

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

November 10,

2025

Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rich Schumacher, Josh Carey, Chuck Wyatt, Ken Park and Melissa Shows
Members Absent: Amanda Nelson
Presiding: Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Paster Alex Barnes of Milton Presbyterian Church followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- a. October 13, 2025 – Shows moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.
- a. October 27, 2025 – Carey moved to approve, upon roll call, Shows – Yes, Schumacher – Yes, Wyatt – Abstain – Carey – Yes, Park - Yes and motion carried.

Citizens Forum

Gerald McAvinew – 80 Belleview – attended the meeting to state that the sidewalks on Industrial need to be repaired.

Teresa McAvinew – 80 Belleview – attended the meeting to state that there are dogs running loose in the park on Industrial Street and the owners are not cleaning up after them.

Old Business

- a. Ord. No. 8489 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 333.11 Golf Carts of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Ord. No. 8489 was read on third reading. Schumacher moved adopt, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.
- b. Ord. No. 8490 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 921.02 Repair of Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Ord. No. 8490 was read on third reading. Shows moved adopt, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.
- c. Ord No. 8491 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending Section 331.45 Texting While Driving Prohibited; of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Ord. No. 8491 was read on third reading. Wyatt moved adopt, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.
- d. Ord. No. 8492 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the City of Rittman, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Ord. No. 8492 was read on third reading. Carey moved adopt, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

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New Business

a. **Res. No. 8497 A Resolution of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Allowing the City Manager to Apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Resurfacing Program Funds Programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) to Improve College Street, Sunset Drive and State Street and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.**

Res. No. 8497 was read on first reading. Wyatt moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Shows moved to adopt. Wyatt inquired if five years out, the cost will be at that price in five years. Beshara stated it should be, but she will look into it. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

b. **Ord. No. 8498 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Providing for the Compensation of Certain Employees, Effective Date and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.**

Ord. No. 8499 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Wyatt moved to adopt. Marcum stated that there was an error in the attachment. Beshara stated that she wanted to thank Chrystal for the new table. It is much easier to read. Simpson stated that a motion is needed to Amend to the Utilities Director max salary rate and the Municipal Manager max salary rate. Shumacher so moved, all yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. All Yeas to adopt Ord. No. 8498 as amended, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

c. **Ord. No. 8499 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8436 as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.**

Ord. No. 8496 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Wyatt moved to adopt, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

City Managers Remarks

Thank you, Mayor, I am going to miss you. It's been a pleasure working with you. I know some of you know the story of how I applied for the job that was listed on the Ohio Municipal League website and I knew Bill from Washington D.C. where I met him. He was attending the same City Manager and Mayor's event that I was. I called him one day and said what do think if I became your City Manager? And Bill said, it will be fun. It has been fun; it's been a real pleasure and I want to thank you for your leadership and always being there when times were tough as we made it through, COVID and the tax issue. I wish you the best in everything that you are doing. I also want to thank Ken Chuck and Josh for their support as councilmembers. You will be missed. I want to thank all of Council for all that you do. I also want to welcome the new Council people and the new Mayor. I know what it is like running for office and it's frustrating and fun and it's emotional and there's a lot going on when you run for office but only 1% of the people in this country run for office, so I commend all of you and wish everyone the best.

Finance Director Remarks

I don't have a report; it's the end of the year and we are trying to wind things down. I want to thank you guys for picking me a year ago and I'll try not to take it personally, but four of you are leaving after a year. I wish you all the best.

Council Remarks

Carey – thank you to the citizens for allowing me to be up here for the eight years, as well as Mayor Robertson and City Manager Beshara, Chrystal, the fellow Council Members, it's been fun and challenging but you all have been easy to work with. It makes

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me very grateful. To the new Council elect and the Mayor elect, congratulations. I am around if you ever need anything or you have any questions about anything. You'll still see me on the sidelines on Friday nights. As a new member on the board of education, one of my goals is to help improve the relationship between the city and the schools.

Shows – I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight, everybody is supporting the Mayor, congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. I want to thank those members who are leaving. It's been a pleasure working with you. Also welcoming the new ones coming on. I think we have some major work to keep doing and I think we are heading in the right direction. Now about Cops and Kids. We just got the tickets for Cops and Kids last week. If anybody is interested in helping to support that process, you can reach out to me, Chief Shows or any officer will be able to help get those tickets to you. Every dollar we receive goes directly to the children of Rittman. We have a huge increase in those seeking aid and services this Holiday Season. Every \$100.00 raised, one child gets to shop.

Wyatt – thank you, I consider it a privilege, I'm very humbled to be able to serve the city. I appreciate the confidence and trust that you put in me. I'll miss all of these guys; we have had some really tough times and some good times. I love this city, and I know that our new Council will work just as hard. I welcome them. Also, Anchor will be doing their toy giveaway again this year on December 7.

Park – thank you everybody for coming out. Congratulations to the new Council members and the new Mayor. Looking forward to seeing how things progress going forward. I did 7 ½ years and it's been great working with all these people. Everybody involved with the city has their heart in the right place. They are doing things for what they think are the right reasons. We are not going to agree 100% with everybody, but we are going to have to keep moving forward together. It's the only way that this place is going to improve. Thank you, Mayor, for the support and being the mayor of this town for 20 years. Sixteen years on the school board before that, I think you moved here in the 70's, to be a teacher. You are a pillar in this community and just admire what you have done and what you do, and I appreciate it.

Schumacher – I want to thank our outgoing members, Ken Park, Chuck Wyatt and Josh Carey for their service to the city. They put in their time and have worked hard for this city.

Meridith Craig, State Presentative for Ohio House District 77 presented Mayor Robertson with a Proclamation from the members of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Rich Schumacher presented Mayor Robertson with a Proclamation on behalf of the City of Rittman marking November 30, 2025 as Mayor William J. Robertson Day.

Mayor Robertson stated this is very humbling, I appreciate that. I have to apologize to my wife, for my 20 years of her public service as well. She was my phone answerer; we did a lot of wedding ceremonies together. It was great working with Bobbie. I worked with a lot of City Managers, many councilmembers, finance directors, a couple law directors. One of the things I want to say is the employees of this City are so dedicated to their jobs. It's absolutely incredible. What we get done for the amount of money that comes in. A 1.5 income tax rate in a town that does not have a lot of big industry as we don't raise a lot of big money. Things keep going up in price and we have been 1.5% for a long, long time. To try to manage on that and pay salaries, people are looking around, working for money to support your family. It is very easy to go a neighboring community but many people stay here. They are dedicated to these jobs and they are on call 24/7. If I sent a text message to somebody, I got a response right away. It is a really impressive group to work with; I really appreciate my years of service. Thank you very much.

Adjourn: 7:35 p.m. Carey moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

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Mayor


Clerk of Council