

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, January 4, 2021, Council meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President DeVries.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President DeVries.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members President Martin DeVries, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, and James R. Maleski.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Director of Public Utilities Tara Peet (via Zoom), Auditor April Wilkerson, Assistant Clerk of Council Shari Ma, Deputy Clerk of Council Lisa Ciofani, and Clerk of Council Nancy Linden.

**MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:**

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of December 21, 2020. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the public hearing meeting minutes of December 21, 2020, regarding Meadows Lakes #18 in Planned Community Development (PCD). No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

**LOBBY:**

President DeVries opened the lobby session. He stated they are utilizing Zoom and YouTube for people to type or ask questions. There are instructions on the City's website through the City Council tab on how to get questions answered at [www.nridgeville.org](http://www.nridgeville.org). He paused for comments due to the delay in the broadcast. No questions or comments were offered.

President DeVries noted City Council received the Records Commission meeting minutes from the December 17, 2020, meeting.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Mayor Corcoran stated on the agenda this evening, under second readings is T 130-2020, an ordinance authorizing him, as Mayor, to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the Mills Road Bridge over French Creek Replacement Project. Mayor Corcoran stated that during the second reading he will move to dispense of the third reading and add the emergency clause in order to move forward with the bid process to meet ODOT's deadline of March 2, 2021, to award the project.

**Mayor's appointments to the following:**

1. Planning Commission (1);

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to reappoint Jason Jacobs to the Planning Commission.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

2. Board of Zoning and Building Appeals (1);

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to reappoint Shawn Kimble to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Mayor Corcoran stated both appointees have done an outstanding job and are great assets to the committees they serve.

Mayor Corcoran invited all to join him Wednesday, January 13, 2021, from 8:30-9:30 AM in Council Chambers for his monthly coffee & conversation. He asked those who plan to attend in person, to please wear masks and practice social distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Mayor Corcoran noted City Hall Offices will be closed Monday, January 18, 2021, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. He stated next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, due to the holiday.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated that the City's snow removal team worked hard over the last several weeks due to the high volume of snow. He also stated the Paramedics of the city of North Ridgeville received the first round of COVID-19 vaccines before Christmas and are scheduled for the second vaccine in twenty-one days (21).

**C. Engineer:** Engineer Rodriguez stated the Mills Road Bridge replacement advertisement for bids is scheduled to begin the week of January 4, 2021. He urged City Council to move

forward in the approval process in order to meet ODOT's deadline date of March 2, 2021. The bid process takes between forty-five and sixty days (45-60).

Engineer Rodriguez stated the Chestnut Ridge Road and alternate State Route 83 roundabout project will bid out this week or next week.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the City is currently soliciting qualifications for the Lorain Road Water Main Extension Project and also soliciting engineering consulting services for construction and administration inspection for the Mills Road Bridge Project.

The Stoney Ridge Water Main Replacement Project is scheduled to have a pre-construction meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. A pre-construction schedule for the project will be posted on the City's website.

**D. Auditor:** Auditor Wilkerson stated the 2019 audit has been completed and submitted to the State Auditor for review. Anyone wishing to review the report can access it on the City's website.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the By-laws to add T 1-2021 to the agenda under first readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No -0

**E. Other Reports:** President DeVries noted City Council received the October 2020 Financial Report.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Corcoran stated the correspondence from Councilwoman Hung should have been on the agenda.

President DeVries asked Director of Public Utilities Peet about the correspondence.

Director of Public Utilities Peet stated the correspondence was emailed to Council upon receipt and apologized it did not make it to the agenda with her changing her position.

Mayor Corcoran stated he has it and can read it.

Mayor Corcoran read the resignation letter from Michelle Hung effective January 1, 2021.

Council President DeVries spoke on behalf of City Council by wishing Commissioner Hung success in her new role as Lorain County Commissioner.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with recess.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

**FIRST READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 1-2021      AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5785-2020 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 1-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 1-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 1-2021 as the Ordinance is retroactive to December 1, 2020.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 1-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5786-2021.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 130-2020      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE MILLS ROAD BRIDGE OVER FRENCH CREEK (LOR-MILLS ROAD) REPLACEMENT

PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTANENCES, NOT TO EXCEED  
\$1,047,512.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 12/21/2020)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the third reading for  
T 130-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 130-2020.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T  
130-2020 in order to meet the ODOT deadline of March 2, 2021.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T  
130-2020 becomes **Ordinance number 5787-2021**.

**THIRD READINGS:** None.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. in City  
Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 19, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL