

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Monday, October 6, 2014 regular Council meeting.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Corcoran.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Terrence Keenan, Dennis Boose, Robert Olesen, Roseanne Johnson, Bernadine Butkowski and President Kevin Corcoran.

Dr. Ronald Arndt was excused.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffrey Armbruster, Law Director Andrew Crites, City Engineer Scott Wangler, Auditor Chris Costin and Clerk of Council George E. Smith.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Corcoran: You have before you the Council meeting minutes of September 15, 2014. Are there any corrections to those minutes or any objections to approving them? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of September 25, 2014, the Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of September 16, 2014, the Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 30, 2014 and the Workers Comp Safety Committee meeting minutes of August 28, 2014.

LOBBY:

President Corcoran: That brings us to the lobby session of the meeting. This is your opportunity to address Council and bring your concerns to us. Unfortunately, this is not an interactive session and we do not have questions and answers. It is just an opportunity for you to tell us what your problems are and we will have the appropriate people get back to you. I have two people that indicated a desire to speak tonight. First up, we have Charlotte Corridoni.

Charlotte Corridoni, 34056 Gina Drive: stated it rained last week and the water was standing high at Pitts. Mrs. Corridoni stated something needs to be done with the flooding and was concerned about the widening of Center Ridge and increased flooding. She urged voters not to vote for the Center Ridge levy.

President Corcoran: Alan Willoughby.

Alan Willoughby, 32778 Deerspring Court: stated the Center Ridge widening makes no sense and will be unsafe for bikers.

President Corcoran: Mr. Willoughby, your time is up. Kay Michelsen Caldwell.

Kay Michelsen Caldwell, 32870 Boulder: stated the homes being built near Boulder Drive should stop. She further stated the proposed EQ basin will be in her backyard causing her more flooding issues.

President Corcoran: Is there was anyone else that would like to address Council this evening? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. First, I will just mention, I had a little shoulder surgery, so I'm working with one wing here tonight. The advantage is I cannot tie a tie tonight.

Just a couple quick things: one, I'll repeat what I mentioned last Council meeting – trick-or-treating in North Ridgeville, as in every other municipality in Lorain County other than the townships, will be on Thursday, October 30 from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. I may not have been as clear as I could have been at the last meeting – I said it is because of a football game, and it is because of a football game, but it is not just so people can go to the football game; it is for safety reasons so that our officers can be in the streets when the kids are trick-or-treating. We can't do both. We can't be at the football game and on the streets at the same time. That is on the recommendation of the Lorain County Community Alliance as well as Lorain County Mayors. The Alliance pointed out, and I don't have the statistics with me, but they had some statistics from the National Safety Council; I believe it stated that on an average day, child pedestrian fatalities are 2.6 and on Halloween, it is 5.5. Safety is a huge issue and that is the reason that the municipalities of the County are cooperating and having trick-or-treat on Thursday.

The other thing I want to mention is there will be a community forum on the ballot issues, Issues 19, but specifically Issues 20 and 21 on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 P.M. at Pioneer Ridge at Prairie Lodge which is just off of Bender on Saw Mill Dr. The public is invited to learn more about the projects if they would like. Come and we will make a short presentation and be available to answer questions. That concludes my report. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Safety-Service Director.

B. Safety-Service Director: Just to add to the Mayor's comments on Issue 20 and 21- there have been four more community forums that we have had at different subdivisions throughout. We certainly enjoy having people come and learn about what kind of retention and detention that Center Ridge Road is going to bring. There is going to be four brand new detention basins which will have a tremendous impact on our ability to store water. It now comes off the ridge. It comes off the ridge immediately. When Center Ridge Road, if it does happen, there are curbs, gutters and storm sewers, as well as detention basins to keep it off the sides of the road and going

down into the ditches that are there. So it is going to retain the water long enough for the water to get out of the City of North Ridgeville; to the point where it is going to help, not only on Lear Nagle but on Center Ridge Road.

Just to give you an idea, Scott and I have been working on what six inches of rain in fifty-one minutes means to the City of North Ridgeville, just to bring it into perspective: the calculation done by the Engineer, six inches of rain in fifty-one minutes brought 2.6 billion gallons of water over a five mile square. Remember, it wasn't over a five mile square; it was half of the City because the Lake Ridge side and the Waterbury side did not flood. Most of that water was on our end over here. So if you double that, it is almost 5.2 billion gallons of water which is almost impossible, if it is impossible. Let's bring that into perspective. In talking to the reporters, we did some calculations on Westpoint. Westpoint Detention Basin holds fifty-six million gallons of water at six feet high. That isn't even close to handling 2.6 billion or 5.2 billion. This community and this Council and this Mayor and Safety-Service Director are working as hard as we can to build detention basins and retention basins to help in the flooding in the City of North Ridgeville and beyond. We are working very hard and as quickly as possible to do this. We do need Center Ridge Road for the detention from that standpoint. I'm not asking you to vote for it, I'm asking you to consider what it is going to provide this community in detention and those are areas that do flood. That completes my report this evening.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Armbruster. Mr. Engineer.

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. I handed out a leaflet to everybody regarding the train horns. This information is beyond what I want to handle in my report. We still are getting reports of trains sounding their horns even though we put all the time, money and effort into putting a quiet zone in there. The only way to minimize these train horns is to have citizens out there that hear this horns; I need to know where the horns are blowing and when they are blowing so we can track down the engineers that are doing it and educate them on the new system. It is all explained here in the leaflet and it is on the website as well. That completes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Wangler. Mr. Auditor.

D. Auditor: Thank you. I have no comments tonight.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Costin.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the August 2014 Police Department reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Smith:

A letter dated September 22, 2014 from the Lorain County Board of Elections with the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot language.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

President Corcoran: Moving on to new business. We have T 99.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance and Resolution Submittals

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 99-2014 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO THE WALTER H. DRANE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,646.32.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to suspend the By-laws to give T 99 a first reading this evening.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, we want to approve this, this evening, if we could. This is our annual updating of our codified ordinances. We do it every year. We also have these on the web. We have a P/O that we need to get approved for this.

President Corcoran: Any other comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 99 will have a first reading this evening. T 100.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 100-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1228.01 *DUTIES OF CITY ENGINEER; CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS.*

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: I will refer that to the Administrative Committee. T 101.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 101-2014 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR PARADES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS.

(Introduced by Chief Freeman)

President Corcoran: I will refer that to the Administrative Committee. T 102.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 102-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 618.015, DANGEROUS ANIMALS, TO INCREASE THE ACREAGE REQUIREMENT.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: I will refer that to the Administrative Committee. That is the end of new business.

RECESS:

President Corcoran: We are at the recess portion of our meeting.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the recess.

President Corcoran: Any comments or questions or objections? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to first readings. First we have T 99.

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 99-2014 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO THE WALTER H. DRANE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,646.32.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings for T 99.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 99-2014.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passed with one absentee unanimously and becomes **Resolution number 1316-2014.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to second readings. T 92.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 92-2014 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF NORTHBOROUGH SUBDIVISION PHASE NO. 3 FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 09/15/2014)

President Corcoran: That is the end of second readings. Moving on to third readings. T 76.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 76-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTERS 1264 -B-1 *NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT*, 1266 - B-2 *CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT*, AND 1272 - B-5 *ARCHITECTURAL BUSINESS DISTRICT* BY REMOVING RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AS PERMITTED OR CONDITIONAL USES IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE'S BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

(Introduced by Councilman Keenan; Referred to Building and Lands on 07/21/14; Building and Lands on 8/4/14; Building and Lands report accepted on 8/18/14; First Reading 9/2/14; Second reading 09/15/2014)

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Boose to adopt T 76.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilwoman Johnson: After reviewing this, I'm not real comfortable not allowing a single family residence to be a conditional use and it conflicts with our Master Plan. I just wanted to bring that up.

President Corcoran: Are there any other comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passed with one no vote and the rest positive and becomes **Ordinance number 5174-2014.**

Yes – 5

No – 1(Johnson)

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: Our next regular Council meeting will be on **Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.** in Council Chambers and as the Mayor mentioned earlier, we will have our community forum on the issues that are on the ballot in November. If you are voting absentee, they are on the ballot now. That forum will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at Pioneer Ridge, 9464 Saw Mill Drive at 6:30 P.M. and we will be talking about detention basins that are along Center Ridge and other things to go along with that.

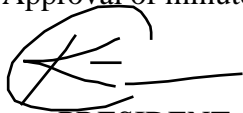
Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Police Chief and the Safety-Service Director and the Mayor; I had received some concerns expressed to me by residents on Aurensen. They were concerned with vehicular speed movement on that straight away. I raised that to the Administration. The Police Chief took swift action. They took some readings of speed which then gave them the ability to follow-up on very specific time

periods to monitor speed. I just want to say thank you; job well done. The people spoke and you responded. Thank you.

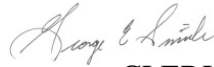
ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: Seeing no other business to bring before the City this evening, the meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Approval of minutes:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL