

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, April 5, 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, 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 March 15, 2021.

Councilman Boose stated a correction to the meeting minutes of March 15, 2021, item T 38-2021, line 6, the sentence beginning “Depending on the amount of the grant, North Ridgeville will make a sizeable donation..., should be changed to read ...North Ridgeville’s Rotary Club will make a sizeable donation.”

With no other comments or questions, the meeting minutes of March 15, 2021, stand approved as recommended for change.

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the public hearing meeting minutes of March 15, 2021, regarding T 27-2021. Hearing no comments or questions the meeting minutes were approved.

President DeVries noted that Council received Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of March 25, 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 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's appointments to the following:

1. Fair Housing Board (1)
2. Records Commission (1)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to appoint Robert Esper to the Fair Housing Board and to the Records Commission.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Mayor Corcoran announced his recommendation to appoint Robert (Bob) Esper to the Fair Housing Board and also to the Records Commission to fill the vacancies left by Denny Johnson and Sandy Hall. Mayor Corcoran went on to thank Denny and Sandy for their years of service and expertise they provided to each committee. He stated Mr. Esper will make a great addition to both of these committees, as he retired after a 38-year career with a global chemical company and has been a North Ridgeville resident for eight years. Bob is active in the community volunteering his time at Community Care, St. Julie Billiart, and with his homeowners' association.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Regional Income Tax Agency has announced the income tax filing deadline has been extended to May 17, 2021, to coincide with the State and Federal filing deadlines.

Mayor Corcoran went on to say changes to the 440 area code are coming. He stated the way local numbers are dialed would change and the change would begin to take effect on April 24, 2021. The change in dialing will affect personal telephones, emergency contact numbers, and other aspects when dialing any number in the 440 area code. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline starting in July 2022. In order for 988 to work in certain area codes, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented. The 440 area code has been identified as one of the two area codes where changes are necessary. To complete all local calls, the dialer will need to dial the area code + telephone number. This applies to all calls within the 440 area code that are currently dialed with seven digits. Mayor Corcoran stated beginning April 24, 2021, it will be necessary to dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If seven digit calls are made, they will still be completed; however, beginning on October 24, 2021, the dialer must use the area code + telephone number for all local calls. On October 24, 2021, local calls made using 7-digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform the caller that the call cannot be completed as dialed.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Utilities Department, including the drive-up window, will be closed on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. – noon to allow the department's staff to attend software training. Please plan accordingly and he thanked residents for their understanding.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Senior Center will host the annual Spaghetti Dinner on April 30, 2021, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The costs is \$6 per dinner and includes spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread. To purchase tickets for this event, please stop by the Mayor’s office at City Hall. Cash or checks made payable to North Ridgeville Senior Center will be accepted. Mayor Corcoran thanked the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville for sponsoring the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council consider passing T 49-2021 with the emergency clause in place in order to submit the required paperwork to ODOT by the April 30th deadline.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council consider passing T 53-2021 with the emergency clause in place. The reason for the emergency is a request from a City resident was made to disinter a loved one; however, the current ordinance does not cover the service costs for disinterment of cremains. An emergency passage is needed in order to honor the wishes of the family.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council consider passing T 38-2021 with an emergency clause in place in order to submit the NatureWorks Grant application on time.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council consider passing T 40-2021 with the emergency clause in place in order to allow the Engineering Department to move forward with the project in a timely manner.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council consider passing T 43-2021 with the emergency clause in place in order to move forward and get the rental equipment and related services needed for road repairs.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council consider passing T 44-2021 with the emergency clause in place in order to move forward with street repairs and paving.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Boose to go into executive session during the recess portion of the meeting to discuss compensation of public employees.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated that Columbia Gas will conduct a GPS tracking device in the surrounding area of Aldi’s Grocery Store located at 35111 Center Ridge Road through Ridgeville Estates. He was advised that digging will occur, however, restoration of the digging sites will be provided by Columbia Gas.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez stated the City has received bids for the catch basin project for 2021. Bids received include one bid under estimate and two bids over estimate by more than ten-percent. Once all bids have been processed, the lowest bidder will be awarded.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson requested Council consider passing, with the emergency clause, T 45-2021 to ensure the appropriate account is established so that the City can receive the funds.

Auditor Wilkerson requested Council consider passing T 46-2021 with the emergency clause in place in order to get vendors paid as soon as possible for emergency repairs.

E. Other Reports:

President DeVries noted that Council received the February 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 issue a new liquor permit for 8820 Bender Road, LLC, DBA 8820 Event Center, 8820 Bender Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039.

Councilman Abens stated to President DeVries the individual applying for this liquor permit did not want any commercial development within his neighborhood a few years ago, as he lives in this neighborhood.

President DeVries thanked Councilman Abens for his comment and asked if there were any other comments or questions.

Councilman Boose stated he did not locate, using the Ohio Secretary of State Office's website, any DBA listing for 8820 Event Center. However, it will be left up to the State to issue the liquor permit.

President DeVries thanked Councilman Boose for his comment and asked for any other questions or comments. No comments or questions were offered.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to not request a hearing so that the permit can be sent to the State for final disposition by April 12, 2021.

President DeVries asked for any final questions or comments.

Councilman Boose advised listeners that while the City did not request a hearing for this new liquor permit, it does not mean a hearing will not be held at the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. They hold liquor permit hearings and make a determination based on their findings.

President DeVries thanked Councilman Boose for his comments and asked for further comments or questions. No further comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

RECESS:

Mayor Corcoran stated public employees' compensation was the subject matter that will be discussed during the executive session.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:15 pm
Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:48 pm

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 45-2021 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP)
LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOVERY FUND.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 45-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 45-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause in order to establish the appropriate account so that funds can be accepted.

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

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 45-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5812-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 46-2021 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 Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 46-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 46-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 46-2021 in order to pay vendors in a timely manner for unexpected repairs.

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

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 46-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1517-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 47-2021 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1294.09, SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTER RIDGE ROAD, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 48-2021 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 49-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2021.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 49-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 49-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 49-2021 in order to meet ODOT's deadline.

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

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 49-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5813-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 50-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5596-2018 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN DISCRETIONARY EMPLOYEES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 51-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR NEW FLOORING COATING, INCLUDING TIME, MATERIAL, AND LABOR, FOR THE SERVICE GARAGE, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 52-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A LANDSCAPE MOUND AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries referred T 52-2021 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Corcoran stated when T 52-2021 goes to Committee, the third whereas will be added into the Ordinance when the item is discussed at the Committee level.

President DeVries thanked Mayor Corcoran for his comment.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 53-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 1062.08(b)-(d), SERVICE CHARGES, FOR BURIAL AND DISINTERMENT CHARGES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 53-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 53-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause in order to honor the family of a City resident in order to move forward with the disinterment of the human remains.

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 53-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5814-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 54-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5684-2019 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO THE TREASURER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 55-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5485-2017 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 56-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5477-2017 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO THE CITY ENGINEER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 38-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 03/15/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the third readings for T 38-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 38-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause in order to meet the grant application deadline date.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

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

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 38-2021 becomes Resolution **No. 1518-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 39-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1228 IMPROVEMENTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 03/15/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 40-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE MILLS CREEK NORTH CONDO WATER MAIN REHABILITATION INCLUDING APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 03/15/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the third readings for T 40-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 40-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause in order to move forward with the project for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

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

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 40-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5815-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 43-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TO BE USED BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 03/15/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third readings for T 43-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 43-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause in order to move forward with the rental of equipment for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

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

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 43-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5816-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 44-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROADWAY MATERIALS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 03/15/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the third readings for T 44-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 44-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause in order to move forward with purchasing the necessary roadway materials for the health, safety, and welfare of City residents.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

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

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 44-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5817-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

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; First Reading 03/01/2021; Public Hearing 03/15/2021; Second Reading 03/15/2021)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 27-2021.

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 and T 27-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1519-2021.**

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; First Reading 03/01/2021; Second Reading 03/15/2021)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 30-2021.

Councilman Boose stated he abstains from voting on T 30-2021 to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

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 and T 30-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5818-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Boose)

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Approval of minutes on April 19, 2021:


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


CLERK OF COUNCIL