

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held March 23, 20 26

**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