

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 18148

Held September 22, 20 25

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, September 22, 2025  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Rich Schumacher, Chuck Wyatt, Josh Carey, Amanda Nelson and Melissa Shows

**Members Absent:** Ken Park

**Presiding:** Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Chuck Wyatt followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

a. **September 8, 2025** – Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

**Workshop**

a. **Discussion of a Ladder Truck Purchase.** – Discussion was held between Fire Chief McDonald and Council regarding the repairs that are needed on the Ladder Truck. Chief McDonald has quotes for repairing the truck with no guarantee that would be the only expense once the repairs had started currently we have a quote for a used ladder truck and a quote for the purchase of a new truck. Also discussed was how this would affect the ISO Rating if the City did not replace the ladder truck. As of right now the truck is operational. There were concerns about purchasing a used truck with many miles and hours vs. repairing the current ladder truck.

**Citizens Forum**

Sonya Hayward – 18 Elm Street – stated her concerns regarding the photo enforcement in the school zones. She is a crossing guard and doesn't see a lot of speeding, however, she does see vehicles running the stop sign and not paying attention to stopped traffic when crossing children.

Scott Acker – 19 Circle Drive – stated he is not in favor of the photo enforcement cameras. They are a speed trap. Once they are proven in the school zone, they will move them to other parts of the city. Also commented on street repairs and the slow progress.

Bill Crawford – 42 N. Main Street – attended to speak regarding the American Flags being removed from the utility poles. He realizes that the flags were installed without permission from Ohio Edison, but there are problems on both sides. Calls are being made to get permission to rehang the flags.

**Old Business**

a. **Ord. No. 8486 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Providing for Photo Traffic Enforcement and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading.** Ord. No. 8476 was read on third reading. Shows moved to adopt. upon roll call. Shows requested that Chief Shows clarify about the legality of the cameras. Chief Shows stated that the system will only be upheld in school zones. This is a statewide law. The cameras will operate during school hours and must be reviewed by an officer before any ticket is issued. There were concerns that the signs would be unsightly. A Council member drove to Smithville to view theirs and did not have any concerns. Nelson inquired about how many speeding tickets are given in that area. Chief Shows responded that most of the tickets are issued for stop sign violations. Upon roll call, Shows - Yes, Nelson - No, Schumacher - Yes, Wyatt - Yes, Carey - Yes and motion carried.

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b. **Ord. No. 8484 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Purchase a 2007 Sutphen SPH 100 Ladder Truck from Herb Fire Equipment of Powell, Ohio for a Sum not to Exceed \$595,000.00 and Declaring an Emergency.** **Second Reading.** Ord. No. 8484 was read on second reading Schumacher moved to place on third all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

**New Business**

a. **Res. No. 8485 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 the Obligation and Sufficient Sums Currently Exist to Satisfy this Obligation According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8485 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**

NOPEC will be at the meeting on October 27. We applied for Hickin between Rittman Road and Sterling Avenue; it is \$310,000.00 to pave it. We applied for a \$248,000.00 grant which is 80/20 split with OPWC. We will find out in December if we received that grant for paving next year. Trick or Treat is Saturday, October 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. I wanted to mention that we are going to have our Charter Review coming up in 2026. I spoke with Matt today about a couple things that I think should be changed. I believe that on the third reading the public should have a chance also to give a comment. At that point we will hear their thoughts on proposed legislation. With comments on the floor at the beginning of the meeting you are not hearing what the residents' thoughts are. I really think the audience needs more participation when you are voting on these items.

**Finance Director Remarks**

Nothing further tonight.

**Council Remarks**

Nelson – nothing tonight.

Wyatt – I want to thank everyone who came out and spoke. I'd like to see our City work closer together with what we did. We are a big family, there's a lot of friction and a lot of tension with sign issues, with flag issues. We can work together and there are other things we can do to satisfy everybody.

Shows – thank you everyone for coming out again, It is great to see the room full. I know this was a long meeting. I think the conversation is good and important to get that information out. Thanks to the First Responders and the Firemen that came in this evening to help support their cause while we try to figure out the best course of action. We would all agree we would love to buy the brand-new truck, financially it is just not something that the most of us are comfortable with or be able to justify. I'm pleased to see that the traffic photo light enforcement going into for the schools. Reading under the lights is this Thursday from 5 – 7 open to the entire community. Many of our First Responders, City Officials, Churches and other volunteers will be helping. Every child gets a boost in literacy and gets a swag bag full of books and stuff to take home.

Carey – thank you to the department heads for coming out and citizens for coming out and for their feedback. Chief McDonald, thank you for all the work you put into the presentation; Chrystal as well for your input. Homecoming weekend is this weekend. There are going to be a lot of people in town. Parents please be responsible for your kids. I just want everyone to be safe and have a good time. The City, the schools, the citizens and the businesses all need to work much more hand in hand together to help project the City in the right direction.

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Schumacher – thank you everyone for coming out. We are going to be doing Boo at the School on the same night as Trick or Treat, it will be at 7:30. It was a huge success last year. The Lion's group is doing it again this year.

a. **Motion to go Into Executive Session in Accordance with ORC 121.22 for Compensation of a Public Employee and to Invite the Mayor, City Manager, the Law Director, the Finance Director and Fire Chief McDonald – 8:34 p.m.** Schumacher so moved. Wyatt seconded the motion, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 8:48 p.m.** Wyatt so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Discussion regarding hiring full time employees vs. part time employees. Chief McDonald would like to hire 3 full time employees for A, B and C shifts. This would allow 3 people to be at the station at all times. This would entail a full-time person and 2 part time people per shift. This scenario would help reduce overtime. Marcum stated that it stabilizes the budget instead of it being such a varying number we can really hone in on how much this is going to cost. I support this change.

**Adjourn: 9:01 p.m.** Carey moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

  
Mayor

  
Clerk of Council