

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 2020**

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

President DeVries called the Monday, December 21, 2020 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 (via Zoom), James R. Maleski and Michelle Hung.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran (via Zoom), Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Director of Public Utilities Tara Peet and Clerk of Council Nancy Linden.

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

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of December 7, 2020. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

**LOBBY:**

President DeVries opened the lobby session. He stated they are utilizing Zoom and YouTube for people to type or ask their questions. There are instructions on the City's website through the City Council tab on how to get questions answered at [www.nridgeville.org](http://www.nridgeville.org). He paused for comments due to the delay in the broadcast.

President DeVries noted Council received the Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of December 15, 2020.

He asked Director of Public Utilities Peet to read any questions or comments from the YouTube Channel feed. He asked if anyone signed into Zoom wished to speak.

Director of Public Utilities Peet stated there were no comments or questions at this time.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Mayor Corcoran wished everyone happy holidays. City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday due to the holiday.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** Safety-Service Director Armbruster wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded everyone to be safe. He noted that the vaccine will be given to safety forces first and eventually residents.

**C. Engineer:** Engineer Rodriguez wished everyone happy holidays.

**D. Auditor:** Auditor Wilkerson wished everyone happy holidays. She noted T 125-2020 is under old business which is the 2021 budget. She requested it be adopted with the emergency clause in order to have the financial resources in place for January 1, 2021. Auditor Wilkerson stated T 131-2020 is an amendment to 2020 appropriations. She stated there is a transfer out that was approved by Council at the last meeting as well as appropriate funds for French Creek. She requested Council adopt this piece with the emergency clause in order to allow for the financial resources to be available for expenditure.

**E. Other Reports:** President Devries stated Council received the November 2020 Police Department and Police Support Car Reports and the November 2020 Water Distribution Report.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 125-2020** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 12/07/2020; Second and Third reading dispensed 12/07/2020)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 125-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 125-2020 in order to have the finances required in place for January 1, 2021.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Councilman Boose stated as a member of the Finance Committee, he thanked everyone involved, especially the Auditor, on making the process smooth and something easily followed. He stated there is a long way to go. It is one thing to appropriate the money, but as they saw in 2020, there will be challenges in 2021. He noted it was not a perfect document, but it is a good tool for 2021. He also thanked members of Council for allowing the additional reading before adoption.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption of T 125-2020 with the emergency clause and the motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5784-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by President DeVries and seconded by Boose to adjourn into executive session to discuss the appointment/employment of a public employee.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Adjourned into executive session at 7:40 p.m.  
Council reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

Approval of the final plat for Meadow Lakes 18 in a PCD.

(Planning Commission approval on 11/10/2020; Council approval on 11/16/2020; Public hearing on 12/21/2020)  
(Council action required)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Hung to approve the final plat of Meadow Lakes 18 in a PCD.

Councilman Maleski stated he would be paying attention as he stated previously that the density requirements are met in future phases.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

Appointment of Assistant Clerk of Council.

(Council action required)

Moved by President DeVries and seconded by Swenk to appoint Shari Ma to the position of Assistant Clerk of Council.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

City Council congratulated Ms. Shari Ma.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski 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 129-2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1046.08 *DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS; DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE.*

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries referred this to the Utilities Committee.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 130-2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE 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 MILLS ROAD BRIDGE OVER FRENCH CREEK (LOR-MILLS ROAD) REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTANENCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,047,512.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Councilman Boose asked if this needed adopted this evening.

Engineer Rodriguez stated it did not need adopted this evening but in the future it may be requested with the emergency as the bid for construction needs awarded by March.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 131-2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5690-2019 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 131-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 131-2020 in order to allow for the financial resources to be available for expenditure.

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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  
131-2020 now becomes **Ordinance number 5785-2020.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:** None.

**THIRD READINGS:** None.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular Council meeting will be on **Monday, January 4, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. in City  
Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 4, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL