

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2020**

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

President DeVries called the Monday, April 6, 2020 Council meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President DeVries.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President DeVries.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, President Martin DeVries, Michelle Hung and James R. Maleski.

Also present was Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson (audio only), Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet (audio only) and Clerk of Council Nancy Linden.

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

President DeVries asked for any corrections to the public hearing meeting minutes of March 16, 2020 regarding T 11-2020. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries asked for any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of March 16, 2020. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of March 20, 2020.

**LOBBY:**

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

He asked Assistant Clerk of Council Peet to read any questions or comments from the YouTube Chanel feed.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet stated there were no questions or comments at this time noted.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Mayor Corcoran stated, over the weekend, the City lost three great residents – Carol Klear, Helen Hurst, and Kerry Mueller. They will be sorely missed.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Governor, during his press conference today, stated Ohio is doing their part. Social distancing is working and there is more work to do. He encouraged all residents to do their part to stay healthy and safe. He encouraged everyone to visit the website frequently for messages and updates at [www.nridgeville.org](http://www.nridgeville.org).

Mayor Corcoran stated with Republic Services suspending bulk and yard waste collection, the dumpsters behind City Hall and South Central Park went less than smooth. Republic changed the time from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rather than 4:00 p.m. He reminded residents that when the container is not present, please do not drop off your trash in the other waste receptacles that are not intended for bulk waste. He also asked that residents not leave their waste on the ground next to receptacles.

Mayor Corcoran stated that North Ridgeville Fire Department was featured on Channel 19 news last week. Two of the ambulances have been retrofitted to clear the air using the HEPA filtration system to fight the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to consider passing T 53, T 54, T 55, T 56 and T 59 with the emergency this evening. He stated he will answer any questions in regard to these ordinances.

Mayor Corcoran reminded everyone that City Hall offices will be closed on Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated where residents see yellow caution tape and orange barrels that are sectioned off, these are not bulk waste receptacles. He noted yesterday, there was a resident who had their child climbing up on the dumpster to put waste in which is totally unsafe.

T 53, T 54 and T55 are all equipment the Service Department needs to do their job.

President DeVries asked if there was a sign placed near the dumpsters that indicate which receptacles are which.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated they could put some signage out but people need to use common sense.

**C. Engineer:** Engineer Rodriguez stated that Stoney Ridge Road should be open this Friday after only eighteen days of a scheduled thirty day closure. Fetchko did an excellent job.

On Monday morning, Cornell, Ridge Plaza, Ridgeveiw and old Lear Nagle will be closed for thirty days. Signs for detours will be posted.

Engineer Rodriguez stated that the Service Department worked on an emergency culvert repair over the weekend just south of Chestnut Ridge Road at State Route 83.

**D. Auditor:** Auditor Wilkerson stated Council should have received the February 2020 Financial Report. She stated that many people are working remotely in regard to the annual audit. The auditors plan to come out for their second visit in late April.

**E. Other Reports:** President DeVries noted Council received the February 2020 Building Department Report.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk 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 53-2020**     AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE A NEW JOHN DEERE 6145 TRACTOR AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR STATE 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 \$123,000.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 53-2020.

Councilman Boose stated T 53 through T 56 were all appropriated during the budget process. He wanted the public to realize the money has been allocated already during the budget hearings even though this is moving quickly.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 53-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 53-2020 for the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Councilman Abens stated with the current situation and the potential for employees to become ill, he asked if this was a good time to make this purchase.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the grass will still grow and he felt this was an opportune time to purchase this equipment.

Councilman Boose stated if the grass is too long it can pose a safety hazard. He stated he agreed the City needs to watch how it spends money and be conservative. He welcomed the calling of a Finance Committee to discuss what could be delayed in these uncertain times.

Councilman Abens stated he just wanted to raise the point.

President DeVries stated he felt comfortable with this purchase right now, but felt calling a Finance Committee made sense.

President Corcoran stated he had no idea how long this could go or how long people will be out of work. A lot of this is still up in the air. He felt the City needed to wait to call a Finance Committee meeting.

Auditor Wilkerson stated her office is paying close attention to expenditures at this point. Expenditures are being vetted to make sure they are absolutely necessary at this juncture.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 53-2020 becomes **Ordinance No. 5732-2020.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 54-2020**      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE A NEW 18-INCH CHIPPER BRUSH BANDIT (DRUM STYLE) FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR STATE 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 \$65,000.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 54-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 54-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 54-2020 for the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

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 54-2020 becomes **Ordinance No. 5733-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 55-2020**      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE AN ALAMO MACHETE ARM MOWER ASSEMBLY FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR STATE 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 \$112,000.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 55-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 55-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 55-2020 for the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

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 55-2020 becomes **Ordinance No. 5734-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 56-2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT WINTER SALT CONTRACT (018-21).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 56-2020.

Councilman Boose noted the deadline coming up quickly.

President DeVries stated this is standard practice and further stated the City is in good shape with salt.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated that was correct and it was imperative they place their salt order for next year now.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 56-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 56-2020 in order to get the legislation back to ODOT to meet their deadline.

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 56-2020 becomes **Ordinance No. 5735-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 57-2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DETTORE FARMS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) PARCELS OF VACANT LAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,900.00, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS SUCH AS CUSTOMARY CLOSING COSTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran stated there was a sanitary sewer put on this property several years ago. In error, there was so easement ever purchased. The parcel is not buildable.

Councilman Abens asked if the property was accessible in order to maintenance the property.

Mayor Corcoran stated it was.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 58-2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALL PURPOSE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PARCEL OF VACANT LAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,300.00, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS SUCH AS CUSTOMARY CLOSING COSTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran stated this is being purchased to realign Barres Road as it is a safety issue the way it is right now.

Councilwoman Swenk asked if there were appraisals done on the property.

Mayor Corcoran stated yes.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 59-2020** 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 LORAIN ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$280,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Councilman Boose asked if the Engineer could speak to this project.

Engineer Rodriguez stated this is a several phased project. This is the phase that has not been completed yet. It will finish up the stretch of road as this is the City's responsibility. ODOT picks up where the turnpike ends to 480. He noted the project was budgeted. He felt the City may be able to get a good bid on this project as soon as possible because of all of the surrounding projects.

Councilman Boose asked if that would be the reason for the emergency.

Engineer Rodriguez stated it would be a good idea due to the projects that are occurring.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to dispense with the second and third readings for T 59-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to adopt T 59-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 59-2020 in order to get the project bid in conjunction with other projects currently happening.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Councilman Abens asked if there was any lighting set for that area.

Engineer Rodriguez stated he will reach out to the turnpike commission.

Councilwoman Hung thanked Engineer Rodriguez for answering questions.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 59-2020 becomes **Ordinance No. 5736-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:** None.

**THIRD READINGS:** None.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Councilman Boose thanked Assistant Clerk of Council Peet and Auditor Wilkerson for joining via teleconference this evening.

President DeVries thanked Computer Services Director Priebe and Assistant Clerk of Council Peet for coordinating the live stream.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Approval of minutes on April 20, 2020:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL