

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

President DeVries called the Monday, June 7, 2021, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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, Jason R. Jacobs, and James R. Maleski.

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

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of May 17, 2021.

With no comments or questions, the meeting minutes of May 17, 2021, stand approved.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following meeting minutes:

- Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of May 18, 2021
- Administrative Committee meeting minutes of May 18, 2021
- Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 24, 2021
- Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of May 27, 2021

LOBBY:

President DeVries opened the lobby session. He called Mr. Rudy Ringwall to the podium to state his matter.

Mr. Rudy Ringwall, 31966 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039, stated the sewer project on Center Ridge Road is going through his property. While he is not opposed to the project, he is concerned that several of his properties will be required to have forced mains. However, he would like to request the City dig deeper so that residents can go in on gravity and put a lift station on Barton Road so that property owners would not have the extra burden. He went on to explain that with forced mains, there would be an issue if a power outage were to occur that may require a generator which would also require property owners to upgrade electrical. Mr. Ringwall believes this sewer project will decrease his property value. He has contacted the Engineer Rodriguez to find out how many people will be involved in this change.

President DeVries thanked Mr. Ringwall for his comment and stated someone from the City will reach out to him to follow up.

President DeVries asked if there were any other people who wished to speak.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to consider dispensing with the second and third readings and adding the emergency clause to T 76-2021, a resolution to submit to the electors the question of issuing bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,500,000.00 to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new police station and an adjacent storage facility next to the Fire Department Station No. 1 on Ranger Way. Upon Council's approval, the City will authorize the Lorain County Board of Elections to prepare and place this issue on the November ballot for voter approval.

Mayor Corcoran stated T 76-2021 does not need the emergency clause immediately; however, the emergency clause will be necessary at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to consider dispensing with the second and third reading and adding the emergency clause to T 80-2021, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation to accept federal funds for the construction of a single lane modern roundabout at the Chestnut Ridge Road and SR 83 intersection. Emergency passage is necessary to meet the deadline of ODOT to accept the funding.

Mayor Corcoran stated North Ridgeville's Police Department is hosting Safetyville this week and next week with over three-hundred soon to be kindergarteners and first graders that missed the chance of participating last year because of COVID-19. If you are traveling to City Hall during the two-week period to conduct business, please watch for children crossing Bainbridge Road to Safetyville and to other locations: the Senior Center, Police Station, City Hall and the North Ridgeville Branch Library. He went on to say, the City's Police Department does an outstanding job educating our youngsters on various safety topics with regard to traffic, school bus, bicycle and pedestrian activity, stranger danger, 911, and drug, gun and fire safety.

Mayor Corcoran stated that recently he learned the City of North Ridgeville received the designation of the sixth safest city according to SafeWise's 2021 Ohio Safest Cities report. Mayor Corcoran thanked the Police Department as well as City residents for reporting suspicious behavior and criminal activity.

Mayor Corcoran explained the Service Department is working through the street paving list. They are paving Bernice, Sycamore and Charles this week. For those who live in the area, please be patient and cautious as you travel in and around the area. He then went on to explain on Sunday, June 13th from 6-8 p.m. the free summer concert series begins at South Central Park with The WIXY 1260's: Cleveland's Clearwater Revival featuring music from the sixties.

Mayor Corcoran stated the first series movie in the park was "The Goonies" and the second series is "Jumanji: The Next Level" beginning at dusk. Both the concerts and movies are subject

to cancellation due to weather conditions. For updates during the season you can visit the Parks & Recreation Department Rainout Line Tab on their webpage or call the Rainout Line at (440) 210.6226.

Mayor Corcoran congratulated the North Ridgeville Trap Team on being named conference champions. Sixty-one students will be participating at the State tournament on June 10th and 31st. Students who qualify for nationals will compete on July 7-11 in Mason, Michigan.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to go into executive session after the reading of T 76-2021.

President DeVries asked for questions or comments.

No questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries advised after T 76-2021 Council will adjourn into executive session.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the bylaws and add T 81-2021 to the June 7, 2021 agenda.

President DeVries asked for questions or comments.

No questions or comments were offered.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated it was nice to see everyone's face again. As of June 2, 2021, the Governor lifted the mandates requiring everyone to wear face masks. He acknowledged and thanked the audience for being in person at the meeting. He went on to say, people still have the option to wear the mask if they choose to do so.

C. Engineer:

City Engineer Rodriguez stated he spoke with Mr. Ringwall and will follow up with him later in the week. SR 83 roundabout is scheduled for curbing later in the week; however, weather may be a factor. Once the curbing is completed, paving can begin. Center Ridge Road paving has been completed and side streets are scheduled later in the week. Although weather may be an issue, the project is moving forward.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson stated there is not an update at this time.

President DeVries noted that Council received

- March 2021 Financial Report
- April 2021 Financial Report

E. Other Reports:

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

- April 2021 Police Department Support Car Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

President DeVries read:

Administrative Committee Report dated May 18, 2021, which recommends T 64-2021, T 65-2021, and T 66-2021 return to Council for approval.

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to accept the Administrative Committee report dated May 18, 2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries read:

Finance Committee Report dated May 24, 2021, which recommends T 70-2021 return to Council for approval.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Boose to accept the Finance Committee report dated May 24, 2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk of Council Linden read:

A request for a liquor permit transfer from JAL OF NR Inc. Unit 5, 33725 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039 to Fiesta North LLC DBA Fiesta Jalapeno Unit 5, 33725 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to not require a hearing so that the permit can be sent to the State for final disposition by June 18, 2021.

RECESS:

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with recess.

President DeVries asked for questions and comments.

No questions or comments were offered.

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 76-2021 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$12,500,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW POLICE STATION AND AN ADJACENT STORAGE FACILITY FOR EVIDENCE AND POLICE EQUIPMENT AND PREPARING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THEIR SITE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries introduced Police Chief Freeman.

Police Chief Freeman stated renditions could change and that nothing in his presentation is set in stone. The proposed site location is next to the Fire Department across from North Ridgeville's Middle school. Using the site plan, he explained the exact location of the new police station, which would be located south of the fire station. Police Chief Freeman stated the location of the new police station was decided based on the fact that there are over 3,500 children in the school building over three-fourths of the year. If there was an emergency at least 7 officers would be on school grounds in thirty seconds. Officers would be in the school building in a matter of seconds. The second reason the location was selected is because the City owns the land. In the next fifteen to twenty years the Police Department will need to expand based on the City's population growth. Using the site plan, Police Chief explained the layout of the parking lot. He stated in the event of a mass casualty the parking lot can be used to get people out of the area for triage. The parking lot is connected to the fire station's parking lot so that the drive way loops for EMS accessibility. The location is central to the City. The site has been surveyed and it is a buildable site. There is limited wetland mitigation; however, it is a small amount. There would be two buildings, one would be the station and the other would be the garage. The current police department station has been in use every day for 40 years. It has had some renovations however, the Police Department needs more space and the current station will not accommodate the growth, technology needs, and/or storage. The potential garage will be a metal structure to save

money. The garage will be used for evidence processing, evidence storage, and other large equipment storage.

Councilman Boose thanked Police Chief Freeman for the information. He stated that he noticed the potential police station did not include any jail cells.

Police Chief Freeman stated the City will rely on the Lorain County jail to house prisoners for financial and liability reason. Currently, the jail is a twelve day hold facility and the future goal is to become an eight hour holding facility. However, if the County jail says they cannot take a person because they're full, the City still has the opportunity to get the individual to court the next day.

Councilman Boose asked Police Chief Freeman about the extensive increase in the size of the Sally Port.

Police Chief Freeman stated the Sally Port is where you drive your prisoner in for processing. If two cars are in the Port, the back car cannot get out unless the front car drives off. With the increase in space, several police cars will be able to maneuver and get out when necessary.

Councilman Boose asked would the potential police station allow for inside floor plan growth.

Police Chief Freeman stated the potential police station will have an open floor plan that uses dividers and cubicles to maximize space.

Councilman Boose again thanked Police Chief Freeman and provided closing statements.

President DeVries asked if there were any other comments or questions.

Councilman Abens asked Police Chief Freeman if the shower space was adequate for future growth.

Police Chief Freeman stated the potential police station shower space is set up for 60 male officers and 20 female officers. It is designed to accommodate future growth.

Councilman Abens requested that the new police station's outside color scheme resemble the fire department.

Police Chief Freeman stated he agrees that the design and color scheme should match.

President DeVries stated he believes it a great idea to be located in close proximity to the school and thanked Police Chief Freeman for his contribution and dedication.

President DeVries stated that Council will move into Executive Session.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:34 pm
Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:48 pm

Mayor Corcoran stated the reason for Executive Session was to discuss compensation of public employees and the sale of public land.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 77-2021 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 CONSTRUCTION OF A SLUDGE PROCESSING AND STORAGE BUILDING FOR THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 78-2021 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES BY THE FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS PURCHASE ORDERS.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 72-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 78-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 78-2021 in order to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary resources for the expenditures.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 78-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1526-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 79-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A OF ORDINANCE NO. 4571-2008, WHICH PROVIDES FOR PART-TIME NON-UNION JOB POSITIONS, WAGE RATES AND BENEFITS, BY INCREASING THE PAY RATE OF THE PART-TIME LABORER POSITION.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 79-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 79-2021

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 79-2021 in order to compete and hire qualified personnel.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilwoman Swenk stated she abstains her vote because of a possible conflict of interest.

President DeVries noted Councilwoman Swenk's abstention.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 79-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5833-2021**.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Swenk)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 80-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN LPA AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ALLOW THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS, BE THE LEAD AGENCY, SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH FEDERAL FUNDS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE LANE MODERN ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD AND AVON BELDEN ROAD (SR 83), ALSO KNOWN AS LOR-083-11.19, ODOT PID 114797.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 80-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 80-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 80-2021 in order to meet Ohio Department of Transportation's deadline.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the new roundabout at SR 83 and Chestnut Ridge will be put in. Multiple studies of that location have been completed and as a result of a recent safety study, the Engineer's Department submitted a grant to ODOT and was awarded the funding to complete the project in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 with a City match of \$350,000.00. The roundabout will make the intersection much safer for the public.

The projected construction will begin in 2024.

President DeVries thanked Engineer Rodriguez for his comments and provided several highlights regarding the project.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 80-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5834-2021**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 81-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF A PROPOSED PROPERTY SPLIT FROM 5463 MILLS CREEK LANE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

SECOND READINGS:

None

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 31-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1240.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE ORDINANCE, TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING LAND LOCATED AT 6001 LEAR NAGLE ROAD; PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-008-111-077 AND OWNED BY SLOW PITCH PROPERTIES, LLC FROM A RS-2 GENERAL RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO A B-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

(Introduced by Slow Pitch Properties, LLC; Planning Commission meeting on 4/13/2021; Planning Commission Report accepted on 4/19/2021; Second Reading 5/3/2021; Public hearing 6/7/2021)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 31-2021.

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried and T 31-2021 becomes
Ordinance No. 5835-2021.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 32-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1240.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE ORDINANCE, TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING LAND LOCATED AT 6838 AVON BELDEN ROAD; PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-028-102-042 AND 36046 CENTER RIDGE ROAD; PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-028-102-066 AND OWNED BY JCL GROUP, LLC FROM A R-2 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO A B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

(Introduced by JCL Group, LLC; Planning Commission meeting on 4/13/2021; Planning Commission Report accepted on 4/19/2021; Second Reading 5/3/2021; Public hearing 6/7/2021)

Moved by Maleski and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 32-2021.

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried and T 32-2021 becomes
Ordinance No. 5836-2021.

Yes – 7

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- All City-owned property no longer require masks and all City Council and Boards and Commission meetings have resumed back to in person and are open to the public.
- The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Councilman Boose thanked the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville for their contributions to this year's Safetyville program.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Approval of minutes on June 21, 2021:


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


CLERK OF COUNCIL