

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President DeVries called the Monday, October 4, 2021, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**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, Jason Jacobs, and James R. Maleski.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeffrey Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Auditor April Wilkerson, City Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, Deputy Clerk of Council Tina Wieber, and Director of Public Utilities Tara Peet.

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

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the Committee of the Whole minutes of September 20, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of September 20, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the Building and Lands Committee meeting minutes of September 23, 2021, and the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of August 25, 2021.

Councilman Maleski had a correction to make to the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of August 25, 2021. The noted correction was on page 3, "City of North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department – Work Session," under Veteran's Memorial Presentation.

Corrected from, "Bricks and pavers can be purchased. The bricks cost \$3, and the pavers cost \$5" to "Bricks and pavers can be purchased. The bricks cost \$80, and the pavers cost \$150."

Councilman Maleski added that the City did receive a \$10,000 donation from Yost Construction towards the Veterans' Memorial.

### **LOBBY:**

President DeVries 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. He requested anyone that wished to speak to fill out a lobby sheet located in the back of the room.

Rudy Ackerman, 4925 Stoney Ridge Road: Mr. Ackerman wanted to talk about the traffic and the proposed peanut-shaped roundabout project at the Stoney Ridge Road and Mills Road intersection. Mr. Ackerman expressed that after a lot of consideration, the roundabout would be in the city's best interest to continue with this project. He added that he has lived in the area for years and is aware of the issues. He believed roundabouts work very well. A car has to slow down to enter a roundabout. Mr. Ackerman is happy to see the city's administration is taking a proactive cause-effect approach to the traffic problem at the Stoney Ridge Road and Mills Road intersection. He would like to see the city's administration move forward with the project and wanted to show support for the project. Mr. Ackerman didn't know if the project was on the City Council Meeting Agenda dated October 4, 2021.

President DeVries explained that the discussion for the proposed peanut-shaped roundabout project at the Stoney Ridge Road and Mills Road intersection was sent to a committee meeting. Then it would go back to the City Council. He added that the City Council would be accepting the report from the committee and then added it to the October 18, 2021, City Council Meeting Agenda.

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

#### **A. Mayor:**

Mayor Corcoran requested T 114-2021 and T 120-2021 be passed with the emergency this evening. For T 114-2021 he noted the City can get a good deal on these cars rather than waiting until next year. In regards to T 120-2021, the City would like to move forward with the project.

The Service Department is finishing up paving this week on Broad Blvd. and Rose, weather permitting. After careful review, there are some funds remaining so two additional streets have been added which are Schaefer Drive and Garrett Drive. For the paving schedule, visit our city's website at [www.nridgeville.org](http://www.nridgeville.org) for the latest updates.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Utilities Department is closed on Monday thru Wednesday of this week for software training. The office would reopen on Thursday, October 7 at 8 AM. Payments could still be made through the automated phone line (1-855-400-3441), by dropping it off in the City's drop box or by U.S. mail.

Parks & Recreation is hosting the Annual FallFest this Saturday, October 9 from 4-6 PM at South Central Park. Families will experience fun games, food vendors, pumpkin decorating, balloon animals, pumpkin bowling, photo booth and hay rides (weather permitting). A limited number of pumpkins will be available to give out so plan to come early.

**B. Safety-Service Director:**

Safety-Service Director Armbruster expressed that he is happy to report that his sister was able to visit him at the City Council meeting for the second time in the year 2021, and he hoped that she would be back in spring 2022. He continued to express that it is nice to have an 88-year-old sister that loves to travel to different places.

Armbruster noted that the Discount Drug Mart planned to put in a deceleration lane (also known as a turning lane). The drainage is complete, and the project is moving along. Mr. Armbruster hoped the Discount Drug Mart could open before Thanksgiving. Some factors may slow down the project.

**C. Engineer:**

Engineer Rodriguez stated that J.D. Striping & Services started repainting the pavement lines. If the rain continues as forecasted, the crews would have to wait until the rain stop.

The Greenlawn Drive full-depth concrete project is close to completion. Nicoll Drive full-depth concrete project is the last street before the winter, and the remaining full-depth budget would go to Nicoll Drive.

Mr. Rodriguez remarked that the legislation request for the Center Ridge Road and Sugar Ridge Road sewer projects is needed to start the surveying before winter. The Center Ridge Road Sewer Project would go for one more reading and possibly be adopted at the Regular City Council Meeting dated October 25, 2021.

Mr. Rodriguez added that the Lorain Road Water Main Project has been adopted by the City Council, and the processing for the project has started.

**D. Auditor:**

Auditor Wilkerson introduced the proposed resolution, T 123-2021. The resolution authorizes the execution of Then and Now Certificates. She asked the City Council to consider passing the resolution with the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the ability to pay the outstanding obligations in a timely manner.

**E. Other Reports:**

President DeVries noted that Council received the August 2021 Police Department Report and the September 2021 Parks and Recreation Director's Report.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

Clerk of Council Linden:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT dated September 20, 2021, which recommends City Council consider T 109-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to approve the Committee of the Whole Report dated September 20, 2021.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

BUILDING AND LANDS COMMITTEE REPORT dated September 23, 2021, which recommends City Council adopts T 104-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to approve the Building and Lands Committee Report dated September 23, 2021.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

A letter dated September 21, 2021, from the Lorain County Board of Elections providing ballot proof language for the November General Election.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President DeVries stated there was a resignation from Finance Committee. He appointed Council At Large Jason Jacobs to the Finance Committee effective immediately.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded Maleski by 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 Linden:

**T 123-2021** 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 Abens to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 123-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to give the Auditor's office the necessary resources to pay the invoices that were presented.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 123-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1534-2021.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 112-2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE CENTER RIDGE ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED WORK AND INSPECTION SERVICES, NOT TO EXCEED \$3,080,000.00.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 09/20/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 114-2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE FIVE NEW POLICE VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$270,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 09/20/2021)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the third reading.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 114-2021.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to accelerate the purchase to have the opportunity to save money instead of waiting for the year 2022.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 114-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5868-2021.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 120-2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SUGAR RIDGE ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, NOT TO EXCEED \$92,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 09/20/2021)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the third reading.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to adopt T 120-2021.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to start the surveying for the project before the weather changes.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 120-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5869-2021.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**THIRD READINGS:**

There were none.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There is a public hearing on T 104-2021 on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Approval of minutes on October 18, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL