

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 1, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President DeVries called the Monday, November 1, 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, City Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, Deputy Clerk of Council Tina Wieber, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam.

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

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the Committee of the Whole minutes of October 18, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council Public Hearing minutes of October 18, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following:

- Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of August 26, 2021
- Parks & Recreation Commission meeting minutes of September 22, 2021
- Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of September 27, 2021
- Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 12, 2021
- Safety Committee Meeting minutes of October 19, 2021
- Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of October 25, 2021

**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. No discussion was offered.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:**

Mayor Corcoran noted that there's one piece of legislation on tonight's agenda under third readings that he is requesting emergency passage - Ordinance T 109-2021 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the City of Avon for the construction of a traffic roundabout at the intersection of Stoney Ridge Road, Mills Road, and Avalon Drive. He would like to add the emergency clause to move forward with the project.

Mayor Corcoran reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Residents could contact the Lorain County Board of Elections or visit their website at [voteloraincountyohio.gov](http://voteloraincountyohio.gov) to get their polling location. The ballot would include candidates running for City Council At-Large and School Board members. In addition, the City has a very important issue on the ballot – Issue #11 is a 20-year. He expressed that the .81 mill bond issue is to build a much-needed police station. Residents could visit the city's website for more information regarding this issue.

Mayor Corcoran added that the Parks and Recreation are sponsoring the 8th annual Stache Dash on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Bainbridge Road is scheduled to be temporarily closed between SR 83 and Mitchell Drive from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to conduct the race.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the City Hall Offices are closed on November 11, 2021, in observance of Veterans Day. He reminded everyone to thank a veteran.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the Lorain County Public Health is sponsoring a Free COVID/Flu Drive-Thru Vaccination Clinic on November 15, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Fire Department, Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way. If you have any questions, please contact the Lorain County Public Health at (440) 322-6367.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that a copy of T 107-2021 has been provided to everyone. T 107-2021 was recommended in a Committee of the Whole Report dated September 7, 2021,<sup>1</sup> and accepted by the City Council on October 4, 2021.

Mayor Corcoran requested the City Council to consider suspending the bylaws and placing T 107-2021 on second reading with the emergency clause in place to move forward with the project.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Abens to suspend the bylaws to add T 107-2021 under second readings.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to go into executive session to consider union negotiations and employment of public employees.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.  
Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

**B. Safety-Service Director:**

Safety-Service Director Armbruster noted that on November 2, 2021, a group of them would be over at Center Ridge Road and SR 83 getting trained by three companies to understand how the traffic signal software work and functions.

He noted that he had a web meeting to consider using BEET HEET (BHC). Mr. Armbruster explained that the State of Ohio got rid of the liquid deicer they use on the roads. BEET HEET concentrate is recycled with a small amount of beet juice in it. It is environmentally friendly. This concentrate is used in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

**C. Engineer:**

Engineer Rodriguez announced that they are closing Mills Road, on Thursday, November 4, 2021, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the bridge construction.

Engineer Rodriguez concluded his report.

**D. Auditor:**

Auditor Wilkerson remarked that T-134 is seeking to authorize the execution of then and now certificates. Ms. Wilkerson asked the City council to consider passing this resolution with the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the ability to pay the outstanding obligations timely.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

**E. Other Reports:**

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

- September 2021 Fire Department Report.
- September 2021 Police Department Report.
- October 2021 Parks and Recreation Director's Report.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

Clerk of Council Linden:

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT dated October 19, 2021, recommends the City Council consider amending Chapter 476 and Chapter 634.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to approve the Safety Committee Report dated October 19, 2021.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

Letters dated August 4, 2021, and October 11, 2021, from James A. Carney at 5851 Stoney Ridge Road, requested the City Council to consider amending N.R.C.O Section 642.08.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**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 131-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LORAIN COUNTY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CASE ROAD BRIDGE #0083 AND THE ADJACENT RETAINING WALL.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 132-2021 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF STORM WATER FOREMAN FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 133-2021 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE POSITION OF STORM WATER FOREMAN  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 134-2021 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 Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 134-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's Department the necessary resources to pay various purchase orders.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 134-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 134-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1538-2021.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

T-107-2021    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW, AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH R.E. WARNER, AN ENGINEERING DESIGN FIRM, FOR THE DESIGN OF AN ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INFLUENT BAR SCREENING SYSTEM, NOT TO EXCEED \$55,800.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 107-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to install the bar screening system to reduce flood risk, reduce the screen costs, and reduce maintenance over time; therefore, benefiting the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to adopt T 107-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 107-2021 becomes **Resolution number 5871-2021.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

T 125-2021    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO LEASE/PURCHASE A NEW SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH ACCESSORIES FROM THE STATE BID LIST, OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 10/18/2021)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

T 130-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (C) OF N.R.C.O. SECTION 642.08 POSTING BILLS AND NOTICES; DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC NOTICES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 10/18/2021)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

**THIRD READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 104-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1240.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE ORDINANCE, TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING LAND: 8540 ROOT ROAD; PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-014-103-327 AND OWNED BY OSIBAS, LTD. FROM R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO B-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

(Introduced by petition of Osibas, Ltd. on 08/18/2021; Referred to PC and B&L on 09/07/2021; PC on 09/14/2021; Report approved on 09/20/2021; B&L on 09/23/2021; Report accepted on 10/04/2021; Public hearing on 10/18/2021; Second reading on 10/18/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 104-2021.

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 104-2021 become **Ordinance number 5872-2021.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 109-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AVON FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF STONEY RIDGE ROAD, MILLS ROAD, AND AVALON DRIVE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/07/2021; Referred to COW on 09/07/2021; COW on 9/20/2021; Report accepted on 10/04/2021; Second reading on 10/18/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 109-2021.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to require a right away.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 1 (Swenk)

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 109-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5873-2021.**

Yes – 6

No – 1 (Swenk)

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 3 through Friday, November 5, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day to discuss 2022 appropriations in City Council Chambers.

The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

President DeVries reminded everyone to not forget to vote on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, and show Veterans appreciation on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Councilman Maleski reported that in less than two months the Veterans Memorial raised 25% of the funding goal. He noted that the Veterans Memorial received \$15,000 in donations from Bogner Family Funeral Home, Animal Clinic Northview, and Doctor Hutchison from the Animal Clinic.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Approval of minutes on November 15, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL