

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

President DeVries called the Monday, May 17, 2021, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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, Auditor April Wilkerson, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, 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 May 3, 2021.

With no comments or questions, the meeting minutes of May 3, 2021, stand approved.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following meeting minutes:

- Tax Abatement Review Board minutes of May 7, 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.

Assistant Clerk of Council Ma stated there were no comments on the YouTube channel.

President DeVries stated that Council will pause momentarily just in case someone would like to provide a comment.

No comments or questions were offered.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran stated as a result of the current CDC guidance the Governor's Office amended Ohio's health order to conform. As far as wearing masks indoors and outdoors, individuals who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks. Therefore, the public will see City employees without masks while in City Hall. However, individuals who are more comfortable wearing a mask are encouraged to continue doing so.

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to dispense with the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to T 71-2021, a resolution to submit to the electors the question of issuing bonds to provide the necessary funding for the purpose of constructing a new police station and adjacent police storage facility. Upon approval, a certified copy of the resolution will be sent to the Lorain County Auditor's Office in order to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and an estimated average annual property tax levy that would be required to pay the debt charges on the bonds.

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to dispense with the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to T 75-2021, an ordinance to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the traffic paint striping project. The emergency passage will allow the City to move forward with advertising for bids and awarding the project in order to have the work done in August 2021.

He informed the monthly Coffee & Conversation is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Mayor Corcoran advised several activities are scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend.

- Splash Pad at South Central Park opens for the season on Saturday, May 29, 2021. The Park will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. The splash pad is for North Ridgeville residents only; however, all other park amenities are open to the general public.
- On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021, all City Hall offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Also Republic Services will delay trash collection by one day, they will pick up on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Please have all items at curbside by 6 a.m.
- The Memorial Day Parade will kick off on Monday, May 31, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. from the Senior Center and will travel down Bainbridge Road and conclude at the Ranger Stadium with a Memorial Service in association with the North Ridgeville Lions Club and VFW Post 9871. Those who are interested in participating, please contact the Lions Club Parade Director Dennis Boose at (440) 327-8528.

Mayor Corcoran stated North Ridgeville's Parks & Recreation will kick off the 2021 free movies in the park series on Friday, June 4, 2021, at South Central Park Gazebo. Attendees are encouraged to bring with them their lawn chairs or blankets to watch "The Goonies" beginning at dusk.

Mayor Corcoran stated North Ridgeville's Parks & Recreation will host Touch-A-Truck on June 5, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This event will be held at Shady Drive Complex in the parking lot. Mayor Corcoran further advised that this event encourages children and adults to get up close and personal with all kinds of big trucks and emergency vehicles. The first hour of the event from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. is sensory friendly for those who want to enjoy the experience without the lights, sirens, and horns.

Mayor Corcoran advised on June 9th – June 12th North Ridgeville's Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau will be sponsoring their annual citywide Garage Sale Days. The cost to participate is \$5.00. Registration will be held as a drive-thru at North Ridgeville Community Care on Wednesday, June 2nd and Friday, June 4th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau at (440) 327-3737. Please note a garage sale permit from City Hall is not required for this event.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to go into executive session to discuss the compensation of public employees after Correspondence (section 9).

President DeVries asked for questions or comments.

No questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries advised during the Correspondence section of the meeting Council will adjourn into executive session.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster acknowledged that Council has received several complaints regarding the traffic signals on Center Ridge Road. He stated that GRIDSMART, TravTech, ODOT, and the City are all working as efficiently and effectively as possible. However, in order to fine tune the system the striping must be completed. Therefore, when the striping is completed the City should have a system that is different than what it is today, allowing for the efficient flow of traffic on Center Ridge Road.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the City's LED traffic signals were moved from Winfield Farm to Wil-Lou Lane to monitor traffic. He further advised that some residents were happy to see the traffic sign while others were unhappy.

C. Engineer:

Assistant City Engineer stated no comments at this time.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson asked Council to consider passing the financial ordinances and the Then and Now Resolution by emergency to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary financial resources to be available for expenditures.

E. Other Reports:

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

- 2020 Annual Fire Department Report
- April 2021 Fire Department Report
- April 2021 Mayor's Court Report
- April 2021 Water Distribution Report
- 2020 Annual Tax Abatement Review Board Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

President DeVries advised Council will pause for Executive Session.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:28 pm

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:45 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

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; First Reading 04/05/2021; Second Reading 4/19/2021; Third Reading 5/3/2021; Postponed until 5/17/2021)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Boose to adopt T 50-2021.

President DeVries asked for questions and comments.

No questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 50-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5829-2021.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RECESS:

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with recess.

President DeVries asked for questions and comments.

No questions or comments were offered.

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 70-2021 AN ORDINANCE INCORPORATING THE CURRENT POSITIONS OF ENGINEER, TREASURER, AND PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR INTO THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT HEAD ORDINANCE NO. 5596-2018 AND INCREASING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE ENGINEER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries referred T 70-2021 to the Finance Committee.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 71-2021 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW POLICE STATION AND AN ADJACENT STORAGE FACILITY FOR EVIDENCE AND POLICE EQUIPMENT AND PREPARING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THEIR SITE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 71-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 71-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 71-2021 in order to comply with the timeline.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilman Abens stated he is disappointed that no rendering of the police station has been formally submitted to Council. He further advised that Council is voting on the issue blindsided.

President DeVries asked Mayor Corcoran if there were any renders.

Mayor Corcoran asked Council President DeVries if he has watched the State of the City address YouTube Video, the rendering of the police station is in the video.

Councilman Abens stated he did watch the video; however, it's advisable to formally submit the renders to City Council.

Mayor Corcoran replied, "We can do that."

President DeVries thanked the Mayor and asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 71-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1523-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 72-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 72-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 72-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 72-2021 in order to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary resources for the expenditures.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 72-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1524-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 73-2021 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 73-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 73-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 73-2021 in order to allow the Auditor’s Office the necessary resources for the emergency repairs.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.
Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 73-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1525-2021**.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 74-2021 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 Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to amend T 74-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 74-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 74-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 74-2021 in order to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary resources for the emergency expenditures.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 74-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5830-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 75-2021 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 TRAFFIC PAINT STRIPING PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 75-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 75-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 75-2021 in order to move forward with the project's timeline.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

Councilman Boose stated last year's contractor did not do a very good job, as there were many streets and roads that were not properly painted. Due to the timing issues the contractors were not able to come back and complete the work which is why timing on this project is very important. He went on to say that he has noticed since then, some of the streets and roads have been completed. However, it is a safety issue; therefore, it is necessary to move forward in a timely manner.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 75-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5831-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

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; First Reading 4/5/2021; Finance Committee on 4/19/2021; Report accepted by Council on 5/3/2021)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to withdraw T 52-2021 from consideration.

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 67-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AND SELL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER A 1993 E-ONE FIRE ENGINE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 5/3/2021)

Moved by President DeVries and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the third reading for T 67-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 67-2021.

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 67-2021 in order to allow for the timeliness of the sale of the fire truck.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 67-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5832-2021**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

None

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
- There will be a public hearing meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers regarding T 31-2021.
- There will be a public hearing meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:40 p.m. in City Council Chambers regarding T 32-2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approval of minutes on June 7, 2021:


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


CLERK OF COUNCIL