

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 03, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, April 3, 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, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Martin DeVries, and Georgia Awig.

Also present were Law Director Brian Moriarty, Director of Finance April Wilkerson, 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 March 20, 2023, and Special City Council Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2023. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following report:

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated February 22, 2023
Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated March 23, 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 the City Council of the City 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 Corocran remarked the following.:

- An emergency passage for the following.:
 - Requested an emergency passage on T 35-2023, an ordinance authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2023. He asked Council to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to meet the deadline set forth by ODOT of May 1, 2023.
- Remarked that in response to the Fire Department's growing concerns about the safety of the Old Town Hall building, the City engaged an independent third party, John Patrick Picard Architect, to conduct a thorough investigation of the building. According to the report, "The primary safety concern at this time is the failing electrical system that is currently endangering the occupants and the structure. Secondly, but no less important, the substandard emergency means of egress out of this building, that in the case of an emergency, puts its occupants in harm's way." The report contains the recommendation that the building be taken out of service until those issues are resolved.
- Added that last Thursday, March 30, 2023, the North Ridgeville Fire Chief issued an Order of Closure for Old Town Hall effective immediately. The building is closed and no access would be granted to members of the public. The safety issues noted in the report are extensive and would not be easily or quickly resolved. Any scheduled use of the building is canceled until further notice. The City would do its best to figure out how we can make the building safe to use again in the future. The building is a historical building.
- Announced that City Hall Offices would be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023, in observance of Good Friday. Mayor Corcoran wished everyone a Happy Easter.
- Invited everyone to join him for his monthly Coffee & Conversation on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers to learn more about what's going on in the city.

Mayor Corocran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

No report.

3. Engineer:

Engineer Eavenson provided the following updates.:

- ODOT Center Ridge Road Urban Paving Project is tentatively scheduled to start on Monday, April 10, 2023. Karvo Paving would begin milling operations at the West End between the Elyria City line and Greenlawn Drive. Traffic would be maintained with flaggers. More details are available on the City's website.

Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

4. Director of Finance:

Director of Finance Wilkerson remarked that she would like Council to consider adopting the following legislation with the emergency clause to provide the Department of Finance the resources necessary to meet their obligations.

- T 37-2023 - Then and Now Resolution
- T 38-2023 - Appropriation Amendment Ordinance

Director of Finance Wilkerson concluded her report.

5. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

February 2023 Police Department Report
February 2023 Parks and Recreation Director's Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

A Letter dated March 29, 2023, to City Council, from Councilman Dennis Boose, the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Commission Member, regarding the North Ridgeville Veterans Memorial Project.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose 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 32-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF DEPARTMENTS
AND DIVISIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 33-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 2814-93, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE SALARY FOR
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 34-2023 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF COMPENSATION AND CERTAIN
BENEFITS FOR THE NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NORTH
RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T35-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT
CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2023.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T
35-2023.

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 meet the deadline set
forth by ODOT of May 1, 2023.

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 35-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 35-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6056-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

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)

This ordinance was referred to the Utilities Committee for further discussion.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 37-2023 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES
BY THE CITY FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS
PURCHASE ORDERS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T
37-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens 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 – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to adopt T 37-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 37-2023 becomes
Resolution number 1590-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 38-2023 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 Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T
38-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens 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 – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to adopt T 38-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 38-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6057-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

There were none.

THIRD READINGS:

There were none.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Approval of minutes on April 17, 2023:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL