

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, October 19, 2020 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, James R. Maleski and Michelle Hung.

Also present was Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet 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 October 5, 2020. 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 their 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.

He asked Assistant Clerk of Council Peet to read any questions or comments from the YouTube Channel feed. He asked if anyone signed into Zoom wished to speak.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet stated there were no comments or questions at this time.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Mayor Corcoran requested that City Council consider passing T 110-2020 with the emergency this evening which is an ordinance authorizing the City to enter into contract for crack sealing. He noted he would like to move forward with the project before winter. Mayor Corcoran also requested that T 111-2020 be passed with the emergency which is a resolution to submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and Local Transportation Improvement Programs. The deadline to apply to OPWC is November 6.

Lorain County Public Health released their flu shot clinic schedule for November. They will offer no-cost flu shots at four community clinics and at their office. To schedule an in-office appointment with Lorain County Public Health, please call 440-284-3206. Visit [www.nridgeville.org](http://www.nridgeville.org) for the list of dates and locations for the walk-in and drive-thru clinics.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Senior Center will be hosting a drive-thru spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 30 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$6 per dinner and includes spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread. If you would like to purchase tickets for this event, please stop by the Mayor's office at City Hall. Cash or checks payable to North Ridgeville Senior Center will be accepted. Mayor Corcoran thanked the North Ridgeville VFW Post #9871 for sponsoring the event.

North Ridgeville will be observing citywide Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. He stated residents should turn on their porch lights if they plan to participate. Lorain County Public Health has provided Halloween safety tips which are posted on the City website.

Mayor Corcoran stated as a reminder, daylight saving time ends on November 1. Clocks get turned back an hour.

Mayor Corcoran stated with the review by the Auditor, the November and December trash rates will have a rate holiday similar to what was done in the past.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the four digital speed signs are moving around the community. They are located in Meadows Lakes and Ridgefield for a few weeks. The garage has done a great job making the signs portable and they are working on building two more trailers for the other two signs. The signs do a good job of making people aware of the sign.

**C. Engineer:** Engineer Rodriguez stated full depth projects are finishing up and everything is going well.

**D. Auditor:** Auditor Wilkerson stated before Council is an ordinance to amend appropriations and a then and now resolution. She stated she sent a memo to Council earlier today and would be willing to answer any questions City Council may have.

**E. Other Reports:** President DeVries stated Council received the September 2020 Building Department Report, the September 2020 Fire Department Report, the September 2020 Police Support Car Report and the September 2020 Water Distribution Reports.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the recess portion of the meeting.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 109-2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITIES OF AVON, AVON LAKE, SHEFFIELD LAKE AND SHEFFIELD VILLAGE FOR A 5-CITY RADIO SYSTEM.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Mayor Corcoran stated he put this legislation on the agenda as a holder in order to give it three readings. Currently the five cities are in discussion of moving forward on the project, but they are waiting on the grant information to come out. One city is reviewing if they can move forward due to finances. Mayor Corcoran stated if the City waits until next year, the cost will go up. He stated he would keep Council abreast as the information changes. Mayor Corcoran stated the memorandum attached has been amended since the last time this legislation came before Council. He added that the grant information will play an impact financially on the project. The City appropriated \$140,000 on the project and the project is at \$153,000 right now. Additional money will need to be appropriated. However, if only four cities go forward with the project, Council would need to appropriate an additional \$38,000. If the City waits until next year with all five cities, it would be another \$23,000 and if it is only four cities, it would be a total of \$220,000 per city. He added this system is necessary and some other cities do have radio issues that need addressed anyway. Mayor Corcoran stated the pandemic has impacted cities financially.

President DeVries asked what the importance of this system is.

Mayor Corcoran stated it would allow all of police, fire and the service department on the same system. Regionally, it would allow the City to communicate with all of the other cities as frequencies rather than bands. In some instances runners need to be used instead of radios. He noted that the tennis club fire involved a lot of different communities and this would eliminate the communication problems.

Clerk of Council Linden

**T 110-2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE 2020 CRACK SEAL PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to dispense with the second and third readings for T 110-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to adopt T 110-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 110-2020 in order to get the project completed by winter.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 110-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5772-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden

**T 111-2020** A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PRIORITIES, BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to dispense with the second and third readings for T 111-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to adopt T 111-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 111-2020 in order to meet the application deadline of November 6, 2020.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 111-2020 now becomes **Resolution No. 1502-2020.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden

**T 112-2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5690-2019 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to dispense with the second and third readings for T 112-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to adopt T 112-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 112-2020 in order to appropriate funds and pay bills timely.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Councilwoman Swenk asked what the 269 CRF local government assistance program was.

Auditor Wilkerson stated that was the Cares Act funding received from the local government fund.

Councilwoman Hung asked if the City has identified what the money is going to be spent on.

Mayor Corcoran stated yes for the most part.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 112-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5773-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden

**T 113-2020** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES BY THE FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS PURCHASE ORDERS.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 113-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 113-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 113-2020 in order to pay for the work already completed.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 113-2020 now becomes **Resolution No. 1503-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden

**T 114-2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR(S), NOT TO EXCEED THE BELOW STATED PRICES.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 114-2020.

Mayor Corcoran stated the vehicles are for use in the winter with snow plows.

President DeVries stated these funds were appropriated for both trucks.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to adopt T 114-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 114-2020 in order to purchase the vehicles before the winter months.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Councilman Boose asked if he was correct that the funds will come from the water and sewer operations.

Auditor Wilkerson stated that was correct.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 114-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5774-2020.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to add T 115-2020 to the agenda under first readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 115-2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5750-2020 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE 2020 HYDRANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES BY INCREASING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$420,000.00 TO \$450,000.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Councilman Boose asked if the additional funds will come from the water improvement fund.

Auditor Wilkerson stated that was correct.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 115-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 115-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 115-2020 for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of North Ridgeville.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 115-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5775-2020.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:** None.

**THIRD READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 107-2020** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC RECREATION PURPOSES.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 09/21/2020; Second reading 10/05/2020)*

Moved by Hung and seconded by Abens to adopt T 107-2020.

Councilman Boose stated at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting last month, the Commission did recommend that Council adopt the resolution.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 107-2020 now becomes **Resolution No. 1504-2020.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Approval of minutes on November 2, 2020:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL