

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, July 6, 2020 Council meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Led by President DeVries.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President DeVries.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, President Martin DeVries, James R. Maleski and Michelle Hung.

Also present was Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet and Clerk of Council Nancy Linden.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President DeVries asked for any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of June 15, 2020. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of June 25, 2020.

LOBBY:

President DeVries opened the lobby session. He stated they are utilizing YouTube for people to type 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. He paused for comments due to the delay in the broadcast.

He asked Assistant Clerk of Council Peet to read any questions or comments from the YouTube Channel feed.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet stated there were no comments or questions at this time.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

Mayor: Mayor Corcoran stated the Service Department will be finishing up paving on Root Road tomorrow between Center Ridge and Bainbridge Road. They will be moving to Dorchester Avenue next with milling to begin later this week. For the most up to date information, please see the City's website at www.nridgeville.org.

Mayor Corcoran stated the North Ridgeville Visitor's Bureau is sponsoring their annual Discover the Ridge on Saturday, July 18 from 9 AM to 3 PM. The event will kick off at Don Mould's Plantation on Lorain Road at 10:00 AM with the VFW providing the opening ceremony. There are 19 additional stops along the way. Brochures highlighting this year's event can be found at City Hall or the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce Office.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Lorain County Commissioners announced that the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Collection Center will reopen the Collection Center and tire sites with restrictions due to COVID-19. The Collection Center located at 540 S. Abbe Road in Elyria will begin limited operations on the following Saturdays from 9 AM-3PM: July 11, July 18, July 25 and August 1, 2020. Future operating schedules will be evaluated after August 1. For more information, visit www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste or call (440) 329-5111.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to suspend the By-laws to add T 86, T 87, T 88 and T 89 to the agenda under first readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

B. Safety-Service Director: Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the City took delivery on the track hoe delivered last Wednesday. It will help take down large trees.

C. Engineer: Engineer Rodriguez stated that the Broad, Main, Pleasant Avenue Sewer Project is complete. There are a few miscellaneous items that will be complete in the next few weeks. One resident had an issue but the issue was addressed quickly.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the contractor for the Ranger Way Project will begin placing concrete pavement tomorrow. The contractor will be paving two lanes, 24 foot width, from Bainbridge to the existing pavement near Fire Station No. 1. After these lanes have cured the contractor will pave the remaining lane and begin work on Kensington Drive.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the Lorain Road Resurfacing Project completed asphalt paving on June 17th. This section of resurfacing completes Lorain Road from the I-480 ramps west to the railroad bridge.

Engineer Rodriguez stated in regard to the State Route 83 Resurfacing Project - Shelly Company has been working throughout the length of SR 83 from south Corp limits to north Corp limits. There are some pavement repairs still to be made, but it looks as if most of the pavement repairs have been completed and crews are getting ready to begin mainline paving. Mainline paving is scheduled to begin July 13. Project completion date is July 31. The schedule is subject to weather.

D. Auditor: Auditor Wilkerson stated she emailed a memo last week regarding the adjustments to the appropriation ordinance. She didn't include the addition regarding T 89-2020.

This will create the fund to account for and track the COVID-19 relief funds. She also stated that in her memorandum she touched on the then and now resolutions. She asked the Law Director to review the ORC to determine if some of the then and now's are really required when they have been already appropriated.

E. Other Reports: President DeVries noted Council received the May 2020 Building Department Report, the May 2020 Mayor's Court Reports, the May 2020 Police Department Report and the May 2020 Water Distribution Reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 79-2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR ENGINEERING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF MILLS ROAD, STONEY RIDGE ROAD AND AVALON DRIVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$164,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran stated this was one of three roundabouts. He noted that the roundabout at Lear and Mills will be on Avon's agenda. They are trying to apply for safety funds which potentially could cover 100% of the cost. Mayor Corcoran stated they are also working on another one at Chestnut Ridge and State Route 83 which potentially will be eligible for safety funds.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 80-2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECLAMITE ASPHALT REJUVENATOR FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESECRIBED BY LAW, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 81-2020 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM RATES AND AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1044.01 USER CHARGES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries referred T 81-2020 to the Utilities Committee.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 82-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1294.01(H) FENCES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 83-2020 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 Mayor Corcoran and second by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 83-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to adopt T 83-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 83-2020 in order to meet time sensitive deadlines.

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 83-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5754-2020.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 84-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5596-2018 BY
ELIMINATING THE WAGE INCREASE PARITY PROVISION FOR ALL
NON-UNION MEMBERS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Committee of the Whole on 07/06/2020)

President DeVries referred T 84-2020 to the Committee of the Whole.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 85-2020 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO COMP
MANAGEMENT, THE CITY'S THIRD PARTY BENEFITS
ADMINISTRATOR, FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION AND
UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and second by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for
T 85-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 85-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 85-2020 in
order to pay the invoice timely.

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
85-2020 now becomes **Resolution No. 1495-2020**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Councilwoman Hung asked if T 82-2020 needed to go to Building and Lands Committee as
some know what is going on but was unsure if everyone else knew what was going on.

President DeVries asked the Mayor for an explanation.

Mayor Corcoran stated this is to make certain that people that put their fences up on their own
property. In the past, people have put their fences on their neighbor's property because the
property lines aren't staked. This legislation would hold them accountable and alleviates this
issue in the future.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 86-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5684-2019 BY
ELIMINATING THE WAGE INCREASE PARITY PROVISION FOR THE
POSITION OF TREASURER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Committee of the Whole on 07/06/2020)

President DeVries referred T 86-2020 to the Committee of the Whole.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 87-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5485-2017 BY
ELIMINATING THE WAGE INCREASE PARITY PROVISION FOR THE
POSITION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Committee of the Whole on 07/06/2020)

President DeVries referred T 87-2020 to the Committee of the Whole.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 88-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5477-2017 BY
ELIMINATING THE WAGE INCREASE PARITY PROVISION FOR THE
POSITION OF CITY ENGINEER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Committee of the Whole on 07/06/2020)

President DeVries referred T 88-2020 to the Committee of the Whole.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 89-2020 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND
(CRF) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUND.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries asked the Mayor to provide a brief explanation on T 89-2020.

Mayor Corcoran stated because of the CARES Act and Corona Virus, the City will receive half a million dollars in very restricted funds related to Corona Virus. They are currently discussing potential ideas and it cannot be revenue replacement. This fund needs created in order to accept the funds.

President DeVries asked if this was time sensitive.

Mayor Corcoran stated yes in order to put the funds in the account.

President DeVries asked for any questions or comments.

Councilwoman Hung stated the County has received the money and the City should create the fund in order to accept the money.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to dispense with the second and third readings to T 89-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 89-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 89-2020 in order to have the fund in place to accept the grant dollars.

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 89-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5755-2020**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS: None.

THIRD READINGS: None.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Approval of minutes on July 20, 2020:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL