

RITTMAN CITY COUNCIL – AGENDA
Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2026 Tax Budget

RITTMAN CITY COUNCIL – AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Immediately following Tax Budget Hearing

1. Invocation

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes

a. May 11, 2026

5. Citizens Forum

6. Old Business

a. Res. No. 8523 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, authorizing the Finance Director to issue Blanket Certificates for purchases not to exceed the unencumbered balance in the expenditure account and declaring an emergency. Third Reading.

b. Res. No. 8524 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, to provide a general election to amend the Charter of the City of Rittman by repeal of Article 9.05 and amending or adding Sections 3.01, 3.03, 3.06, 3.07, 3.09, 4.01, 4.03, 4.05, 5.01, 6.02, 6.05, 7.01, 7.02, 9.01, 9.02, 9.03, 9.04, 11.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.06, 13.01, 13.04 and 16.01. Third Reading.

7. New Business

a. Motion to Approve the 2026 Tax Budget.

- b. **Res. No. 8532 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 according to the attached sheet(s) and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.**
- c. **Ord. No. 8533 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.**
- d. **Ord. No. 8534 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, amending Section 993.01 Rates; of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman and declaring an emergency. Three Readings.**

8. City Manager's Remarks

9. Finance Director's Remarks

- a. **Approval of Financial Report for May and June, 2026**

10. Second Citizens Forum

11. Council Remarks

12. Adjournment

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DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held May 11, 2026

Rittman City Council Met in a
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Sonya Hayward, Rich Schumacher, Melissa Shows, Don Sweigert and Nick Huff
Members Absent: Amanda Nelson
Presiding: Mayor Rudy Arnold

The invocation was given by Pastor Clark Genet followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation – Tina Ludwig from the Office of the Auditor of State presented proclamations to Officer Hunter and Jesse Robertson.

Oath of Office – Michael Edward Davis, II as a full time police officer. Mayor Arnold administered the Oath of Office.

Approval of Minutes

- a. April 13, 2026. moved to approve, upon roll call Schumacher – Yes, Huff – Yes, Shows – Yes, Sweigert – Abstain, Hayward - Yes and **motion carried.**
- b. April 16, 2026 Special Meeting. moved to approve, Schumacher – Yes, Huff – Yes, Shows – Yes, Sweigert – Abstain, Hayward - Yes and **motion carried.**

Citizens Forum

Brandon Aamot – 65 Beech Street- spoke regarding the storm sewers on Beech Street backing up in a recent rainfall. The creek at IGA was not at max capacity. This is a common issue. We have no fail safes on this road. This flooded my side yard and went into my basement, and I had 5 ½ feet of water in it. I’m tired of the flooding issues. The damage exceeds \$50,000.00. I appreciate the city workers, but false hopes and no ideas doesn’t fix the problem.

Pam Wolfe – 145 W. Sunset Drive – I saw in old business that there was a data center. Is that so we don’t get one? The next question, on the agenda there are amendments on the charter, there are a lot of numbers, we don’t know what the numbers are for, we don’t know what the amendments contain, or what is going to be changed. Shows stated that the entire document is on rittman.com.

Old Business

None

New Business

- a. Proclamation – National Police Week May 10 – 16, 2026. Mayor Arnold proclaimed National Police Week as May 10 - 16, 2026 in the City of Rittman and encouraged the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.
- b. Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services Week May 17 – 23, 2026. Mayor Arnold proclaimed Emergency Medical Services Week as May 17 - 23, 2026 in the City of Rittman and encouraged the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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c. **Ord. No. 8522 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. 8522 was read on first reading. Sweigert moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Shows moved to adopt. Sweigert inquired if the Capital Budget is established at the beginning of the year. Is something more expensive than what we appropriated? Marcum stated that the Capital is replacement of a vehicle for the administration and this vehicle was not put on the Capital Plan when we originally put it though. This was not a planned purchase, therefore, I needed to put an appropriation through. Sweigert asked if it wasn't on the five year cap plan that we approved. What administration vehicle is it? Beshara stated that it is the 2018 city car. Sweigert wanted to know if there was something wrong with it. Beshara stated that there are lights coming on that are questionable. It's starting to get rust on it, electronics aren't keeping up with modern technology, so therefore there is not a GPS on it anymore. Sweigert stated that the \$5,000.00 isn't buying a new one. Beshara stated it is a new one, but that would be the downpayment. We are looking to buy from Laria. Sweigert stated that the second item in contractual services; I'm sure that is for the sewer plant. Marcum responded that it is sewer plant maintenance and repair. It was an original plan to just repair and now we are replacing. We are now creating the budget to replace it instead. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

d. **Res. No. 8523 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, authorizing the Finance Director to issue Blanket Certificates for purchases not to exceed the unencumbered balance in the expenditure account and declaring an emergency.** First Reading. Res. No. 8523 was read on first reading. Sweigert moved to place on second. Marcum explained that per Ohio Revised Code we are required to have this put through by Council to approve us to have blanket purchase orders. A blanket purchase order is when you expect expenses to continue happening, like the electric bill, any gas bills, your phones, paper towels, cleaning supplies, things like that. At the beginning of the year we open a blanket purchase order in different companies so we can always go back to it, we don't have to reopen a purchase order every time we make a purchase. This is just stating that you are aware we have blanket purchase orders and that we will never make that blanket more than the money you have approved for us to have in the budget. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

e. **Res. No. 8524 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, to provide a general election to amend the Charter of the City of Rittman by repeal of Article 9.05 and amending or adding Sections 3.01, 3.03, 3.06, 3.07, 3.09, 4.01, 4.03, 4.05, 5.01, 6.02, 6.05, 7.01, 7.02, 9.01, 9.02, 9.03, 9.04, 11.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.06, 13.01, 13.04 and 16.01.** First Reading. Res. No. 8523 was read on first reading. Schumacher moved to place on second. Charles Copley stated thanks to all of his fellow members Charter Review Commission as well. We had some valuable discussions during the several meetings that we met, basically going line by line through every chapter of the charter. I just wanted to give a summary as to our thinking was as we were going through the charter. The first item was number and terms under section 3.01, the County actually came to us and requested that we look at moving the start date of the terms from the first of December to after the first of the year. This allows time for recounts and so forth and allows you to get members of Council on the same time. 3.06 just to revise the organizational meeting from December to January, matching the terms of Council. 2.09 is a new section we are recommending to be added. It does deal with removal of a Council Member due to several conditions, it would be up to the remainder of Council to determine that and have a hearing and advise them. 4.01 again a change from December to January. 4.03 changes that the Mayor shall not preside at executive sessions to the Mayor shall not attend executive sessions unless invited. 4.05 looks at the vacancy of the Mayor's position and gives the President of Council a choice whether they accept the Mayor's position or allows another person to be appointed. The current language requires that they

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take that position. 5.01 the commission felt that it was necessary to that the Municipal Manager be reviewed on an annual basis and to codify that into our charter. 6.02 due to Fire and EMS being combined basically consolidating in the charter as well. 6.05 there is wording within this section that requires a majority of the members elected to Council to appoint a law director. The recommended change is to remove the members elected to. Basically that allows the Mayor when acting as a Council member to provide that tie breaker if they need to. 7.01 deals with the Planning Commission and since a member of Council is on the Planning Commission they have to adjust the dates. No changes in article 8, Board of Zoning Appeals. 9.01 language to be removed requesting to be a City. 9.02 looking at all of the boards and commissions that the City has, most of them are three year terms, the Civil Service Commission is a six year term. We are suggesting to change it to three years. 9.03 again, Fire and EMS has been combined in the charter. 9.04 same thing. 11.01 a recommendation to add a Council member to the cemetery board. 12.02 changing the date that the report is due to December 31 instead of by January 1. 12.03 salaries and bonds December to January. 12.06 again the Commission felt that it was necessary that the Finance Director be reviewed on an annual basis unless Council chooses to waive that. 13.01 again coming from the county's recommendations, currently petitions are due to the Board of Elections 75 days prior. Everywhere else in the county is different. We are recommending to align with everyone else to 90 days prior. 13.04 we are recommending that the qualifications be reduced from two years down to one year. If you lived in the city one year you should have the opportunity to serve either as Mayor or Council. 16.01 there was concern that new Council members who are sworn in are asked to appoint a Charter Review Commission so the thought is to move it to the year prior to the new Council. The next Charter Review will be 2035 instead of 2036. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

f. **Motion to cancel the May 25, 2026 Council Meeting due to the Memorial Day Holiday.** Schumacher so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

City Manager's Remarks

I want to welcome our new police officer and also our two full time firemen. We are looking for a third full time person. We got the AMAT's grant for \$50,000.00 for the downtown study, there were seven applicants and we scored second highest and they only gave out two grants and we were one of them. Hopefully we will start working on it in the fall. Also thank you Charles and to the Committee, you did a great job. It was a pleasure working with you. Memorial Day we will be closed. We celebrate those who put their lives literally on the line for us. I wanted to read something because I know there has been a lot of talk about the flags on the tree lawn. I wrote something that I want to read so that people understand who I am.

I respect and deeply value the role the American flag plays in our community and in the lives of our residents. The purpose of these regulations is not to limit patriotism or diminish anyone's right to display the flag, but to ensure that our public spaces remain safe, accessible, and consistently maintained for everyone.

As city manager, I have a responsibility to apply standards fairly across all uses of the public right-of-way, including tree lawns, signage, decorations, and temporary displays. These rules are content-neutral and are based on public safety, visibility, maintenance access, and equal enforcement - not on the message or symbol being displayed.

I fully support residents expressing their patriotism, and nothing in these guidelines prevents lawful flag display on private property or during approved community events. In fact, I believe patriotism is strengthened when we work together respectfully as we follow consistent standards, and preserve both civic pride and the shared spaces that belong to all members of the community.

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I just want to say personally my father was a WWII and Korean War Veteran and I proudly display his picture of him on his ship with all of his fellow shipmates. My husband was a Vietnam Vet. who suffered terribly from PTSD and died at the age of 49. I have multiple flags on my property, I keep them up from Memorial Day until Veterans Day. I take them down when the weather is bad. I'm very patriotic and I don't want anyone to think otherwise, no matter what you read, what you believe. I just wanted to get that out there. I love this Country and I love Rittman.

Finance Director's Remarks

I wanted to let you know that the 2024 Audit has been finalized. We are obviously going right into 2025, so be prepared to be contacted on any budget questions that might come up. I've also been working on the digital budget book which will be presented to the citizens on our transparency page. You will be able to see our budget after it's finalized by Council. It defines everything in the budget, it talks about all of our projects coming into the year. Any kind of question financially that you may have will be answered in this book. I just want everybody to be ready for that to go out. Beshara stated that Chrystal has done a great job with the Audit. It has been mind numbing for her. Congratulations on getting that done and on to 2025.

a. Approval of Financial Report for April, 2026. Shows moved to approve, all Yeas on roll call and motion carried.

Second Citizens Forum

None

Council Remarks

Hayward – thank you everybody for coming out. Congratulations to our new fire department and two guys on the police department. The Legion is going to be getting flags ready to go on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Schumacher – thank you everyone for coming out. I want to thank Charles Copley and the entire Charter Review Commission. I attended most of them. They were very, very thorough. Every single number had input into every aspect. I was thoroughly impressed with they way they went though every line. We appreciate your service. I'm glad that we have been able to come to an agreement/resolution to be able to put the American Flags out. I'm very happy about that that's been worked out. The sign ordinance will be coming before Council next month. We are going to get through everything and bring it up to date. There is a lot of stuff there that needs to be changed. I wanted to thank everyone who showed up to help put the American Flags on the Veterans graves in Rittman and the surrounding cemeteries, we did that on Saturday. The cemetery was quite wet. Thank you very much for coming out.

Beshara stated that she is waiting on a list as to where the flags are to go. I asked Mr. Crawford if we could have that list for our service department.

Huff – I'm not anti flag at all and I know there has been a lot of talk on Facebook that we are not approving the flags. But there are things that are misled and not factual. So the rule of Government does have the right to determine what is allowed in the tree lawn. Every city around here that I have called, Orrville, Wooster. Jon mentioned in his Facebook post, they do over 1,800 flags and they all use the same thing. It's 3 foot off the curb, a 1 inch pole inside of conduit, that conduit is in the ground and it stays there. The reason they do this for underground utilities, gas lines, waterlines and any other curbs, drains and anything like that. The reason that they also do that is they take responsibility for damages. As a City, if we say that you can do this, and we set no rules and boundaries for those, if your gas line hurt, the Legion does not have a bond to cover that insurance. It could blow up your house or they flood your house because they hit a water line, who is responsible? This is what every city is doing and this is what we have agreed on now. I think this is pretty

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close to what Bobbie approved in the original time. If I am mistaken, the original thing was going to stay up for six months. From next week until the Fourth of July. Any one who knows flags that in six months in the weather, it is going to get tattered, torn and weathered. That is a disrespect to the flag.

Shows – I want to say congratulations to Officer Hunter and Jesse Robertson for their awards from the State. Welcoming officer Michael Davis, he came to us from Akron. He is filling the position of someone who is getting ready to retire. National Police Week thanking all of our officers for your service, dispatchers. I also want to do a special shout out to Darilee McGregor who takes much pride in the front of the Police Department. She put in a new rock garden. Getting it to looking asthenic to celebrate these officers and her bother’s Benjie’s rock sits by the front door. Thank you EMS for your services especially this week. I want to thank Bob and his officers, they have completely redone the police department and they have done all of the work themselves. Thanks to the fire department for letting them move into the meeting room during renovations.

Sweigert – Congratulation on getting the AMAT’s finance. Also, good job on the audit. The flags on the tree lawn, what are the time. Beshara responded the week before, the Monday before and the Monday after the holiday. However, as a reminder if the flags are in the tree lawn. Simpson stated our sign ordinance says that flags are not signs, but that’s not true they are signs that is not a constitutional provision that exists in our sign ordinance. The sign ordinance has be to enforced in a content neutral way. By allowing American Flags to be displayed in the tree lawn for whatever period of time, we have to allow all signs to exist in the tree lawn. We can’t say only American Flags are allowed in the tree lawn. It has to be all or none during that time period. We can’t enforce unevenly either. Sweigert inquired if this would be addressed in a new sign ordinance. Simpson replied yes. Simpson stated sign ordinance aside, that’s our right of way, if we don’t want something in our right of way, we have the right to remove it. Sweigert proposed that legislation be drafted to send to voters to increase income tax to 2.5% from the 1.5% it currently is. Along with that would be a credit to the citizens that live within the city limits of 1.5%. In essence, taking their tax burden to 1% for citizens. The Finance Director did the research with RITA and it would generate over \$900,000.00 dollars of income into the general fund. The benefit is we would reduce our citizens income tax burden from 1.5 to 1%. Unfortunately, the other 1% on the people who are coming into Rittman for work. Right now we are paying 1.5 and they are paying 1.5 and they are getting the same benefits driving on our roads, using our city utilities. The income generated could be earmarked for infrastructure, maybe storm sewers, sidewalks, pot holes. Beshara stated that Council voted on the credit back. Matt you will have to look into that to see if the voters can vote on this or Council has to do it. Recording of the meetings is something I brought up in December and then other people have brought it us since, it is going to be recorded and put on? Shows stated that we are looking at ways to do it effectively. Right now we are in the we are still in the testing phases. YouTube was the most user-friendly easy way to do it. We currently have one meeting up. The camera is up on the windowsill. Once we close the video it take anywhere from 12 to 18 hours for it to be released by YouTube. Then we can share it on Facebook.

Beshara – we have a resident who always came to our meetings, Jerry McAvinew. Jerry would talk about sidewalks, and how dangerous they were and he would bring doughnuts into our staff. We really loved Jerry, and he passed away last week.

Mayor Arnold – I wanted to thank Mayor Robertson and a few others that took the time out and gave Commissioner Hoffstetter a tour of the Nature Preserve and the train station a few weeks ago. Also, Community Cleanup last Saturday was really something to see everybody come out and support that. I also want to thank some National Honor Society students from the high school as well as a few others that placed flags at the cemetery and others surrounding. The Memorial Day Parade will start at 10:30 on Erie Street. The services at the cemetery will be immediately following the parade. It usually starts around 11:15. Also thank you to Mr. Copley and the Charter Review Commission. I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. This is exactly how this should work. I apologize for missing the last two Council Meetings due to work commitments. As of yesterday I was

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selected as the Director of Ohio Western National Cemetery. I will no longer be traveling as much.

a. **Motion to Go Into Executive Session to Discuss Employee Compensation and Invite the City Manager, the Mayor and the Law Director - 8:23 pm** Schumacher so moved. Second by Shows, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

b. **Motion to Come Out of Executive Session – 8:53 pm** Shows so moved, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Adjourn: 8:54 p.m. Hayward moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

Mayor

Clerk of Council

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Ordinance No. 8523

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RESOLUTION NO. 8523

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE BLANKET CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES NOT TO EXCEED THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Rittman purchases numerous items throughout the year on a recurring basis; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)(1) provides that the City may not make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate by the Finance Director that the amount required to meet the obligation has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection free from other encumbrances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rittman desires to formalize its procedures regarding blanket certificates in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D), and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor has recommended that the legislative authority adopt legislation in accordance with O.R.C. 5705.41.

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.

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SECTION ONE.

That the Council of the City of Rittman and the Administration intend to make purchasing as efficient as possible while maintaining internal controls.

SECTION TWO.

That the Finance Director is authorized to issue blanket certificates in an amount not to exceed the unencumbered balance in the expenditure account, which may or may not be limited to one vendor and over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year.

SECTION THREE.

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION FOUR.

This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to comply with the timing requirements of the program; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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Ordinance No. 8524

Passed: _____, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 8524

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES, STATE OF OHIO TO PROVIDE A GENERAL ELECTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN BY REPEAL OF ARTICLE 9.05 AND AMENDING OR ADDING SECTIONS 3.01, 3.03, 3.06, 3.07, 3.09, 4.01, 4.03, 4.05, 5.01, 6.02, 6.05, 7.01, 7.02, 9.01, 9.02, 9.03, 9.04, 11.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.06, 13.01, 13.04, AND 16.01.

WHEREAS, the electors of the City on May 30, 1960, adopted a Charter for the City of Rittman; and

WHEREAS, said Charter provides that it shall be reviewed by a Charter Review Commission in 2026; and

WHEREAS, to participate in the aforementioned settlement, the City must submit a Subdivision Participation and Release Form; and

WHEREAS, in order to effect such changes, it is the duty of Council to make provision for the qualified voters of the City of Rittman to vote upon said matters at the General Election on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION ONE

That the question of the amendment of the Charter of the City of Rittman by repealing Section 9.05 Civil Service Commission, Employees with Prior Service be submitted to a vote of the qualified

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electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWO

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 3.01 The Council, Number and Terms be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION THREE

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 3.03 The Council, Powers be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION FOUR

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 3.06 The Council, Meetings be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION FIVE

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 3.07 The Council, President be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

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SECTION SIX

That the question of the addition to the charter of the City of Rittman of Section 3.09 The Council, Removal be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION SEVEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 4.01 The Mayor, Term be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION EIGHT

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 4.03 The Mayor, Legislative Powers be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION NINE

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 4.05 The Mayor, Vacancies be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 5.01 The Municipal Manager, Appointment, Removal, and Qualifications be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

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SECTION ELEVEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 6.02 Administrative Officers and Divisions, Division of Safety be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWELVE

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 6.05 Administrative Officers and Divisions, Law Director be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION THIRTEEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 7.01 Municipal Planning Commission, Composition and Terms be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION FOURTEEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 7.02 Municipal Planning Commission, Powers and Duties be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

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SECTION FIFTEEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 9.01 Civil Service Commission, Civil Service Commission and System be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION SIXTEEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 9.02 Civil Service Commission, Composition and Terms be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION SEVENTEEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 9.03 Civil Service Commission, Classified and Unclassified Service be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION EIGHTEEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 9.04 Civil Service Commission, Police, Fire, and EMS Chiefs be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

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SECTION NINETEEN

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 11.01 Cemetery Board, Composition and Terms be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWENTY

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 12.02 Finance, Preparation and Submission of Budget be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWENTY-ONE

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 12.03 Finance, Salaries and Bonds be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWENTY-TWO

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 12.06 Finance, Finance Director be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWENTY-THREE

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 13.01 Nominations, Elections, and Qualifications, Nominations be submitted to a vote of the qualified

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electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWENTY-FOUR

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 13.04 Nominations, Elections, and Qualifications, Qualifications be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWENTY-FIVE

That the question of the amendment of the charter of the City of Rittman by amending Section 16.01 Charter Review Commission, Charter Review Commission be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at the usual places of voting in said City.

SECTION TWENTY-SIX

That the ballots for said election shall, at the top thereof, be entitled "Proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Rittman by addition of Section 3.09 and amendment of Sections 3.01, 3.03, 3.06, 3.07, 4.01, 4.03, 4.05, 5.01, 6.02, 6.05, 7.01, 7.02, 9.01, 9.02, 9.03, 9.04, 11.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.06, 13.01, 13.04, and 16.01 in the Charter." Thereunder shall be placed "A majority vote is necessary for adoption." The questions to be submitted on said ballot shall be in words following:

"Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by the addition of Section 3.09 The Council, Removal which shall read "Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, Council may remove from office any member for gross misconduct, misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in or

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disqualification for office, or for the conviction while in office of a crime involving moral turpitude, or for the violation of the oath of office, or persistent failure to abide by the rules of Council, or absence without justifiable excuse, as determined by a majority of the other members of Council, from three consecutive regular meetings of Council. Such removal shall not take place without the concurrence of at least four (4) of the other members of Council, nor until the individual shall have been notified in writing of the charge at least 15 days in advance of a public hearing upon such charge, and the individual or the individual's counsel has been given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence or examine any witness appearing in support of, or against such charge. No individual so removed shall be eligible for appointment to the vacancy created thereby.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 3.01 The Council, Number and Terms to “The Council shall consist of six (6) members, all of whom shall be elected at large for four (4) year terms. Three (3) Council members shall be elected every odd numbered year at the regular Municipal Election held in November and shall assume office on the first day of January following the election for a term expiring the last day of December four years hence.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 3.03 The Council, Powers to “All the legislative power of the Municipality and the determination of all matters of policy shall be vested in the Council including the creation of offices, boards, divisions, and commissions not

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otherwise provided for in this Charter. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Council may, by ordinance, make provision differing from the general law with respect to:

- (a) The time and place of regular meetings of the Council.
 - (b) The method of calling and giving notice of special meetings of the Council.
 - (c) The method of giving public notice of the enactment of its ordinances and adoption of its resolutions, and of any other of its acts or proceedings which it deems proper to publish.
 - (d) The procedure for making public improvements and the levying of assessments, including the procedure for combining two or more public improvements in one proceeding if the Council finds that it will be economical and practical to undertake such improvements jointly.
 - (e) The making, advertising, and awarding of contracts except as provided in Article XII of this Charter.
 - (f) Such other general regulations as the Council may deem necessary, including regulations as to the custody and use by the Clerk of Council of an official seal which shall be the seal of the Municipality.”
- To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 3.06 The Council, Meetings to “The Council shall have an organizational meeting at the first regular meeting of each year. Thereafter the Council shall meet regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its rules, but not less frequently than once each month. All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public and shall be governed by the open meeting laws of the Ohio Revised Code.

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The members of Council may hold an executive session only after a majority of the Council determines, by a roll call vote, to hold an executive session and only at a regular or special meeting in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G). If Council holds an executive session to consider any of the matters listed in this section, the motion and vote to hold that executive session shall state which one or more of the approved matters listed are to be considered at executive session.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 3.07 The Council, President to “At the organizational meeting of Council in January of each calendar year, a member of Council shall be elected by a majority of the members of Council to the office of President of Council for a term to commence immediately following his or her election and expire at the first regular meeting in January one year hence.

When the Mayor is absent or inaccessible or is unable for any cause or reason to perform his or her duties, the President of Council shall become the acting Mayor, but shall not thereby cease to be a councilman.

In the event the office of President of Council shall become vacant for any reason, Council shall elect a successor at its next regular meeting, who shall serve the unexpired term.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 4.01 The Mayor, Term to “The Mayor shall be elected at the regular Municipal election in 1997 and every fourth year thereafter.

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His or her term shall commence on the first day of January following his or her election and expire on the date of the organizational meeting four years hence.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 4.03 The Mayor, Legislative Powers to “The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of Council but shall have no vote therein except in case of a tie vote. The Mayor shall be considered a member of Council when so voting. The Mayor shall not attend Executive Sessions of Council unless invited by a majority of Council members.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 4.05 The Mayor, Vacancies to “When the Mayor is absent or inaccessible or is unable for any cause or reason to perform his or her duties, the President of Council shall become the acting Mayor, but shall not thereby cease to be a councilman.

In the event the office of Mayor shall become vacant for any reason, the President of Council shall automatically be nominated to become the Mayor. If the President of Council does not accept the nomination within 10 days, Council shall, by a vote of the majority of the members, designate one of their members to become Mayor. The Mayor shall serve for the unexpired term and his or her offices as President of Council and/or councilman shall become vacant.

When the President of Council is absent or inaccessible or for any reason unable to perform his or her duties as acting Mayor, then Council, by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of Council,

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shall designate one of their members to act as Mayor.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 5.01 The Municipal Manager, Appointment, Removal and Qualifications to “The Municipal Manager shall be chosen by the Council solely on the basis of his or her executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his or her actual experience in, or his or her knowledge of, accepted practice in respect to the duties of his or her office as hereinafter set forth.

A Municipal Manager shall be appointed by a vote of at least five (5) of the members of the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. A Municipal Manager who is removed shall receive at least one (1) month's salary from the date of such removal, unless such removal is due to conviction of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude.

The Municipal Manager shall be reviewed by Council not less than annually unless such review is waived by a majority of Council at a regular meeting.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 6.02 Administrative Officers and Divisions, Division of Safety to “The Division of Safety shall comprise the Police Department and the Fire & EMS Department. Appointments to the Police Department and the Fire & EMS Department shall be made by the Municipal Manager after consultation with Council subject to Civil Service Articles of this Charter.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection

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shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 6.05 Administrative Officers and Divisions, Law Director to “The Law Director shall be appointed annually at the organizational meeting of Council by the Municipal Manager with the concurrence of a majority of the members of Council. He or she shall be an attorney-at-law, admitted to the practice of the law in the State of Ohio, and in good standing with the state bar association or Ohio Supreme Court. He or she shall be adviser of and attorney and counsel for the Municipality and for all officers and divisions thereof in all matters relating to their official duties, and shall, when requested, give legal opinions in writing. He or she shall represent the Municipality or oversee representation in all suits or cases in which it may be a party and shall prosecute for all offenses against the ordinances of the Municipality and such offenses against the laws of Ohio as may be required of him. He or she shall on request of the Municipal Manager prepare contracts, legislation, bonds and other instruments in writing in which the Municipality is concerned and shall endorse on each his or her approval of the form and corrections thereof. He or she shall perform such other duties as the Municipal Manager or Council may impose upon him consistent with his or her office.

A vacancy during the term of the position shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner authorized for by the original appointment. The Municipal Manager, with the concurrence of the majority of Council, shall have sixty (60) days or three (3) meetings, whichever is greater, to make such appointment. Should the Law Director fail to be appointed in the prescribed period of time, the Mayor of the City shall have the authority to fill such vacancy.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with

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appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 7.01 Municipal Planning Commission, Composition and Terms to “The Municipal Planning Commission shall consist of the Municipal Manager, one (1) member of Council to be appointed annually by the Council whose term shall begin on the first regular meeting in January, and three (3) electors of the Municipality not holding a Municipal elective office, to be appointed by the Council. The three (3) electors shall be appointed by the Council for a term of three (3) years. Said term shall begin on the first day of January. A vacancy occurring during the term of any member of the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner authorized for an original appointment.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 7.02 Municipal Planning Commission, Powers and Duties to “The Municipal Planning Commission shall have all powers to consider and plan the location, construction, reconstruction, and vacation of public buildings, thoroughfares and public and private utilities, and the platting of developments, and such other powers as are now or may hereafter be conferred upon it by the laws of Ohio or by ordinance of Council. There shall be referred to it all ordinances pertaining to zoning and building codes, and no ordinance so referred shall be passed by Council until a report or recommendation is received from the Municipal Planning Commission. If no report or recommendation shall be filed with the Clerk of Council by the Municipal Planning Commission within thirty (30) days after a proposed ordinance has been referred to it, it shall be

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deemed to have been approved. Any ordinance disapproved by the Municipal Planning Commission shall require the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council to be approved.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 9.01 Civil Service Commission, Civil Service Commission and System to “The Council shall by ordinance provide for and establish a Civil Service Commission and a Civil Service System.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 9.02 Civil Service Commission, Composition and Terms to “The Civil Service Commission shall consist of three (3) electors of the City not holding other Municipal elective or appointive office to be appointed by Council for a term of three (3) years. Said terms shall begin on the first day of January. A vacancy occurring during the term of any member of the Civil Service Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner authorized for in the original appointment.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 9.03 Civil Service Commission, Classified and Unclassified Service to “Regular members of the Division of Safety, except the division heads, the Police Chief and the Fire and EMS Chief, shall be within the classified service. The Council after consultation with the Municipal Manager shall determine which of the other City

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employees shall be within the classified service and which shall be within the unclassified service.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 9.04 Civil Service Commission, Police, Fire and EMS Chiefs to “For purposes of lay-off, disciplining, suspension or removal, the Police Chief and the Fire and EMS Chief shall be considered members of the classified service in the Division of Safety.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 11.01 Cemetery Board, Composition and Terms to “The Cemetery Board shall consist of three (3) electors of the Municipality not holding a Municipal elective office and one (1) member of Council to be appointed annually. The three (3) electors shall be appointed by Council for terms of three (3) years. A vacancy occurring during the term of any member of the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner authorized for in the original appointment.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 12.02 Finance, Preparation and Submission of Budget to “The Municipal Manager shall, in conjunction with the Finance Director, by December 31st of each year, submit to the Council a budget. For such purpose, at such date as he or she shall determine, he or she, or an appointed officer designated by him, shall obtain from the

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head of each office, division, board, commission or authority, estimates of revenue and expenditures of that office, division, board, commission or authority, detailed by organizational units and character and object of expenditure, and such other supporting data as he or she may request, together with an estimate of all capital projects pending or which should be undertaken (a) within the succeeding fiscal year and (b) within the five (5) next succeeding years. In preparing the budget, the Municipal Manager shall review the estimates, shall hold at least one public hearing thereon, and may revise the estimates as he or she may deem advisable.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 12.03 Finance, Salaries and Bonds to “The Council shall have the power to fix the compensation of its members and that of the Mayor and of each officer and employee of the Municipality, and shall establish bonds for the Clerk of Council, Mayor, Municipal Manager, Finance Director, police officers and other officials or employees, as may be determined by Council, for the faithful discharge of the duties of their office. The premium on any bond required by Council shall be paid by the Municipality.

The compensation of the Mayor, and each member of the Council and any other elected officer, shall be fixed at least (30) days prior to the filing date of the nominating petition for the term beginning on January 1st of the next year and shall not thereafter be changed in respect to any two (2) year period or term, except that Council may provide additional compensation for any elected official during such period as they shall or are acting as, or performing the duties of the Municipal Manager or Mayor.

The Council may authorize the payment or reimbursement of expenses incurred by any official, employee or member of any board or commission of the Municipality for travel, membership in an

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association, or other expenditure, in the interest of the Municipality.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 12.06 Finance, Finance Director to “The Finance Director shall be appointed by a vote of at least five (5) members of the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. A Finance Director who is removed shall receive at least one (1) month's salary from the date of such removal, unless such removal is due to conviction of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude. The Finance Director shall be reviewed by Council not less than annually unless such review is waived by a majority of Council at a regular meeting.

His or her duties shall be as follows:

(a) Collect all taxes, special assessments, license fees and other revenues due the Municipality or for whose collection the Municipality is responsible, and receive all money receivable by it from the County, State or Federal government or others, or from any court or from any office, department or agency of the Municipality, or any moneys payable to the Municipality from any source.

(b) Have custody of all public funds belonging to or under the control of the Municipality, or any office, department or agency thereof, and deposit or invest all funds coming into his or her hands in such manner as may be provided by ordinance; all interest resulting from deposits or investments shall be the property of the Municipality and shall be accounted for and credited to the proper account; deposit slips shall be marked with the name of the proper fund of the Municipality.

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(c) Have custody of all investments and invested funds of the Municipality, or in its possession in a fiduciary capacity, and have safekeeping of all bonds and notes of the Municipality and the receipt and delivery of its bonds and notes for transfer, registration or exchange.

(d) Determine that all payment vouchers that are to be paid from Municipal funds are approved for payment by the Municipal Manager and other officials as required.

(e) Determine that payment vouchers submitted for payment from Municipal funds are allocated to a specific appropriated expenditure and not in excess of such appropriation except with the approval of the required vote of Council.

(f) Prepare, sign, and issue checks to cover approved payment vouchers; note payment vouchers; note payment date and check number on payment voucher.

(g) Submit to Council and the Municipal Manager a monthly report showing the condition of all funds and keep a running balance of funds available for withdrawal from the various bank accounts authorized by Council and issue a fund balance report as directed by Council.

(h) Assist the Municipal Manager in the preparation of an annual budget and prepare and submit annually to Council and the public a complete report on the financial activities of the Municipality as of the end of each fiscal year, using generally accepted accounting principles.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 13.01 Nominations, Elections and Qualifications, Nominations to “There shall be no primary election for Municipal offices. Nominations for elective offices of the Municipality shall be made by petition only, signed by not less

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than twenty-five (25) electors on the standard forms for the nominations of non-partisan candidates for such office, filed with the Board of Elections at least ninety (90) days before the day of election. Each candidate shall file a separate petition; group petitions shall not be used. The signature of the candidate indicating his or her acceptance of the nomination and willingness to accept the office if elected shall appear on each copy of his or her petition. The petition may be in a number of parts, but each part shall be verified under oath by the circulator as required by law.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 13.04 Nominations, Elections and Qualifications, Qualifications to “Each elected officer of the Municipality shall be an elector of the Municipality and shall have resided therein or in a territory annexed thereto for a period of at least one (1) year immediately prior to nomination for such office and shall continue to reside therein during his or her term. He or she shall hold no incompatible office under the National, State or County government, nor shall he or she have any financial interest in any contract to which the Municipality is a party, or in any expenditure of money by the Municipality other than his or her fixed compensation and traveling or other expenses incidental to the authorized furtherance of the interests of the Municipality.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

“Shall the Charter of the City of Rittman be amended by changing Section 16.01 Charter Review Commission, Charter Review Commission to “In January, 2035, in each ten (10) years thereafter, the Council shall appoint a Commission of nine (9) electors plus three (3) alternates of the Municipality

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holding no other Municipal elective or appointive office except on advisory bodies of the Municipality, as members of the Charter Review Commission. Such Commission shall review the Municipal Charter, and within five (5) calendar months after such appointment, recommend to Council such alterations, revisions, and amendments, if any, to this Charter, as in its judgment are desirable. The Council shall submit to the electors any such proposed alterations, revisions or amendments of this Charter in the manner provided in Article XV hereof. The members appointed to said Commission shall serve without compensation. Meetings of the Charter Review Commission shall be open to the public.” To the left of said wording, in boxes, with appropriate place for selection shall appear the words, “Yes” and “No,” and each voter shall indicate their vote by selecting the appropriate box.

SECTION TWENTY-SEVEN

That the Board of Elections of Wayne and Medina counties shall cause an appropriate notice to be duly given of the election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2026, on the foregoing amendments of the Charter of this City and otherwise to provide for such election in the manner provided by the general laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT

That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed promptly to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Boards of Elections of Wayne and Medina Counties.

SECTION TWENTY-NINE

That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to cause the full text of the Charter amendments proposed herein to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Rittman, with the first publication to be made at least fifteen (15) days

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prior to the election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2026, as provided in Article XCIII, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio and in Section 731.211 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION THIRTY

This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2026

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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RESOLUTION NO. 8532

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.

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

WHEREAS, this Resolution will provide for the efficient and lawful certifications to provide Municipal Services; 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 Finance Director is authorized to draw warrants for the payment of Municipal expenses pursuant to the attached Exhibit "A" which is incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO.

That because of the immediate need for the certification and payment of said obligations, this Resolution 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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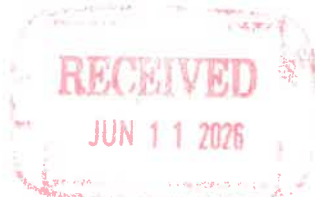
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Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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		Gross Amount	3,392.00

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U.S. Bank Lockbox Services - 12-2698 EP-MN-01LB

1200 Energy Park Drive

St. Paul, MN 55108

DGBilling@NextEraEnergy.com

**Bill To****City of Rittman**

30 N. Main St.

Rittman, OH 44270

Account Number: 5500003964**Invoice Number:** 990858**Invoice Date:** Dec 4, 2025**Due Date:** Jan 5, 2026**Invoice Grand Total:** \$4,001.19**Facility Name**

City of Rittman - WWTP (Morningstar)

Address130 Morning Star Dr
Rittman, OH 44270**Meter Number**

349153

Billing Period

Nov 1, 2025 to Nov 30, 2025

Electric Output

51,621.70 (KWH-net)

Energy Charges (KWH-net) @ 51,621.70 x 0.0775 11/01/2025 - 11/30/2025

\$4,001.19

Invoice Grand Total:**\$4,001.19**

ACCT. # 05011053605
P.O. # 2026-00014
DUE DATE 1/5/2026
APPROVED cm

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St. Paul, MN 55108

ACH Payment Instructions:

U.S. Bank, N.A.
DG Harvest 2023, LLC
Account Number: 104790063440
ABA: 091000022

For comments or questions, please contact the following:

Email: DGBilling@NextEraEnergy.com

Due Date

Jan 5, 2026

Amount Enclosed**City of Rittman**

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RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 8533

Passed: _____, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 8533

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

2026 TRANSFERS

FROM FUND	TO FUND	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
General	EMS	175,000	Operations
General	Fire	100,000	Operations

2026 Budget

		2026	2026	
		Budget	Budgeted	
FUND		Revenues	Expenses	
100 General Fund		3,439,814	3,753,414	
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	1,454,545	
410 Fire Dept. Capital Impr.		201,700	279,728	
500 Debt Retirement		157,852	167,861	
600 Water		1,512,000	1,500,783	
603 Water Bond Retirement		0	0	
650 Sewer		7,323,744	4,467,335	
655 Sewer Surplus		0	294,929	
656 Sewer Revenue Bond Ret.		0	0	
657 Sewer Revenue Bond Reserve		0	0	
680 Solid Waste		604,068	605,048	
681 Storm Sewer		184,508	203,964	
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	
		<u>\$16,619,581</u>	<u>\$15,149,920</u>	

		Personal	Other	
		Services	Expenses	Total
General Fund				
Safety Service	Police	1,006,608	205,249	1,211,858
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	2,181	0	2,181
Public Health & Welfare	Pest & Animal Control	300	13,146	13,446
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	193,358	757,375	950,733
General Govt	Finance & Income Tax	200,342	82,500	282,842
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
	Other Uses			0
Total General Fund		<u>2,226,465</u>	<u>1,526,948</u>	<u>3,753,414</u>
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	1,454,545	1,454,545
410 Fire Dept. Capital Impr.		153,259	126,469	279,728
500 Debt Retirement		0	167,861	167,861
600 Water		541,309	959,474	1,500,783
650 Sewer		588,401	3,878,934	4,467,335
655 Sewer Surplus		0	294,929	294,929
680 Solid Waste		84,888	520,160	605,048
681 Storm Sewer		53,389	150,575	203,964
700 Cemetery		0	5,000	5,000
710 Recreation Trust		0	0	0

2026 APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT #6

Fund	Department	Amount	Description
100 General	Sergeants	\$100,000	Personal Services
100 General	Finance	\$12,777	Personal Services
100 General	Administration	(\$32,777)	Reallocation
100 General	Administration	\$20,000	Contractual Services
400 Capital	Fire	\$15,000	Capital
600 Water	Water Distribution	\$20,000	Capital

2026 ESTIMATED RESOURCES AMENDMENT #1

Fund	Department	Amount	Description
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RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 8534

Passed: _____, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 8534

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN, WAYNE AND MEDINA COUNTIES AND STATE OF OHIO, AMENDING SECTION 993.01 RATES; OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RITTMAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, section 993 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rittman, the ordinance governs the rates for emergency response services provided by the city; and

WHEREAS, some insurance providers cover emergency services that are not emergency medical 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 section 993 entitled “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES” be renamed to “EMERGENCY SERVICES.”

SECTION TWO

That Section 993.01 entitled “Rates” be renamed to “Emergency Medical Services Rates”

SECTION THREE

That there be established section 993.02 entitled “Fire and Rescue Rates” and read as follows:

(a) The base fee for response to a structure fire shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in addition to any of the other amounts listed in this section.

(b) Vehicle/Equipment Fires

(1) The fee for the extinguishment of any automotive fire shall be as follows:

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a. Fire: Passenger Vehicle	\$500.00
b. Fire: Truck Class 1-3:	\$750.00
c. Fire: Truck Class 4-6:	\$1000.00
d. Fire: Truck Class 7-8:	\$1250.00
e. Construction/Agricultural:	\$1000.00

(c) The fee for a rescue extrication shall be five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00).

(d) The fee for providing scene safety shall be five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00).

(e) The fee for establishing or providing a landing zone for any airborne emergency response vehicle shall be five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00).

(f) The fee for providing lift assists shall be seventy-five and 00/100 dollars per instance. Costs shall not be incurred until the third assist in a calendar month.

SECTION FOUR

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare of the City for the reason that the update to the rates billed and received by the Fire & EMS department are necessary for the functioning of the department.

Passed: _____, 2026

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council