

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

President DeVries called the Monday, August 2, 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, and James R. Maleski.

Jason R. Jacobs – excused

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Auditor April Wilkerson, Assistant City Engineer Christina Eavenson, 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 July 19, 2021. No discussion was offered. With no comments or questions, the meeting minutes of July 19, 2021 stand approved.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following meeting minutes:

- Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 13, 2021
- Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of July 20, 2021

LOBBY:

President DeVries opened the lobby session. He asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address for the record. He further added each person will be given three minutes to speak. He requested anyone that wished to speak to fill out a lobby sheet located in the back of the room.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran stated the roundabout located on Alternate Route 83 and Chestnut is now open for traffic. The Community Garden volunteers will take care of the landscape on the roundabout.

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to consider dispensing with the second and third readings and adding the emergency clause to T 102-2021, an ordinance amending Ordinance 5802-2021, authorizing an increase for the Catch Basin Rehabilitation Project from \$50,000.00 to \$55,000.00. The reason for the emergency is to move forward with the project.

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to consider dispensing with the third reading and adding the emergency clause to T 92-2021, which is a lease agreement for a Ford F-250; T 93-2021, is for the removal and replacement of the existing Frontier Park pedestrian bridge not to exceed \$71,800.00; and T 95-2021, to enter into a contract for adding restroom facilities to Shady Drive batting cage area not to exceed \$191,500.00. The reason for the emergency is to move forward with the projects and to enter into a lease for the vehicle.

Mayor Corcoran stated the public is invited to join him on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, for coffee & conversation in Council Chambers from 8:30-9:30 AM.

Mayor Corcoran stated the 46th Annual Corn Festival will be held on Bainbridge Road between Route 83 and Root Road on Friday, August 13th through Sunday, August 15th. There will be plenty of activities from live entertainment, fireworks, food vendors, Grande parade, and much more. For a schedule of events, visit the Corn Festival's website at nrcornfest.org.

Mayor Corcoran stated the new Senior Center Director, Emily Lockshine is looking to begin a soft opening later this month.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated during the opening of the roundabout people on their bicycles made the trip around the roundabout first and had a good time.

C. Engineer:

Assistant City Engineer Eavenson stated the intersection will be closed for a few additional days as the light poles are on delay until September 2021. In the interim, the City will have a temporary lighting system to help illuminate the intersection.

Assistant City Engineer Eavenson stated crews from Fabrizi and Cunningham Paving will be out to complete pavement repairs associated with this work. A temporary signal is in place to accommodate two-way traffic on Stoney Ridge Road between Center Ridge Road and Schaefer Drive. Assistant City Engineer Eavenson explained the paving contractor is scheduled to be onsite Thursday and Friday and will need to use the open lane of traffic so delays will be longer than usual. Paving is expected to be completed by the end of day on Friday.

Assistant Engineer City Eavenson advised the first phase of the Mills Road Bridge over French Creek project was installed and crews will work on demolition and installing the temporary shoring. After the removal of the existing bridge on the south side, construction crews will begin installing the drilled shafts for the foundation.

Assistant City Engineer Eavenson stated that Norfolk Southern has finished routine maintenance work. Unfortunately, in the process two of the loop detection systems were damaged so now the Quiet Zone is inoperable at Root and Chestnut Ridge. Efforts are being made with the appropriate authorities to get those systems repaired.

President DeVries thanked Assistant City Engineer Eavenson for her comments.

Mayor Corcoran stated he was just informed the Center Ridge Road project has repairs that need to be completed. Repairs are scheduled for August 9th and August 10th.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson advised the annual audit for 2020 was completed. The financial statement notes and auditor's opinion have been forwarded to the Auditor of the State for review. Once notification of the release of the audit is received, the report and comprehensive annual financial report will be forwarded to Council. She further explained that in the meantime, the unaudited financial statements are available for review in the Auditor's Office.

Auditor Wilkerson stated the compilation of the comprehensive financial report and audit was quite an undertaking. Each department within the City participated in the audit. She acknowledged and thanked all the department heads and their staff who participated. She went on to say that she truly appreciated everyone who assisted.

President DeVries thanks Auditor Wilkerson for her comments.

E. Other Reports:

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

- June 2021 Police Department Report
- 2021 Lead and Copper Results Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Clerk Linden read:

Committee of the Whole Report dated July 20, 2021, which recommends T 84-2021 return to Council for further consideration.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to accept the Committee of the Whole report.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President DeVries stated T 84-2021 will be on the August 16, 2021 agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Linden read:

Notice to legislative authorities from the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding objections to renewal of a liquor permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Report of Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Clerk Linden read:

APPLICANT: Ryan Schultheiss, Root Development and Construction, LLC
36097 Westminister Avenue, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

OWNER: Same

REQUEST: Amended Preliminary Site Plan approval for Harvest Pointe Subdivision Phases 1, 2, & 3

LOCATION: North/East side of Root Road and South of Lorain Road, in an R-1 District
Permanent Parcel Nos. 07-00-011-103-207, 07-00-014-106-009 and
07-00-011-103-067

PC ACTION: **Approved by a vote of 5-0**

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to approve the Planning Commission action.

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

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk Linden read:

APPLICANT: Jason R. Mould, EMD Studio Inc.
34899 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

OWNER: City of North Ridgeville
37077 Shady Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

REQUEST: Restroom addition to batting cage building

LOCATION: 37077 Shady Drive, in a R-1 District
Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-035-102-125

PC ACTION: **Approved by a vote of 5-0**

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to approve the Planning Commission action.

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

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk Linden read:

APPLICANT: Chris Young, Automotive Experts and Tires LLC
Race Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

OWNER: Chris Young
6054 Stoney Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

REQUEST: Construction of an auto repair facility on vacant land

LOCATION: Race Road, in a B-3 District
Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-039-000-078

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 5-0 with the condition the project is compliant with the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. Applicant will proceed with BZA application.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to approve the Planning Commission action.

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

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 97-2021 AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF CENTER RIDGE ROAD (U.S. 20) THROUGH THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries asked if the item was time sensitive.

Mayor Corcoran stated the emergency clause was not necessary.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 98-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO LEASE/PURCHASE A NEW 2022 SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND ACCESSORIES FROM THE STATE BID LIST, OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 99-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE A 2022 CARGO VAN AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, OR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND

ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR(S), NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 100-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE A 2022 ONE-TON DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, OR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR(S), NOT TO EXCEED \$99,900.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 101-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LORAIN ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED WORK AND INSPECTION SERVICES, IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,100,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 102-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5802-2021 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE 2021 CATCH BASIN REHABILITATION PROJECT, BY INCREASING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$50,000.00 TO \$55,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 102-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 102-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 102-2021 in order to increase funds and complete the project in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

President DeVries asked for further 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 102-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5850-2021**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 92-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERPRISE FOR A 2022 FORD F-250, NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00 FOR THE FIVE-YEAR TERM.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 7/19/2021)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the third reading for T 92-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 92-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 92-2021 in order to lease the vehicle and complete the project in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

President DeVries asked for further 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 92-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5851-2021**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 93-2021 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/OR BEST BIDDER FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING FRONTIER PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, INCLUDING ANCILLARY WORK, NOT TO EXCEED \$71,800.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 7/19/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the third reading for T 93-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 93-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 93-2021 in order to get the bridge replaced in a timely manner for the safety and welfare of the public.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilman Boose stated the new bridge would be paid for from the Parks and Recreation fund, not the City's general fund. He explained the Parks and Recreation Director recommended the replacement and the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the recommendation.

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

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried.

T 93-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5852-2021**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 95-2021 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 ADDING RESTROOM FACILITIES TO THE SHADY DRIVE BATTING CAGE AREA OF THE SHADY DRIVE COMPLEX, NOT TO EXCEED \$191,500.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 7/19/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the third reading for T 95-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 95-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 95-2021 in order to move forward with the expansion so that residents can use the facilities.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilman Boose stated this project was appropriated to be completed in 2020. However, due to the pandemic the project was delayed to ensure the safety and health of the public. It was then approved during 2021 appropriations.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilwoman Swenk asked if additional funds were anticipated.

Mayor Corcoran stated additional costs would depend on the costs of the bids the City would receive.

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

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried.
T 95-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5853-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

None

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:


There will be a Building and Lands Committee meeting regarding T 88-2021 on August 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of minutes on August 16, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL