

**RITTMAN CITY COUNCIL – AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. March 23, 2026**
- 5. Citizens Forum**
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Ord. No. 8519 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, enacting a 180 day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518- Data Processing, Hosting, and related services (Data Centers) under the city's planning and zoning code; declaring an emergency. Third Reading.**
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Ord. No. 8520 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.**
 - b. Res. No. 8521 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, authorizing the Municipal Manager to advertise for and accept bids for the South Main Street Waterline Improvement Project and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.**
- 8. City Manager's Remarks**
- 9. Finance Director's Remarks**
 - a. Approval of Financial Report for March, 2026**
- 10. Second Citizens Forum**
- 11. Council Remarks**
- 12. Adjournment**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

March 23,

2026

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

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

The invocation was given by Ryan Klotzle, Pastor at Christ Church followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

a. March 9, 2026. Shows moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

Ron Tisher – 294 Winkler – Attended to confirm that Brightspeed responded to his issue

Old Business

a. 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. Second Reading. Ord. No. 8513 was read on second reading. Sweigert moved to adopt. Hayward inquired if citizens could speak before passing legislation on the third reading. Sweigert stated that if it goes the full three readings then the citizens have had a chance to comment. If the rules are suspended, I think if you have citizens forum at the beginning if it states in the agenda that we are going to have on all three readings. They have the time to discuss. If we suspend the rules, they should have time to ask questions. Simpson replied that the Mayor can ask for comments from the floor. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. 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. Second Reading. Ord. No. 8513 was read on second reading. Nelson moved to adopt, upon roll call Sweigert – No, Hayward – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Schumacher – Yes, Shows – Yes, Huff – Yes, roll call and **motion carried.**

c. Ord. No. 8519 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and state of Ohio, Enacting a 180-day moratorium on the receipt, processing issuance and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518 – Data Processing, Hosting and related services (Data Centers) under the City’s Planning and Zoning Code; and declaring an emergency. Second Reading. Ord. No. 8519 was read on second reading. Nelson moved to place on third. Hayward inquired if more information was found. Beshara replied she is looking into it. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

New Business

a. Motion to approve the placement of farmland in an Agricultural District for Parcel No. 63-01184.000 located within the City of Rittman and owned by Bishop

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of Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. . Sweigert moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

City Manager's Remarks

In the Service Department we have replaced one employee and hired a new employee which is in our budget; both of them will start in a week or two. Kris Fetter is retiring. She doesn't want any fan fair. Kris does a great job on our website, keeping it up. She is an amazing employee. She does so much with the Chamber and she is just an all around great person. We are going to miss her like crazy. The Police Department was given a donation of \$800.00 from the Eagles and with that money they are buying ballistic shields. Shows stated that Officer Hunter secured the \$800.00 and it is earmarked for ballistic shields to go in every car. They are hand held. With the two that we have from the old SWAT Team, we purchased one just to make sure it is what we wanted, and we are going the purchase five more. Huff inquired what the life span is. Shows stated the company will warranty it for five years. Beshara stated that we want to thank the Eagles for donating that \$800.00. Bob has done a great job with the TNR Program. We have had close to 60 cats being trapped, neutered and returned. Some of them, when they are kittens they do not come back and are put in foster homes for adoption. That is huge for a community because they multiply so quickly. I'm really grateful to Bob and Jesse. Darilee McGregor keeps them in her garage until they are ready to be transported or back to nature. I just want to say thank you for everyone working on that program.

Finance Director's Remarks

Nothing tonight.

Council Remarks

Sweigert – nothing tonight.

Shows – I also have nothing other than to thank everyone for coming out tonight for this brief meeting. There wasn't much tonight.

Huff – thanks for coming out. The fire department is having an Easter Bunny breakfast on Saturday.

Hayward – I want to thank everybody for coming out.

Nelson – we had our Bags and Blooms Bingo for the Beautification Initiative. It was the Beautification Committee but now it is the Downtown Rittman Beautification Initiative because we just changed to our own 501(c)(3) separate from the Chamber. We had 120 people, which is the maximum number of people we could have at that facility. We were sold out. We had 20 purses that we gave away. We had 50ish gift cards and baskets to do as door prizes. It was the best event we have ever had. All of what we have raised is going to the downtown revitalization projects that we do, which is more than likely going to go to the pots this year. It was a good event. We had a lot of people from out of town and it was great to see everybody coming together for us. This week we are celebrating America's 250th through the America 250 Ohio Commission since we are a recognized community. This month is movies and entertainment. We are holding a free movie night at the Rec Center on Thursday. We are watching Utopia 2. There will be free popcorn and pop. That is at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday is the Easter Basket giveaway for the Chamber, that will be from 1:00 to 3:00 or until we run out of baskets. Morton Salt donated around 100 baskets. My daughter and the kids at the Rec Center put together about 100 more. We received our 250 Flag from America 250 Ohio Commission to recognize us as a community.

Schumacher – my wife had a great time at the purse bingo. It was a fantastic event. I want to thank everyone for showing up for tonight's meeting. The Lions Easter Egg hunt is Saturday at Calvary Baptist and Morton Salt treats us good too. They are just really good for the community overall. They gave us 5,600 eggs. We have close to 15,000 eggs. The age groups are 1 – 4, 5 – 8 or 9 and the up to 16. The Easter Bunny is going to stop by. We

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had our first meeting for the Rittman Community Parade. It will be on July 23, Thursday evening. The theme is going to be Americas 250. I would encourage groups to participate.

Adjourn: 7:22 p.m. Hayward moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 8519

Passed: _____, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 8519

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, ENACTING A 180 DAY MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, ISSUANCE, AND APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CERTIFICATE FOR NAICS 518-DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING, AND RELATED SERVICES (DATA CENTERS) UNDER THE CITY’S PLANNING AND ZONING CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to adopt an ordinance enacting a 180 day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518-data processing, hosting, and related services (Data Centers); and

WHEREAS, due to concerns relating to data centers the City recognizes that the Planning and Zoning Code needs to be reviewed and updated to ensure proper development can occur within the City and that the City has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE

This Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to institute a 180 day moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance, and approval of any application for a zoning certificate for NAICS 518-data processing, hosting, and related services (Data Centers). This moratorium is necessary to ensure such

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future developments align with the intent of the City and its residents, to ensure proper development can occur within the City and that the City has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure in place to address such growth and demand for data centers and that such interests are a legitimate public interest necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

SECTION TWO

The Council may rescind this moratorium at any time prior to the expiration of the 180 days.

SECTION THREE

This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the City due to the dangers and complications that NAICS 518-data processing, hosting and related services (Data Centers) pose to the City's residents and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval or otherwise take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2026

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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Ordinance No. 8520

Passed: _____, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 8520

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.

WHEREAS, certain appropriations are necessary for the continued operations of Municipal Services; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will provide for the efficient and lawful appropriations to fund Municipal Services; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the city of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE.

That the annual Appropriation Ordinance is amended pursuant to the attached Exhibit.

SECTION TWO.

That a certified copy of this Ordinance be delivered to the Wayne County Auditor.

SECTION THREE.

That because of the immediate need for the appropriation of said funds, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health and safety and shall go into immediate force and effect upon its passage.

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Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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Ordinance No. 8521

Passed: _____, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 8521

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE SOUTH MAIN STREET WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the waterline on South Main Street is in need of replacement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Rittman, Counties of Wayne and Medina and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected and appointed thereto concurring:

SECTION ONE.

The Municipal Manager is hereby authorized and directed to solicit bids for the improvement of approximately 1,760 feet of waterline along South Main Street from Erie Street to Ohio Avenue.

SECTION TWO.

That the Municipal Manager be and is hereby authorized to award a contract for the South Main Street Waterline Improvement Project to the lowest and best bidder.

SECTION THREE.

That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety in said City, and for further reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective to provide for the scheduling and construction of the improvement which is needed to ensure safe drinking water, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency Resolution and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Passed: _____, 2026

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

2026 Budget

	2026	2026
FUND	Budget Revenues	Budgeted Expenses
100 General Fund	3,439,814	3,653,414
101 Budget Stabilization	0	0
205 Safety Services	1,252,910	978,840
210 Emergency Med. Serv.	669,268	770,958
220 Street Maint. & Repair	410,548	409,452
225 State Highway	33,484	30,000
228 American Rescue Plan Act	0	2,026
230 Permissive Tax	50,000	50,000
235 Permissive Tax II	53,584	95,000
240 Police Pension	46,700	45,821
250 Law Enforcement & Educ.	200	0
251 Law Enforcement	7,801	17,000
252 OneOhio Opioid	500	0
256 Cont Professional Training	5,845	0
257 K-9	1,498	500
270 Educ. & Recreation Assist.	0	0
271 Baseball Field Maintenance	0	0
280 SAFER Grant	0	0
400 Capital Improvements	648,807	720,246
410 Fire Dept. Capital Impr.	201,700	279,728
500 Debt Retirement	157,852	167,861
600 Water	1,512,000	1,480,783
603 Water Bond Retirement	0	0
650 Sewer	7,323,744	4,337,335
655 Sewer Surplus	0	294,929
656 Sewer Revenue Bond Ret.	0	0
657 Sewer Revenue Bond Reserve	0	0
680 Solid Waste	604,058	605,048
681 Storm Sewer	184,508	178,964
700 Cemetery	9,000	5,000
710 Recreation Trust	5,750	0
801 Returnable Bonds	0	14,219
802 DARE	0	2,500
803 Police Association	0	1,000
	\$16,619,581	\$14,140,621

	Personal	Other	
	Services	Expenses	Total
General Fund			
Safety Service Police	906,608	205,249	1,111,858
Safety Service St. Lighting	0	28,579	28,579
Public Health & Welfare Cemetery	108,440	27,998	136,438
Public Health & Welfare County Health	0	22,502	22,502
Public Health & Welfare Public Health	0	0	0
Public Health & Welfare Pest & Animal Control	1,181	14,446	15,627
Leisure Time Parks	100,682	49,345	150,027
Leisure Time Recreation Center	276,029	202,207	478,236
Leisure Time Nature Preserve	72,623	25,100	97,723
Transportation Street Maint. & Repair	174,187	11,789	185,976
Transportation Veh. Maint.	0	0	0
General Govt City Council & Mayor	45,258	0	45,258
General Govt Administration	226,135	737,375	963,510
General Govt Finance & Income Tax	187,565	82,500	270,065
General Govt Lands & Buildings	0	12,392	12,392
General Govt Law	42,456	60,217	102,673
General Govt Other General	4,000	28,548	32,548
General Govt Other Uses			0
Total General Fund	2,145,165	1,508,248	3,653,414

Other Funds			
101 Budget Stabilization	0	0	0
205 Safety Services	978,840	0	978,840
210 EMS	472,095	298,863	770,958
220 Street Maint. & Repair	329,495	79,957	409,452
225 State Highway	0	30,000	30,000
228 American Rescue Plan Act	0	2,026	2,026
230 Permissive Tax	0	50,000	50,000
235 Permissive Tax II	0	95,000	95,000
240 Police Pension	45,000	821	45,821
250 Law Enforcement & Educ.	0	0	0
251 Law Enforcement	17,000	0	17,000
252 OneOhio Opioid	0	0	0
255 Law Enforcement Assist. Grant	0	0	0
256 Cont Professional Training	0	0	0
257 K-9	0	500	500
270 Educ. & Recreation Assist.	0	0	0
271 Baseball Field Maintenance	0	0	0
280 SAFER Grant	0	0	0
400 Capital Improvements	0	720,246	720,246
410 Fire Dept. Capital Impr.	153,259	126,469	279,728
500 Debt Retirement	0	167,861	167,861
600 Water	541,309	939,474	1,480,783
650 Sewer	588,401	3,748,934	4,337,335
655 Sewer Surplus	0	294,929	294,929
680 Solid Waste	84,888	520,160	605,048
681 Storm Sewer	53,389	125,575	178,964
700 Cemetery	0	5,000	5,000
710 Recreation Trust	0	0	0

2026 APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT #3

Fund	Department	Amount	Description
100 General	Council Clerk	\$ 752.70	Personal Services
100 General	Finance	\$ 2,645.63	Personal Services
100 General	Administration	\$ 80.00	Personal Services
100 General	Administration	\$ 16,000.00	Contractual Services
100 General	Secretary	\$ 1,756.30	Personal Services
100 General	Misc General Government	\$ 548.07	Contractual Services
100 General	Police	\$ 2,088.00	Personal Services
100 General	Recreation Center	\$ 3,286.25	Personal Services
100 General	Rereation Center	\$ 18,000.00	Contractual Services
100 General	Nature Preserve	\$ 2,650.31	Personal Services
100 General	Pest and Animal Control	\$ 554.23	Personal Services
100 General	Street Maintenance	\$ 1,971.75	Personal Services
100 General	Law	\$ (6,282.70)	Reallocation
100 General	Tax	\$ (7,500.00)	Reallocation
100 General	Administration	\$ (8,000.00)	Reallocation
100 General	Police	\$ (2,088.00)	Reallocation
100 General	Cemetery	\$ (6,490.79)	Reallocation
100 General	Public Health	\$ (554.23)	Reallocation
100 General	Lands & Buildings	\$ (1,417.52)	Reallocation
210 EMS	EMS	\$ 2,203.20	Personal Services
210 EMS	EMS	\$ (2,203.20)	Reallocation
240 Police	Police	\$ 1,000.00	Personal Services
400 Capital	Fire	\$ 47,110.00	Capital Outlay
410 Fire Levy	Fire	\$ 550.80	Personal Services
410 Fire Levy	Fire	\$ (550.80)	Reallocation
600 Water	Utilities Clerk	\$ 1,043.74	Personal Services
600 Water	Administration	\$ 2,015.87	Personal Services
600 Water	Administration	\$ (3,059.61)	Reallocation
650 Sewer	Utilities Clerk	\$ 1,043.74	Personal Services
650 Sewer	Administration	\$ 2,015.87	Personal Services
650 Sewer	Sewer Plant	\$ 308.18	Personal Services
650 Sewer	Administation	\$ (3,367.79)	Reallocation
680 Solid Waste	Solid Waste	\$ 1,179.12	Personal Services