

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, February 1, 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, Jason R. Jacobs, and James R. Maleski.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Assistant Clerk of Council Shari Ma, 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 January 19, 2021. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the Civil Service Commission meeting minutes for January 19, 2021, and the Board of Drainage and Flood Control meeting minutes for January 28, 2020.

LOBBY:

President DeVries opened the lobby session. He stated participants utilizing Zoom and YouTube are now able to type or ask any questions. He further explained the instructions on how to access Council meetings through the City's website by clicking the City Council link, and on how to get questions answered at www.nridgeville.org. He paused for comments due to the delay in the broadcast. No questions or comments were offered.

President DeVries reminded citizens how to submit comments to City Council.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Mayor Corcoran stated on the agenda is T 11-2021, an ordinance authorizing him, as the Mayor, to purchase five new police vehicles and related equipment. He stated he would like to dispense with the second and third readings and add the emergency clause. Mayor Corcoran stated he would like to move forward with the purchase because the City will still need time to register the vehicles.

He then went on to explain that on Thursday, February 11, 2021, a Coffee and Conversation is scheduled in Council Chambers 8:30 – 9:30 am. He asked all participants to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Mayor Corcoran advised that all City offices will be closed on February 15, 2021, in observation of Presidents Day.

Mayor Corcoran stated he will make a motion to go into executive session during the recess portion of the meeting.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to go into executive session during the recess portion of the meeting

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

The Mayor concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director: Safety-Service Director Armbruster advised that the Department is starting to put the monuments in the middle of Center Ridge Road and he is very hopeful the snowplows will leave them alone, as they are important and we need to go around them. He also advised Gridsmart Technologies is putting devices in 9 intersections on Center Ridge Road and the devices are not active now but all of the cameras and equipment are there. He stated the cameras will not go live until the striping is done. He advised they installed one camera on Lear Nagel and Lorain and found the size of the intersection has grown so much and there is so much traffic that they are in the process of putting in another camera. He stated they will be able to see this intersection live and there is a hard drive to allow for 30 days of viewing.

President DeVries asked Safety Service Director Armbruster to confirm that the cameras are just for observance and not for law enforcement.

Safety Service Director Armbruster advised that is correct. He stated if there is a crime that occurs and the camera catches a vehicle involved, they will use the camera footage to help Detectives find or identify the person.

President Devries asked a clarifying question regarding the purpose or usage of the camera. He wanted to make sure that the camera would not be used to ticket drivers.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated that the camera will not be used to ticket drivers.

C. Engineer: Engineer Rodriguez stated that a water line break happened today (Monday, February, 1, 2021) on Stoney Ridge Road for approximately an hour and a half. The old line broke as the result of the installation of the new line. Engineer Rodriguez stated the City's Service Garage and the contractor did a great job of efficiently fixing the water line break and getting the water back on for the residents.

The Engineering Department received five bids for Mills Road Bridge. Fabrizi was the apparent lowest bidder, with a bid of \$891,710.95. Fabrizi's bid was approximately \$95,000.00 lower than the Engineer's estimate.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the Engineer's Department received seven bids for the Chestnut Ridge Road and alternate State Route 83 roundabout project. Chagrin Valley Paving was the apparent lowest bidder, with a bid of \$563,169.50. Chagrin Valley Paving was approximately \$85,000.00 lower than the Engineer's estimate.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the City received good bids and believes that it's because it is still early in the season. He encouraged the City to continue to get bids out early in the season.

Engineer Rodriguez concluded his report.

D. Auditor: Auditor Wilkerson stated she sent communication to all of the Council members about the financial legislation presented on the February 1st agenda. She stated the issuance of the bonds T 13-2021 through T 17-2021 were items that were previously approved by Council during the 2020 appropriations, and that Council approved the issue and sale of the notes in February 2020. The legislation on the February 1, 2021, agenda is the result of the notes maturing and is required for debt services. Additionally, Auditor Wilkerson explained T 21-2021 is the result of a note maturing and is the final payment of the fire trucks and equipment. She asked Council to consider passing all of the ordinances related to the issuances of notes as well as the transfers and appropriation amendments with the emergency clause in place, to allow for the note sale to take place immediately and to also allow for the payment of the existing notes in a timely manner, as well as allow the auditor's office to have the necessary resources to meet obligations and reporting requirements.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

E. Other Reports: President DeVries noted City Council received the December 2020 Mayor's Court Report and the December 2020 Police Department Support Car Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Linden:

A memo dated January 21, 2021, from the City Auditor, April Wilkerson notifying City Council of the 2021 water rate increase.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

RECESS:

Mayor Corcoran stated a contract negotiation was the subject matter that will be discussed during the executive session.

Adjourned into executive session at 7:17 p.m.

Reconvened into the regular Council meeting at 7:45p.m.

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 9-2021 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY RAYMOND W. AND SARAH M. WROBLEWSKI REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THEM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Public Hearing 02/16/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 10-2021 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY ROBERT WENSINK REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY HIM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Public Hearing 02/16/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 11-2021 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 \$260,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 11-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 11-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 11-2021 in order to move forward with the purchase to allow time to register the vehicles.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 11-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5790-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 12-2021 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 A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD AND ALT SR 83 ROUNDABOUT, NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Councilman Boose asked Engineer Rodriguez if T 12-2021 needed to be moved through due to a deadline date.

Engineer Rodriguez stated not at this time.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 13-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,400,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF RENOVATING, REMODELING, ADDING TO, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE CITY'S FIRE STATION NO. 2 AND IMPROVING ITS SITE, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 13-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 13-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 13-2021 for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Note at its maturity and thereby to preserve the credit of the City.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 13-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5791-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 14-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,135,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING AN EXTENSION OF RANGER WAY, BAINBRIDGE ROAD AND A REALIGNED KENSINGTON DRIVE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 14-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 14-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 14-2021 for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Note at its maturity and thereby to preserve the credit of the City.

President DeVries stated that the issuance and sale of the notes was discussed during appropriation and budgetary meetings. A plan was created during the budgetary and appropriation meetings on how the City was going to pay for the items on the agenda.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 14-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5792-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 15-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$420,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD AND ALTERNATE STATE ROUTE 83 AT THEIR INTERSECTION BY CLEARING, GRADING AND OTHERWISE PREPARING THE SURFACE, CONSTRUCTING A ROUNDABOUT AND RELATED CURBS, GUTTERS, STORM SEWERS AND OTHER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, SURFACING AND RESURFACING, AND INSTALLING STREET LIGHTING, SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPING AND RELATED DECORATIVE PAVING, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 15-2021.

Councilman Boose further explained the issuances of bonds were discussed last year during the appropriations meeting.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 15-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 15-2021 for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Note at its maturity and thereby to preserve the credit of the City.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 15-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5793-2021.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 16-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$150,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING A REALIGNED BARRES ROAD BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY CLEARING, GRADING AND OTHERWISE PREPARING THE SURFACE, CONSTRUCTING A PAVEMENT BASE, CURBS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND SURFACING AND RESURFACING AND OF ABANDONING ITS EXISTING INTERSECTION WITH STONEY RIDGE ROAD AND REMOVING THE

EXISTING PAVEMENT, IN EACH CASE TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 16-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 16-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 16-2021 for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Note at its maturity and thereby to preserve the credit of the City.

Councilman Boose reiterated his previous comment regarding the issuance and sale of the bonds being discussed during last year's appropriations meeting.

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 16-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5794-2021.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 17-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$210,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S SHADY DRIVE PARK COMPLEX BY CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING BUILDING TO HOUSE RESTROOMS AND RELATED AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES AND SPACES, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 17-2021.

Councilman Boose stated this item was heard and approved by Council last year. However, Council delayed the project due to the pandemic but now the City can move forward with the project.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 17-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 17-2021 for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to retire the Outstanding Note at its maturity and thereby to preserve the credit of the City.

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 17-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5795-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 18-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN ITEMS/EQUIPMENT THAT NO LONGER SERVE MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; TO SEEK QUOTES FOR THE LEASE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT PLUS ANY AUXILARY ITEMS; TO HAVE THE SELLING PRICE OF THE ITEMIZED EQUIPMENT TO BE DISPOSED OF BY THE CITY CREDITED AGAINST THE LEASE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT; AND TO ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$148,412.00 (NET OF TRADE-IN ALLOWANCES).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 19-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 19-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 19-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 19-2021 to allow the auditor's office the necessary financial resources to meet the obligation.

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 19-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1510-2021.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 20-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5784-2020 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 20-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 20-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 20-2021 to allow the auditor's office the necessary financial resources to meet the obligation.

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 20-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5796-2021.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 21-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 21-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 21-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 21-2021 to allow the auditor's office the necessary financial resources to meet the obligation.

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 21-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1511-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 22-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 22-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 22-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 22-2021 to allow the auditor's office the necessary resources to meet the obligation.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Councilwoman Swenk asked Auditor Wilkerson if the funds were from the Cares Act grant.

Auditor Wilkerson stated that the funds were not from the Cares Act grant.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 22-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1512-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 129-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1046.08 DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS; DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 12/21/2020; Referred to Utilities on 12/21/2020; Utilities on 01/04/2121; Utilities Committee Report accepted on 01/19/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 2-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF 7427 DYKE AVENUE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 01/19/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 3-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS TO BE USED BY THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 01/19/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 6-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR 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 2021 CATCH BASIN REHABILITATION PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 01/19/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 7-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR 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 2021 CRACK SEAL PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 01/19/2021)

THIRD READINGS: None.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President DeVries noted the following meeting announcements:

1. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. regarding T 9-2021 in City Council Chambers.
2. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 6:35 p.m. regarding T 10-2021 in City Council Chambers.
3. The next regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 16, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL