

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 05, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Jacobs called the Monday, June 05, 2023, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President Jacobs.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President Jacobs, Cub Scout Pack 153 – Michael Swenk and BSA Scout Troop 175 - Bailey Thacker.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, City Engineer Christina 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 May 15, 2023, and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated May 15, 2023. No discussion was offered.

The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated May 9, 2023  
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated May 22, 2023  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 22, 2023

**LOBBY:**

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He reminded everyone that the lobby session is not meant to be an interactive question and answer session, but it is an opportunity for the public to address City Council and the City's administration. He asked anyone who would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

No lobby session.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**1. Mayor:**

Life-Saving Award Ceremony from the Police Department:

Lieutenant West, also the Chairman of the North Ridgeville Police Department Awards Committee, provided background on why they give awards to officers that handle certain situations in a commendable manner. He believed the awards is a testimony to their commitment to the community.

Lieutenant Tony Lee provided a background for the awards.

This award was nominated by Detective John Zingale.:

Unit Commendation Award was given to Dayshift Platoon B – Lieutenant Abt, Sergeant Barens, Patrolman Larkin, Patrolman Callicoat, Patrolman Kjaer, and Patrolman Chasko.

This award was nominated by Patrolman Brandon Mundell.:

For the Life Saving Award, it went to Lieutenant Abt, Patrolman Chasko, and Patrolman Larkin. Mr. and Mrs. Deeses expressed their appreciation for the men saving their lives.

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- An emergency passage for the following.:
  - Requested an emergency passage for T 63-2023, T 64-2023, T 65-2023, and T 66-2023.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense the bylaws and to introduce T 68-2023 to appear under first readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

- Full-Time Patrol Officer and Firefighter/Paramedic Competitive Exams - The city is hiring patrol officers and firefighters/paramedics through an open competitive examination. Interested parties could visit the city's website at [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org) for more details including entrance exam application packets. These applications would be accepted now through July 24, 2023, through the National Testing Network.
- Master Plan Steering Committee - The Master Plan Steering Committee is meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at the North Ridgeville Academic Center Community Room. The committee is continuing to work on the master plan and reviewing the results of the community survey. The meeting is open to the public.

- Summer Concert Series - The first in the series of Summer Concerts at South Central Park Gazebo kicks off on Sunday, June 11, 2023, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with the explosive sounds of rock with The Michael Weber Show. The concerts are free. Mayor Corcoran encouraged everyone to pack a picnic lunch and their chairs or blankets to enjoy the parks.
- Coffee & Conversation – The Mayor’s next coffee & conversation is on Monday, June 12, 2023, at City Hall in Council Chambers from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. This is a great way to get questions answered or just hear what others are asking and to get updates on City projects and more.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

**2. Engineer:**

Engineer Eavenson provided the following updates.:

- Remarkd that Center Ridge Road paving is almost complete.
- Added that some of the crews would be delivering the materials for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge over the Ridgeway ditch on Maddock Road on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Two-way traffic would be maintained with flaggers.
- Added that TC Energy got a late start on the Stoney Ridge, Mills, and Avalon Road peanut roundabout. The work would last about two weeks. Stoney Ridge Road would be closed into Avon starting June 6, 2023.
- Noted that T 67-2023 is a major revision to the sidewalk guidelines and it would change the hardship guidelines.

Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

**3. Director of Finance:**

There was none.

**4. Other Reports:**

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

April 2023 Mayor’s Court Division Report  
April 2023 Parks & Recreation Division Report  
April 2023 Police Department Report  
May 2023 Fire Department Report  
May 2023 Building Division Report

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

There was none.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk 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 63-2023            AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 6031-2022 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.  
*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 63-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to pay the City's debts in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 63-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 63-2023 becomes  
**Ordinance number 6077-2023.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 64-2023      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 2023 FULL DEPTH CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$590,000.00.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 64-2023.

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 start the bidding process for the project that was appropriated to address the safety conditions as soon as possible.

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 64-2023 with the emergency clause.

Councilman Boose noted that the City has many projects slated for concrete pad replacement and an emergency is needed. He added that several years ago there were delays with contractors and the City wasn't able to get all the projects completed. Mr. Boose recommended approval.

President Jacobs reminded everyone that the projects that are noted on the June 5, 2023 agenda have been planned in advance and discussed in other meetings.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 64-2023 becomes  
**Ordinance number 6078-2023.**  
Yes – 7                  No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 65-2023      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 2023 CATCH BASIN REHABILITATION PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 65-2023.

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

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to address the catch basin rehabilitation in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 7            No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 65-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 65-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6079-2023.**

Yes – 7            No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 66-2023            A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DIVISION OF EMS FOR EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$661.23, FOR THE FUNDING PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022 – DECEMBER 31, 2022.  
*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 66-2023.

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 accept the grant funds.

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 66-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 66-2023 becomes **Resolution number 1597-2023.**

Yes – 7            No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 67-2023            AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION AND REPLACEMENT OF CHAPTER 1024 SIDEWALKS OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE.  
*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

This Ordinance was sent to the Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges Committee for further discussion.

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 68-2023      A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR RECYCLING PROMOTION AND EDUCATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,240.00, FOR THE FUNDING PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Introduced on the Floor 06-09-2023)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 68-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                  No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to accept the grant funds.

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

Yes – 7                  No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 68-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 68-2023 becomes  
**Resolution number 1598-2023.**

Yes – 7                  No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 56-2023      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 REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE OF THE COMPLETE MIX TANK AERATION AND MIXING SYSTEMS FOR THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NOT EXCEED \$6.7 MILLION DOLLARS.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 05-15-2023)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the third reading for T 56-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                  No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause for the immediate necessity to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the Citizens of the City of North Ridgeville.

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

Yes – 7                  No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to adopt T 56-2023 with the emergency clause.

Councilwoman Swenk added that she was at first hesitant about the French Creek Waster Water projects, but she took a tour of the plant and it changed her mind. The project is needed for the old plant.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 56-2023 becomes  
**Ordinance number 6080-2023.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 57-2023                      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT INC., A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM, FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GATES AND CLEANING OF THE INFLUENT WET WELL AT THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$78,800.00.  
*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 05-15-2023)*

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the third reading for T 57-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause for the immediate necessity to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the Citizens of the City of North Ridgeville.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to adopt T 57-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 57-2023 becomes  
**Ordinance number 6081-2023.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 60-2023                      AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CHAPTER 1286 SIGNS OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.  
*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Planning Commission on 05-09-2023; First Reading on 05-15-2023; Public Hearing on 06-05-2023)*

This Ordinance was sent to the Building & Lands Committee for further discussion.



**THIRD READINGS:**

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 36-2023      AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (C)(7) OF N.R.C.O. SECTION 634.01 NOISE DISTURBANCES.  
(Introduced by Councilman Boose; First Reading on 4-3-2023; Utilities Committee Meeting on 05-01-2023; Committee Report to Council on 05-15-2023; Second Reading on 05-15-2023)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 36-2023.

Councilwoman Awig noted that she would be voting no on the amendment because the current hours allow construction to occur at the same hours allowed at other local communities. She expressed that it appears to be a temporary problem if someone is bothered by the noise. Mrs. Awig believed contractors should be allowed to do construction as weather and daylight hours permit according to the current ordinance.

Councilman Abens noted that he would be voting no. He believed building season contractors need as much time as possible to complete their projects.

Councilman Boose explained that there have been discussions about improving the quality of life in the community. He understood that the majority of the time it is a temporary issue, but there is nothing that says the residents shouldn't maintain a good quality of life even if it is temporary. He explained that he has experienced construction noise. Reduce the time that a contractor could work if needed. The survey had several communities within the area that do not have the same amount of new construction and renovations as North Ridgeville. Mr. Boose expressed that it is a good reason to allow people to enjoy themselves in their yards for one extra hour. He added that the Police Chief testified the time change would be enforceable. The legislation is complaint-driven, but it would be helpful for the community. Mr. Boose requested approval from the City Council.

President Jacobs explained that more than half of the communities in the area do share the same stop time for noise disturbance for construction – 9:00 p.m. He agreed with Councilwoman Awig and does not feel there should be any immediate change. Mr. Jacobs expressed that he would be voting no.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion for T 4-2023 failed.

Yes – 3                      No – 4 (Abens, Winkel, Awig, and Jacobs)

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, June 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Approval of minutes on June 5, 2023:



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Jason Jacobs  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



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Nicholas Ciofani  
CLERK OF COUNCIL