

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

President DeVries called the Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Council meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Led by President DeVries.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President DeVries.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Martin DeVries, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel (via Zoom), 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 if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of August 17, 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 August 27, 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:

A. Mayor: Mayor Corcoran stated there were several pieces of legislation under first readings that he wanted to recommend the emergency on: T 97-2020 is an ordinance authorizing the disposal of vehicles and equipment no longer needed for municipal purposes.

T 98-2020 which is a resolution accepting FEMA grant funds in the amount of \$184,627.27 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus for the fire department. As part of this grant, the City is required to contribute 10% of the amount.

T 101-2020 which is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with a consulting engineering firm to prepare engineering plans and specifications for extending Cypress Avenue off of Lear Nagle to an intersecting point with Lorain Road in order to make the vacant property more desirable to developers.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Service Department is finishing the prep work and will soon be paving Deborah Drive and Otten Road from Sandy Ridge to Barres over the next few weeks. These are the last two streets on the paving list for this year. Crews have done an outstanding job. Full depth concrete repairs are currently underway; however, this is being done by an outside contractor – D.L. Smith. City Engineer Dan Rodriguez can update you more on this during his report.

Mayor Corcoran stated with schools in session, there is increased traffic at varying times throughout the day including school bus traffic. He reminded everyone that passing a stopped school bus is illegal on all two- or three-lane roads. The Ohio Revised Code 4511.75 states drivers “shall stop at least ten feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.” Also, as a reminder, the speed limit in school zones is 20 mph during recess and during the opening and closing hours of schools. Please pay close attention as you are traveling around the City in order to keep the children in our community safe.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Senior Center will be hosting a drive-thru spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 25 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Pre-orders and payment must be received by mail no later than this Friday, September 11. The cost is \$6.00 per dinner and includes spaghetti, meatballs and garlic bread. Please include your name and address along with payment to North Ridgeville Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville 44039. Tickets will be mailed to you to redeem the day of the dinner. A special thank you goes out to the North Ridgeville Lions Club for sponsoring this event.

Mayor Corcoran stated yesterday the City had over 4.5 inches of rain. There were flooding issues in the City but not as widespread as last time. French Creek’s wet well was up over 33 feet last time and this time it was 31 feet which could explain why flooding was not more widespread.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adjourn into executive session at the recess portion of the meeting to discuss the union contract and acquisition of property.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President DeVries congratulated the Mayor on the fireworks display at Victory Park that everyone enjoyed.

B. Safety-Service Director: Safety-Service Director Armbruster thanked the residents and the Police Department that let the City know which streets were holding water and they were able to quickly get out and handle the water. He stated he was sorry for those that had water in the basement. He stated residents should consider backflow preventers. He stated the condos at Jaycox put them in and they have not had flooding since. Safety-Service Director Armbruster welcomed residents to call the Engineering Department to find out more information on backflow devices.

C. Engineer: Engineer Rodriguez stated full depth concrete repairs on McArthur Dr. and Northwood Court continue to progress with the contractor anticipating finishing within three weeks on these streets.

Engineer Rodriguez stated concrete pavement repairs associated with OPWC RD 33 Contract A funds are underway at Rock Point Circle and Gatestone Drive. Work has begun and shall continue for the next four to six weeks.

Concrete pavement repairs associated with OPWC RD 33 Contract B will be underway within the next two weeks on Main Avenue and Pleasant Avenue. Once work begins it shall continue for four to six weeks.

All Star Striping, LLC was awarded this year's contract for pavement marking throughout the City. Work on the project shall begin within the next two weeks and will continue for about three weeks.

Aero Mark Company, LLC, has been awarded the City's 2020 Crack Seal Project. This work will begin within the coming weeks and continue until the contract value is completed. All work described above is weather permitting.

Ranger Way is now complete and open to traffic.

The City of North Ridgeville and surrounding communities, again, received anywhere from 3.5" to 6" of rain throughout the course of the day on September 7, 2020. The City feels the resident's frustrations and understands that these events are never easy to fix. The City is working diligently on projects to help mitigate the effects of these intense storms that are happening at much higher rate than ever before, but those efforts and plans take time to develop and build.

The City is currently working on a regional storm water basin project that will aid in mitigating these types of storm events. The project is currently in the easement acquisition phase and the City hopes to have all easements in place by years end. With easements in place, the City can move forward with construction if capital improvement dollars are available. At this time estimated construction costs for the regional storm water basin are \$3.5 million dollars.

D. Auditor: Auditor Wilkerson stated T 103 which is a resolution to transfer funds. This was appropriated in 2020. It is from the General Fund to the Payroll Reserve Fund. The fund was created in 2013 and the purpose of the fund is to accumulate resources necessary for payment upon termination of employees. The transfers are made annually and the purpose to the transfer is to make the fund solvent in order to make those payments. She also noted that T 104 is amendment to appropriations. The legislation regarding the FEMA grant requires a ten percent match and that match will be made through CARES Act funding.

E. Other Reports: (Skipped)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECESS:

The Council entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

The Council reconvened into the Council meeting at 8:04 p.m.

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 97-2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 97-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 97-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 97-2020 in order to increase revenues to the City.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken 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 97-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5763-2020**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 98-2020 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FEMA GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,627.27 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to dispense with the second and third readings for T 98-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to adopt T 98-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 98-2020 in order to meet the grant deadline of September 14, 2020.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries congratulated Chief Reese on the awarding of this grant and the hard work to get it.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 98-2020 now becomes **Resolution No. 1499-2020**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 99-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1062 CEMETERIES BY DELETING SECTION 1062.09 MONTHLY STATEMENT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 100-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 242.01 SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR; CLASSIFICATION; COMPENSATION; DUTIES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 101-2020 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 THE ROADWAY EXTENSION OF CYPRESS AVENUE TO AN INTERSECTING POINT WITH LORAIN ROAD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 101-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Hung to adopt T 101-2020.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 101-2020 in order to complete the engineering portion of the project while the weather is still favorable.

Mayor Corcoran stated he would like to continue discussions with the property owner regarding the easement through the property and conversations with the City of North Olmsted to work out to the exit/entrance to the property worked out.

Councilman Boose stated he would be abstaining on the legislation.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Boose)

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 101-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5764-2020.**

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – (Boose)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 102-2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 102-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 102-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 102-2020 in order to have a contract in place as it is retroactive to the first of the year.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken 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 102-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5765-2020.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 103-2020 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 103-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 103-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 103-2020 in order to make the transfer to pay the bills.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken 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 103-2020 now becomes **Resolution No. 1500-2020.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 104-2020 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 Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 104-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 104-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 104-2020 in order to pay for the grant match and meet the September 14, 2020 deadline.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken 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 104-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5766-2020**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 105-2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GENON POWER MIDWEST LP, A DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY TEN ACRES OF VACANT LAND LOCATED AT THE END OF STILLWATER BLVD. IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE SUM OF \$1.00, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS SUCH AS CUSTOMARY CLOSING COSTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 105-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 105-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to T 105-2020 as the timing of the sale and acquisition of the property is best served doing it as soon as possible.

On the emergency clause, a voice vote was taken 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 105-2020 now becomes **Ordinance No. 5767-2020.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS: None.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 77-2020 AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE WAGE PARITY
Amended PROVISION CONTAINED IN VARIOUS ORDINANCES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 06/16/2020; Referred to COW on 06/16/2020; COW on 07/06/2020; COW on 07/20/2020; 07/06/2020 report accepted on 07/20/2020; 07/20/2020 report accepted on 08/03/2020; Second reading 08/17/2020; Amended by substitution 08/17/2020)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 77-2020 Amended.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 77-2020 Amended now becomes **Ordinance No. 5768-2020.**

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Hung)

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; COW on 07/06/2020; First reading 07/06/2020; Referred to COW on 07/06/2020; COW on 07/20/2020; 07/06/2020 report accepted on 07/20/2020; 07/20/2020 report accepted on 08/03/2020; Second reading 08/17/2020)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to strike T 84-2020.

Mayor Corcoran stated T 77-2020 Amended took the place of T 84, T 86, T 87, T 88. He added he will be making a motion to strike for each of those ordinances.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 84-2020 has been stricken.

Yes – 7 No – 0

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; COW on 07/06/2020; First reading 07/06/2020; Referred to COW on 07/06/2020; COW on 07/20/2020; 07/06/2020 report accepted on 07/20/2020; 07/20/2020 report accepted on 08/03/2020; Second reading 08/17/2020)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Maleski to strike T 86-2020.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 86-2020 has been stricken.

Yes – 7 No – 0

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; COW on 07/06/2020; First reading 07/06/2020; Referred to COW on
07/06/2020; COW on 07/20/2020; 07/06/2020 report accepted on 07/20/2020; 07/20/2020 report accepted on
08/03/2020; Second reading 08/17/2020)*

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Maleski to strike T 87-2020.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 87-2020 has been stricken.

Yes – 7 No – 0

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; COW on 07/06/2020; First reading 07/06/2020; Referred to COW on
07/06/2020; COW on 07/20/2020; 07/06/2020 report accepted on 07/20/2020; 07/20/2020 report accepted on
08/03/2020; Second reading 08/17/2020)*

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Maleski to strike T 88-2020.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 88-2020 has been stricken.

Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Law Director Moriarty noted that the “other reports” in subsection “E” were not read into the record.

President DeVries noted that Council received the August 2020 Building Department Report August 2020 Fire Department Report, the July 2020 Police Department and Police Support Car Reports and the July 2020 Water Distribution Reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Approval of minutes on September 21, 2020:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL