

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, March 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, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, and Assistant Clerk of Council Shari Ma.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of February 16, 2021. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the Public Hearing meeting minutes of February 16, 2021. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of February 16, 2021.

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 procedure on how community members, visitors, or residents may make comments during the meeting. He also provided 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.

No questions or comments were offered.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Mayor Corcoran stated on the agenda under First Readings is T 33-2021, which is an ordinance authorizing him to enter into a contract with a consulting engineering firm for water system modeling, construction plans, and specifications for the Lorain Road Water Main Extension Project. Mayor Corcoran stated at the time the item is heard, he will ask for the item to be adopted with the emergency clause in order to move forward with the project. The area has been served by Avon Lake Regional Water ETL1 transmission line, and Avon Lake has asked

that North Ridgeville vacate their line as soon as possible. The emergency passage would allow our Engineering Department to begin this process immediately.

Mayor Corcoran stated the City of North Ridgeville received 26,000 masks, courtesy of Lorain County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. North Ridgeville will give them away, free of charge, to any City resident; however, there is a limit of one box per household. Residents can come to City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to pick up a box of face masks.

Mayor Corcoran stated daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 a.m. and to move clocks forward one hour.

B. Safety-Service Director: Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the Cypress project is continuing to move forward. At the site location, the land was cleared of trees. The current phase of the project deadline date is April 1, 2021, so the project is ahead of schedule. Once the project moves forward to the next phase, tree stumps will be removed.

C. Engineer: Engineer Rodriguez stated all of the water mains were installed on Stoney Ridge Road. Additionally, all of the service connections have been installed in all of the homes on Stoney Ridge Road. The water main line is fully functional and operational. The existing water line will be abandoned in its place with a flow-valve grout in the future. The next steps will be a storm sewer installation along Stoney Ridge Road as well as restoration services.

D. Auditor: Auditor Wilkerson asked Council to consider passing T 28 and T 29, a Then and Now Resolution and an Appropriation Amendment, by emergency to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary resources to make payment to the vendors.

President DeVries noted Council received the January 2021 Financial Report.

E. Other Reports: President DeVries noted City Council received the January 2021 Police Department Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

A request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to transfer the liquor permit from Santa Group, LLC DBA Game Day Tavern & Patio to Ridgeville Tavern LLC Gameday Tavern & Patio DBA Game Day Tavern & Patio 39140 Center Ridge Road.

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Maleski to not request a hearing so that the permit can be sent to the state for final disposition by March 15, 2021.

President DeVries asked for discussion or questions. No discussion was offered.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried to not request a hearing on the liquor permit transfer.

Yes – 7 No – 0

RECESS:

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel 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 27-2021 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY JAMES W. AND LORETTA A. KING 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)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 28-2021 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 Winkel and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 28-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 28-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause in order to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary financial resources needed for expenditure.

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 clause, and the motion carried. T 28-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1514-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 29-2021 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 Winkel and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 29-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 29-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause in order to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary financial resources needed for expenditure.

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 clause, and the motion carried. T 29-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5804-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 30-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5267-2015 REGARDING THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries asked Mayor Corcoran if he had any comments regarding T 30-2021.

Mayor Corcoran stated that as a result of a meeting with Meeder Investment Management it was recommended that the City change the current investment policy. Mayor Corcoran stated he provided Council with a correspondence regarding the recommended changes to the investment policy. He then went on to explain that Ms. Stanic from Meeder Investment Management was in attendance via Zoom to answer any questions.

President DeVries asked Councilman Boose if he had a statement.

Councilman Boose stated in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest he will not participate in the discussion and will abstain from a vote regarding this item.

President DeVries thanked Ms. Stanic for attending the meeting.

Ms. Stanic, a representative from Meeder Investment Management, 6125 Memorial Drive Dublin, OH 43017, introduced herself and expressed her appreciation to work with the City of North Ridgeville. Ms. Stanic stated that she understands the importance of conformity to various restrictions with municipal investments.

President DeVries asked Ms. Stanic to explain to the residents of North Ridgeville the benefits of revising the investment policy.

Ms. Stanic stated the current investment policy of municipal securities has some limitations in that they prevent the City from taking some advantages of short-term opportunities. The policy revision will allow the City to participate in a flexible investment strategy while meeting the primary objective of safety while adding return to the City.

President DeVries asked if Ms. Stanic has dealt with other cities that have made similar changes to their investment policy.

Ms. Stanic stated that many of the cities that she has worked with are statutory cities, whereas North Ridgeville is a charter city, which permits modifications to the policy. This modification has been timely and has been done for other cities.

President DeVries asked Ms. Stanic if making this modification changes the costs of services.

Ms. Stanic stated the modification would not change the costs. The modification is all inclusive in the current contract the City has with Meeder Investment Management.

President DeVries asked Ms. Stanic if the City will incur additional costs for software or ongoing maintenance.

Ms. Stanic stated the City would not incur any additional cost.

President DeVries asked for discussion or questions. No discussion was offered.

President DeVries asked Mayor Corcoran if he had any remaining comments.

Mayor Corcoran stated Ms. Stanic is an excellent advisor to the City, and is also a resident of North Ridgeville and has a short commute to City Hall if she needs to attend a meeting.

President DeVries thanked Ms. Stanic for attending and providing clarification.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 31-2021 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 LOCATED AT 6001 LEAR NAGLE ROAD; PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-008-111-077 AND OWNED BY SLOW PITCH PROPERTIES, LLC FROM A

RS-2 GENERAL RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO A B-3 HIGHWAY
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

(Introduced by Slow Pitch Properties, LLC)

President DeVries referred T 31-2021 to the Planning Commission.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 32-2021 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 LOCATED AT 6838 AVON BELDEN ROAD; PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-028-102-042 AND 36046 CENTER RIDGE ROAD; PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-028-102-066 AND OWNED BY JCL GROUP, LLC FROM AN R-2 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO A B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

(Introduced by JCL Group, LLC)

President DeVries referred T 32-2021 to the Planning Commission.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 33-2021 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 WATER SYSTEM MODELING, CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LORAIN ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT INCLUDING APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 33-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 33-2021.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause in order to vacate Avon Lake Regional Water ETL1 transmission main line.

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 clause, and the motion carried. T 33-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5805-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 25-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 215, LIEN PROCEDURES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 2/16/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 26-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1444.15 ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS BY CITY ENGINEER; ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY UPON PAYMENT OF FEES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 2/16/2021)

THIRD READINGS:

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; First Reading 02/01/2021; Public Hearing 02/16/2021; Second Reading 02/16/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 9-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 9-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1515-2021.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

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; First Reading 02/01/2021; Public Hearing 02/16/2021; Second Reading 2/16/2021)

Moved by Maleski and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 10-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 10-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1516-2021.**

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 AUXILIARY 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; First Reading 02/01/2021; Second Reading 02/16/2021)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 18-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 18-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5806-2021.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be a public hearing on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. regarding T 27-2021 in City Council Chambers.
- The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Approval of minutes on March 15, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL