

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

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

President Corcoran called the Monday, November 4, 2019 Council meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Dennis Boose, Martin DeVries, Gregg Westover, President Kevin Corcoran, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Michelle Hung and Robert Chapek.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Assistant Law Director Toni Morgan, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Auditor Jeff Wilcheck, Engineer Dan Rodriguez and Clerk of Council Nancy Linden.

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

President Corcoran asked for any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of October 21, 2019. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Corcoran noted that Council received the Administrative Committee meeting minutes of October 21, 2019, the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of October 24, 2019 and the Employee Safety Committee meeting minutes of October 24, 2019.

**LOBBY:**

President Corcoran opened the lobby session and stated there would be one lobby session this evening.

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 each person will be given three minutes to speak. He requested anyone that wished to speak to fill out a lobby sheet located in the back of the room.

Mark Ahlstrand, 38062 Pebble Lake Trail: stated he would like to see some changes in pick up dates for bulk week and additional pick-ups despite additional cost. He asked Council to consider this.

President Corcoran stated the lobby was not a back and forth session, but the contract details could be discussed by the Mayor.

Mayor Gillock stated the contract was just renewed with Republic for five years with possible one year extensions. He noted that the other bids did not come close to Republic's bid. Mayor

Gillock stated the City has always had once a month bulk pick-up. Mayor Gillock stated he would speak to Republic about the equipment and how the paper can blow around. He encouraged Mr. Ahlstrand to call his office for any additional questions. He noted the cost would be substantial to add another day and he noted that he didn't believe Republic had the equipment and manpower to add another day. He explained how it currently works under current contract. Mayor Gillock stated he would look into it.

Mr. Ahlstrand spoke from the audience, but it was inaudible.

President Corcoran thanked Mr. Ahlstrand for coming and encouraged him to contact the Utilities Department or the Mayor for additional information and questions.

#### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Mayor Gillock stated tomorrow is Election Day. He added that polls open at 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mayor Gillock stated there are a number of issues on the ballot, local and county, as well as candidates for City Council and Mayor. Mayor Gillock encouraged citizens to visit the Lorain County Board of Elections website at [www.loraincountyelections.com](http://www.loraincountyelections.com).

Mayor Gillock stated City Hall offices will be closed Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. He reminded everyone that Veterans Day is a day that all should take to remember, honor and praise all Veterans and service men and women as they have fought for, and have defended the freedoms that we so enjoy today.

Mayor Gillock stated beginning last week NOPEC began mailing residents and small businesses enrollment letters for NOPEC's electric and natural gas aggregation programs. NOPEC is required by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to send opt-out notifications to eligible customers every two years for natural gas and every three years for electric. Enrollment into the electric program is for the period of January 2020 through January 2023 and for the natural gas program is for the period of January 2020 through January 2022. Mayor Gillock stated to remain in the Standard Program Price, no response is needed.

Mayor Gillock stated that NOPEC also offers a monthly variable rate program, 12- and 24-month fixed term pricing, and 100% renewable products for electric aggregation customers. For more information about these options, visit [nopec.org/checkrates](http://nopec.org/checkrates) or call 855-667-3201. Mayor Gillock also added that natural gas customers also have the option to enroll in a monthly variable rate program or a 12- or 24-month fixed term program. Current customers already enrolled in either the electric or natural gas monthly variable rate option will need to contact NOPEC's Customer Care Center at 855-667-3201 to elect to stay in the variable rate program.

Mayor Gillock stated the Auditor studies the refuse rate every year. The City tries to maintain a six month balance and the City is at that. He declared a rate holiday for the month of December.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the polls open tomorrow at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. He noted that many positions for City Council and the Mayor, along with Issue 16 and 17 for the schools are on the ballot. He reminded everyone that when the election is over, please pick up signs. The City won't throw them away but it is the responsibility of the candidate to take them down by the weekend. He thanked everyone for running.

**C. Engineer:** Engineer Rodriguez stated the Luanne Drive Pump Station Project has been completed. There were some issues with the newly installed pumps, but after some fine tuning by the manufacturer and our Service Department the station is up and running

Engineer Rodriguez stated all work associated with the Mildred Street Extension and Reconstruction Project is complete. The new road is now open to traffic. He reminded everyone to be sure to observe the new traffic patterns and signs on Mildred Street as well as any crossing streets.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the paving work on Race Road is complete. There were no base repairs necessary after the road was milled so it made the project easier to complete. The project had limited funding available during construction and the stone berm shoulder was not addressed as part of the project. The City will look to remove and replace a portion the stone berm shoulder in the spring/summer of 2020 from the railroad tracks north to Center Ridge Road with a separate project.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the full depth concrete repairs on Pine Branch Circle, Cedar Branch Circle, and Englewood Ct. are complete. Concrete repairs and necessary ADA upgrades were made at the intersections of Mills Creek Lane and N. Barton Road.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the Westfield Wastewater Treatment Plant Decommission Project is now complete. The project has a few punch list items remaining to be corrected, but is substantially complete at this time. The Westfield Wastewater Treatment Plant has been taken out of service. A new waterline was also installed as part of this project to complete a loop from the end of Westfield Drive to Sugar Ridge Road.

**D. Auditor:** Auditor Wilcheck stated T 119 and T 120 seek the appropriation of funds in General Fund to transfer for Ranger Way and fire truck notes. Auditor Wilcheck stated the \$800,000 is for Ranger Way and is only a partial funding and noted the rest will be addressed in the 2020 budget. The fire truck appropriations transfer is only partial for this year and next year it will be paid off.

He noted T 121 (which came in after cloture) is for the full-depth concrete project which will happen next year. OPWC needs a signature from the auditor on the promissory note and the legislation gives him the authority to sign the note. He asked it be adopted this evening with the emergency.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to suspend the By-laws to add T 121 to the agenda this evening under first readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**E. Other Reports:** President Corcoran noted Council received the September 2019 Police Department Report.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

Clerk of Council Linden:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT dated October 21, 2019 which recommends City Council adopt T 99, T 100 and T 101 as amended.

Moved by Hung and seconded by Chapek to accept the Administrative Committee report dated October 21, 2019.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries 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 119-2019** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Westover to dispense with the second and third readings for T 119.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Councilman Boose stated the Auditor indicated the \$800,000 was partial funding for Ranger Way. He asked what the necessity was to transfer this money today rather than wait until appropriation meetings later this month.

Auditor Wilcheck stated he introduced it now so it could be posted this year rather than January.

Councilman Boose stated he would like to understand the totality of options for funding. He asked what the options were for funding the project.

Auditor Wilcheck stated they are either to issue notes or if the resources are there – then within the Street Levy Fund or the Capital Project Fund; it remains to be determined as there are a number of projects looking for resources for next year. He noted he is in the process of looking through that.

Councilman Boose stated since \$800,000 is already being spent, he is assuming this project is a priority.

Auditor Wilcheck stated that is the message he has received that it is a priority and he will be making sure there are resources to cover the project.

Councilman Boose stated but the City then is unsure where the rest of the money is coming from.

Auditor Wilcheck stated he is not certain yet as he is still compiling the information.

Mayor Gillock stated the City has not been to bid yet so they do not know exactly how much is needed.

Councilman Boose stated when the notes were issued, it was stated the notes would be retired in two years. He asked if there was a reason it was not appropriated earlier since that was the plan.

Auditor Wilcheck stated he was unsure what Councilman Boose was talking about.

Councilman Boose stated the notes for the fire trucks in the amount of \$500,000 – he continued to state if it was the plan to retire the notes, why was it not budgeted.

Auditor Wilcheck stated he was waiting to see if the resources were available in General Fund to cover that part of the note. If not, it would be part of the Income Tax Debt Service Fund for next year. This resolution transfers the money to that fund for the fire truck notes.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Chapek to adopt T 119.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 119-2019 becomes **Resolution No. 1469-2019.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 120-2019** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5595-2018 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 120.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 120.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 120-2019 becomes **Ordinance No. 5680-2019.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 121-2019** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER), TO REIMBURSE ITS OPWC CONCRETE STREETS FUND FOR THE 2019/2020 FULL DEPTH CONCRETE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, OPWC PROJECT NUMBER CI53W/CI54W, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 121.

Councilman Boose stated this was a great project and the City was able to secure a grant and an interest free loan. He asked if the City had to pay costs associated with this.

Auditor Wilcheck stated there are no additional costs with the promissory note.

Councilman Boose stated the agreement was signed in July and he wondered why Council is just

receiving this legislation today.

Auditor Wilcheck stated that the promissory note represents debt for the City but he couldn't sign the note without the legislation in place. He continued that back then, it had not been realized. OPWC sent the note to the City last week.

Councilman Boose asked what the deadline was to get the signed note to OPWC.

Auditor Wilcheck stated ASAP.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 121.

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to T 121 in order to meet the OPWC deadline.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 121-2019 becomes **Resolution No. 1470-2019**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 98-2019** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBITS “A” AND “B” OF DEPARTMENT HEAD ORDINANCE NO. 5596-2018 BY ADDING A JOB POSITION FOR A DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL SALARY RANGE.

**(Introduced by President Corcoran; First reading 09/16/2019; Referred to Admin Cmt on 09/16/2019; Admin on 10/07/2019; Report accepted on 10/21/2019)**

Councilman DeVries asked if this needed completed before budget meetings coming up.

President Corcoran stated he thought it would be okay.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 117-2019** AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE ASSESSMENT EVALUATION OF CIVIL SERVICE PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS TO AFFIRMATIVELY RECOGNIZE SUCH ASSESSMENT FOR THE POSITIONS OF FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 10/21/2019)**

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Westover to dispense with the third reading for T 117.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Westover to adopt T 117.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 117-2019 becomes **Ordinance No. 5681-2019.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**THIRD READINGS:** None.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Remember to vote!

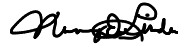
**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Corcoran adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Approval of minutes on November 18, 2019:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL