor did a great job. It was a really nice event.

Adjourn: 7:36 p.m. Sweigert moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**



Mayor
Clerk of Council