

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Tuesday, January 17, 2023, Council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Martin DeVries, and Georgia Awig.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Director of Finance April Wilkerson, City Engineer Eavenson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated January 03, 2023. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

LOBBY:

President Jacobs 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 that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

Traffic Light on Center Ridge Road

Gary Chopcinski at 33699 Browning Drive, encouraged everyone to donate blood. Mr. Chopcinski requested the City to evaluate the traffic lights on Center Ridge Road at the Giant Eagle plaza because there is a long wait at the intersection of the Giant Eagle Plaza and Center Ridge Road.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

- Remarkd that the Master Plan Steering Committee held its second meeting last week. A website has been developed to keep the community apprised of the committee's work and there's also an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the future of North

Ridgeville. Residents could visit ridgevilleready.com to sign up for updates and to participate in the upcoming in-person and virtual meetings that would be held starting in March 2023.

- Announced that the North Ridgeville Senior Center plans to host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, January 27, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the North Ridgeville High School because the Senior Center is going through reconstruction. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children 10 and under. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, a side salad, and bread. Drinks and desserts are available for \$1 each for Dine in or take-out. Proceeds benefit essential programs at the Senior Center. Mayor Corcoran thanked the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville for sponsoring the event.
- Added that the lights that Mr. Chopcinski expressed his concerns about are being looked at.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster explained that the recent good weather has helped the City with using less salt and completing other outside projects.

Safety Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss the purchase of Real Estate.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to suspend the bylaws and add T 8-2023 under first readings for January 17, 2023 Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

3. Engineer:

Engineer Eavenson had no report.

4. Auditor:

Director of Finance Wilkerson discussed the following:

- T 5-2023 is a Then and Now Certificate request that is needed to provide the Department of Finance with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations. The resolution is for the

required payment to the Ohio Department of Taxation. She requested the City Council to adopt the legislation with the emergency clause.

Director of Finance Wilkerson concluded her report.

President Jacobs noted the following report:

November 2022 Financial Report

5. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

December 2022 Fire Department Report
December 2022 Building Department Report
December 2022 Water Distribution and EPA Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The North Ridgeville Planning Commission took action on the following items at their Regular Meeting on January 10, 2023:

1. PPZ2022-0156: Lorain County Health & Dentistry, 35557 Center Ridge Rd, PPN 07-00-021-117-086, 07-00-021-117-088

Applicant: Christine Raymond, Kaczmar Architects, Inc., 1468 W. 9th St, Suite 400, Cleveland, OH 44113. Proposal consists of constructing a medical/dental office building. Property is zoned B-3 Highway Commercial District.

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0.

(Council approval is required for all plans and recommendations from Planning Commission)

Councilman Abens expressed that the Lorain County Health & Dentistry is a medical building and it would be a good addition to the community.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to approve the Planning Commission action for the Lorain County Health & Dentistry project.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the business is a non-profit and they would have income tax-paying employees.

Councilman Jacobs explained that Lorain County Health & Dentistry is not affiliated with the Lorain County government.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to dispense with recess.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 3-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS TO BE USED BY THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran explained that the purchase of chemicals is an annual expenditure and was discussed in the 2023 budget meetings.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 3-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to purchase the chemicals that were appropriated for the budget year 2023 to be used by the French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 3-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 3-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6035-2023.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 4-2023 AN ORDINANCE CREATING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 478, REGULATING THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED AND UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES.
(Introduced by Councilwoman Swenk and Resident Kim Nakoff)

President Jacobs referred T 4-2023 to the Safety Committee for further discussion.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 5-2023 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 DeVries and seconded by Boose to amend T 5-2023 with the version that was submitted to the City Council before the meeting.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the change is to reflect the \$20,000 requirement change for Then and Now Certificates.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 5-2023 Amended.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to pay the requested refund to the Ohio Department of Taxation.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 5-2023 Amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 5-2023 Amended becomes **Resolution number 1583-2023**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 6-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE ULTRASONIC WATER METERS AND APPURTENANCES FROM BADGER METER, INC., NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 7-2023 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE WHOLESALE RATE OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE FRENCH CREEK WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to amend T 7-2023 under Section 1 to reflect the following.:

“Shall be increased by four percent (4%) above the current rate” to read “shall be increased by four percent (4%) annually through 2027.”

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 7-2023 amended.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to go into effect as of January 1, 2023.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 7-2023 Amended with the emergency clause.

Councilman Abens expressed his concerns regarding the automatic increases and he believed it is something that should be looked at every year

Councilwoman Swenk reiterated the concern Mr. Abens had. She noted that she understands the Waste Water Treatment Plant is old but is not a fan of the increase.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the administration did a rate study through an engineering firm. The firm looked at the requirements of the Plant to operate and the cost of materials. The legislation reflected the rate study.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 7-2023 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6036-2023.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 8-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RED LION PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,000.00 PLUS CLOSING COSTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 8-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to meet the deadline to close, March 15, 2023.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 8-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 8-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6037-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

There was none.

THIRD READINGS:

There was none.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room (Entrance of the Police Department).
- The next Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the City Council Bylaws would be on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room (Entrance of the Police Department).

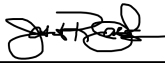
Councilman Boose noted the following:

- The next Utilities Committee meeting to discuss T 175-2022 would be on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room (Entrance of the Police Department).

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 6, 2023:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL