

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Tuesday, January 3, 2023, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Martin DeVries, and Georgia Awig.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Director of Finance April Wilkerson, City Engineer Eavenson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated December 19, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes.:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated December 13, 2022
Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated December 22, 2022

LOBBY:

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address for the record. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

Low-Speed Vehicles

Kim Nakoff at 37445 Tailfeather Drive, requested the City Council to consider legislation regulating low-speed vehicles that are electric vehicles like Golf Carts. The vehicles that are in question are legal by the Ohio Revised Code to be on the streets. Mr. Nakoff advised the legislation should regulate low-speed vehicles' speed to 25 miles per hour or under. Ms. Nakoff continued to express why green vehicles should be driven on the roads and how it is used. The vehicles are used in Sheffield Village. She reiterated that she would like for City Council to consider legislation to allow low-speed vehicles to be on North Ridgeville streets.

Roundabouts

Gary Chopcinski at 33699 Browning Drive, noted that he is an advocate for roundabouts and it would be great to teach people how to use roundabouts.

Resident Complaint

Tom Feser at 5800 McKinley Ave, expressed his concerns about City officials and other people coming to his house regarding vehicles and other items on his property. He also expressed his concerns about the cutting of 20 feet of his driveway after the recent road project. He explained that he went to Mr. Armbruster about his concerns and was suggested to go to court about the issue. He continued to express how he felt about people worrying about the vehicles and items in his yard.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran provided the following report.:

- Remarked that under first readings, he would be requesting emergency passage on T 1-2023 an ordinance amending Ordinance 5939-2022 which approved an agreement with URS Corporation for professional engineering services for the French Creek interceptor sewer inspection, manhole inspection, and condition assessment not to exceed \$170,000, by increasing the amount to not to exceed \$258,000. He would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause in order to make good on the work that was performed by URS for these services.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to suspend the bylaws and add T 2-2023 to amend appropriations under first readings for January 3, 2023 Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

- Added that on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the City and the Schools presents the State of North Ridgeville Address at the North Ridgeville Academic Center. It is the opportunity for all to hear what is happening in and around our city. The cost to attend includes lunch at \$25. All can contact the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce at (440) 327-3737 to see if there are any tickets available for the event.
- Remarked that the Master Plan Steering Committee would be holding its second meeting on January 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the North Ridgeville Academic Center Community Room. This meeting is open to the public.
- City Hall offices are closed on Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. This would result in the next City Council meeting being pushed back to Tuesday, January 17, 2023, and would be held in the Police Station Training Room. Council Chambers would be undergoing renovations and would not be accessible until March.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss the hiring of public employees.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to approve the Mayor's appointment to appoint Christina Eavenson as the City Engineer.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to approve the Mayor's appointment to appoint April Wilkerson as the Director of Finance.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Mayor Corcoran pointed out that both of the ladies have done a remarkable job in the City and he is excited to work with them in their new positions.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster congratulated Christina Eavenson and April Wilkerson on their new positions and expressed his appreciation.

Mr. Armbruster added that the City knew to check to increase the amount for the French Creek sewer because of the new technology that records the diameter and the thickness of the pipe itself. The technology would help the City record the life of the pipes.

Safety Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

3. Engineer:

Engineer Eavenson noted that the Engineering department has been very busy with end-of-the-year tasks and assisting in the construction of the new Police department. Ms. Eavenson thanked everyone for their support and is looking forward to serving the community.

Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

4. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson reminded the City Council that she planned to forward the November 2022 Financial report and the December 2022 Preliminary report. Ms. Wilkerson thanked the City

Council and the administration for the appointment and expressed it's been a pleasure serving the community.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

5. Other Reports:

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to dispense with recess.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 1-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5939-2022, WHICH APPROVED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH URS CORPORATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FRENCH CREEK INTERCEPTOR SEWER INSPECTION, MANHOLE INSPECTION, AND CONDITION ASSESSMENT FOR 2022, NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000.00, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT TO NOT TO EXCEED \$258,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 1-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to continue the services performed by URS for Professional Engineering Services.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 1-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 1-2023 becomes

Ordinance number 6032-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 2-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 6031-2022 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 2-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to merge the Treasurer budget with the Department of Finance budget because of the recent Charter and NRCO code change to repeal the Treasures office and merge it with the Department of Finance.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 2-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 2-2023 becomes

Ordinance number 6033-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

There was none.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 166-2022 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 213 DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 12-05-2022; Second Reading on 12-19-2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adopt T 166-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 166-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6034-2023.**

Yes - 7 No - 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

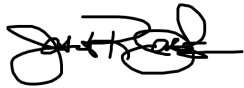
President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Utilities Committee meeting to discuss T 175-2022 would be on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room (Entrance of the Police Department).
- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room. Attendees should use the front entrance of the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 17, 2023:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL