

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, August 7, 2023, Council meeting to order at 7:00 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, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Martin DeVries, and Georgia Awig.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Law Director Brian Moriarty, City Engineer Christina Eavenson, Director of Finance April Wilkerson, and Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani.

Excused was Councilman Dennis Boose.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council Meeting Minutes dated July 24, 2023. No discussion was offered.

The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 11, 2023
Records Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 13, 2023
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 24, 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:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- T 79-2023 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the Traffic Paint Striping project. He would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause in order to move this project forward. This project was discussed in appropriations.
- T 80-2023 and T 81-2023, both are ordinances authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Vasu Communications for additional radio/dispatch equipment and additional camera equipment for the new police station. The Mayor would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to both of these ordinances to keep the new Police Station on schedule for construction with completion by the end of December.
- The Service Department planned to pave the top coat on Lear Nagle Road between Center Ridge Road and Mills Road on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, and Wednesday, August 9, 2023. This portion of the roadway would be closed from approximately 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. to thru traffic, local access, and emergency vehicles only during this time. These dates are subject to change based on weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. Suggested detour route is Jaycox Road, detour signs are posted. The next street on the list to be paved is Root Road south of Lorain Road to Reed Road. This information would be on the City's website and Facebook page.
- Fabrizi Trucking & Paving was recently awarded the bid for full depth concrete repairs. The list of streets is posted on the City's website. They are planning to start the repairs around mid-August. As the schedule becomes available, the information would be posted on the City's website.
- The next in the series of Summer Concerts at South Central Park Gazebo is Tuesday, August 22, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. with Disco Inferno featuring music from the 70s. This concert was previously canceled due to the weather conditions. The City does its best to hold them on Sunday evenings; however, Disco Inferno is highly sought after and this was their only availability before school resumes. The concerts are free, so pack a picnic lunch and your chairs or blanket and come on out and enjoy the parks.
- The annual Corn Festival festival is planned to open on Friday, August 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and conclude on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Visit the Corn Festival website for a list of activities at nrcornfest.org. In preparation for the festival, Bainbridge Road would close between Root and SR 83 at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2023, and reopen by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023, to allow for set up and tear down. The Grande Parade would be on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. The parade route would depart from the North Ridgeville Academic Center parking lot, travel down Ranger Way to Center Ridge Road, west on Center Ridge to Root Road, and then east on Bainbridge Road back to the school parking lot. During this time, the parade

route roads would be closed until the conclusion of the parade. Also, the Splash Pad at South Central Park would be closed during Corn Festival. It would close at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023, and would reopen on Monday, August 14 at 10 AM.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

City Engineer Christina Eavenson provided the following project updates.:

- The Center Ridge Road Urban Paving project - the contractor still has a number of outstanding punch list items to address.
- The Race Road Bridge that is near the turnpike is expected to be open at the end of September.
- The Engineering Department has received a number of applicants for the open inspector position. The department is looking forward to filling that vacancy.

City Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

3. Director of Finance:

Finance Director April Wilkerson noted the following.:

- T 82-2023, an ordinance amending the annual appropriations. Requested the emergency clause to provide the Finance Department with the necessary resources to meet their obligations.

Finance Director Wilkerson concluded her report.

4. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

July 2023 Building Division Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lorain County Commissioners sent a letter regarding the ratification of the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste Management Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 79-2023 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 TRAFFIC PAINT STRIPING AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 79-2023.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the lines are needed for the safety of the community.

Councilman DeVries wanted to know the plan for the striping in the right lane turning lanes at Center Ridge Road.

City Engineer Eavenson confirmed that the particular intersection in question would be painted as they are.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause for the immediate necessity to provide for the safety of the Citizens of the City of North Ridgeville.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt T 79-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 79-2023 becomes

Ordinance number 6089-2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 80-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO AWARD AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VASU COMMUNICATIONS INC. WITHOUT BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL RADIO/DISPATCH EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE NEW POLICE STATION, NOT TO EXCEED \$134,165.89.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 80-2023.

Councilman Abens wanted to know if the system would support the MARCS System.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the MARCS system function with the new equipment for dispatch.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

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

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 80-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 80-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6090-2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 81-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO AWARD AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VASU COMMUNICATIONS INC. WITHOUT BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL CAMERA EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW POLICE STATION, NOT TO EXCEED \$110,429.26.
(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 81-2023.

Councilman DeVries wanted to know the meaning of the additional camera equipment and if it was appropriated.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the cameras are to secure the surrounding property of the Police Department and it was planned.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to provide the necessary equipment that is needed for the new Police Station at the time of construction.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 81-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 81-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6091-2023

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 82-2023 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 on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T
82-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to provide the Department
of Finance with the necessary financial resources.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 82-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 82-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6092-2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

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; First Reading on 06-05-2023; Streets, Sidewalks &
Bridges Committee on 07-10-2023; Report to Council on 07-24-2023)

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Swenk to amend T 82-2023 with the recommended changes
from the Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges Committee (the recommendation to amend
1024.06 (a) - after the words "City Engineer," add: "to forgo the installation of a required
sidewalk and.....").

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

This amended ordinance was moved to third reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 77-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR MULTI-FUNCTION PRINTERS FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICES, TO USE A VENDOR FROM THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM BIDS, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW.
(Introduced on the Floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 07-24-2023)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the third reading for T 77-2023.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the current copy contract expires at the end of the year and purchase the necessary Copier equipment.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to meet the administration's office equipment needs before the end of the year.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 77-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 77-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6093-2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

There was none.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Approval of minutes on August 21, 2023:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL