

2026 RITTMAN CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

The commission members met at 6:00 p.m. at 49 W. Ohio Avenue, Rittman, Ohio in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: **City Manager** – Bobbie Beshara, **Law Director** – Matt Simpson, **Committee Members**, Charles Copley, Philip Decker, Tina McMillen, Fancey Morris, Ken Park, Daffine Roberts, Ron Tisher, Leah Weirick, Dave Williams, Alternat Committee Members – Diane Carey, Rob Gable.

Absent: Alternate Committee Member: Paul Arnold

Welcome and Introduction

City Manager Bobbie Beshara welcomed committee members.

Discussion of Concept of City Charter – A Brief Overview of the City Charter – Responsibility of the Charter Review Commission

City Manager Bobbie Beshara introduced Law Director Matt Simpson and asked him to resent to the committee with a historical overview and purpose of the Rittman City Charter. The Charter is reviewed every 10 years and any amendments or changes are submitted to council to be placed on the ballot before the voters. Five members need to be present at meetings to make a quorum and a minimum of five in agreement to constitute an affirmative vote.

Election of Officers

Tina McMillen nominated Dave Williams for Chairman. Dave declined.

Dave Williams nominated Charles Copley for Chairman – all approved and motion carried.

Philip Decker nominated Ron Tisher for Vice Chairman – all approved and motion carried.

Citizens Comments

Bryon Bell from the Wayne County Board of Elections attended the meeting to ask the committee to consider changing 3.01 stating that council members assume office on the first Monday in December to the first Monday in January and 13.01 petitions are filed with the Board of Elections at least ninety days prior to the election and not seventy five days as stated. These changes would comply with State regulations.

Bill Robertson stated that he supported the changes in the Charter to comply with State regulations. It should have been done 10 years ago.

Next Meeting Dates/Time

After discussion between members, the following dates were set for the meetings. All meetings will be at 6:00 p.m.

March 4, 2026

March 18, 2026

April 1, 2026

April 15, 2026

April 29, 2026

Adjournment

6:44 p.m.