

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 21, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: I call to order the Tuesday, January 21, 2014 regular Council meeting. Please rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Corcoran.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Dennis Boose, Dr. Ronald Arndt, Robert Olesen, Roseanne Johnson and President Kevin Corcoran.

Councilwoman Bernadine Butkowski was excused.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Andy Crites, Auditor Chris Costin and Clerk of Council George Smith.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and Approval:

President Corcoran: You have before you the City Council Organizational meeting minutes of January 6, 2014. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved as submitted.

You also have before you the City Council meeting minutes of January 6, 2014. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved as submitted.

President Corcoran: Please note the Planning Commission minutes of 01.14.2014.

LOBBY:

President Corcoran: This brings us to the lobby session of our meeting. This is your opportunity to address Council. If you should do so, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. You will have three minutes to speak on the topic of your choice. With that being said, the lobby is open. (No audience participation) Alright, thank you everyone for attending.

President Corcoran: We will begin with Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor you are up first.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. First, as I am sure that everyone in the City is aware, we had a couple of emergencies the week before last. We had a gas outage in the southwest portion of the community and coming on top of that we had a severe drop in water pressure in

what is known as ETL1 which is our waterline that comes from Avon Lake. It goes down Lear Nagle and proceeds on down Root Road to Medina. They had what is called frazzle ice in their intake pipe and we were not able to get water. So we were dealing with those two emergencies, among a couple other things at the same time – low water pressure at the tower and a water main break. I want to commend our Police, our Fire and our Street Department for their service during those three days. They were up long hours knocking on resident's doors, helping the gas company, even hooking up fire hydrant hoses from one of our hydrants over to Cleveland to supplement the water. There are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes and they really worked above and beyond the call of duty and I want to recognize all three of those departments for what they did.

A couple other things: an interesting note, first I will mention during our last meeting we had a small emergency at Panera Bread, one of our City's favorites – they had some smoke and patrons evacuated, but it was to something they actually burned and it actually created some smoke. They did not have a big fire and everything is fine. Just wanted to let everyone know that Panera is in good shape. Then, about an hour ago, I received an email which is quite interesting that is from a lady, an organization, a website called Nerd Wallet. You can look it up. It is a consumer advocacy group started by a gentleman from Chase Bank and another gentleman that originally found it to help you decide what kind of credit card you should have. They have done a survey and they did a study of the best cities in Ohio for job seekers and North Ridgeville was number nine on the list in the State of Ohio. We were behind Marysville, Dublin, Findlay, Troy, Upper Arlington, Perrysburg, Hilliard and Grove City. Then we were next. Their website says this western Cleveland suburb offers parks, the annual North Ridgeville Corn Festival, access to nearby Lake Erie, it is home to Lorain County Community College's Partnership Ridge Campus which offers job training or careers in software development, engineering, business, IT and healthcare and digital forensics and a brand new facility. Students can also earn certifications in advanced digital forensics with jobs for Northeast Ohio Forensic Data Recovery which is located in town. Job seekers can also take classes on raising specialty crops and train for work as a paramedic or as an entrepreneur through the Lorain County Joint Vocation School in nearby Oberlin. Congratulations North Ridgeville again for making a worthy list. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Armbruster.

B. Safety-Service Director: Just two comments: one, the City of Cleveland the night of the Avon Lake water debacle – they had supervisors in the Cleveland Water Department that we had direct contact with anytime. There was probably six to eight times that evening that we actually spoke with them and they really stepped up to the plate and said if we wanted to connect where we did on Barton but we could connect on Center Ridge as well as on Lorain Road if we had the ability to connect into their fire hydrants. Fortunately, we didn't have to do that. We did one on Barton and they worked through the issue and wanted to know what the pressure was and told us exactly what they wanted to do and they could actually see the water moving on their end, which is unique and we obviously could see the water moving on ours because there was seventy pounds of pressure on their side. In our case, I believe that one hydrant was at fifty and I

think it moved to thirty-three pounds of pressure on our end. The Fire Department had position with the County Emergency. They had position tankers that if there would have been a fire, there were tankers throughout the County that were available to use for water sources. There were a lot of behind the scenes things happening that evening. As you were planning for what didn't happen, the worst disaster, there was disaster planning in the process. Our hats off to the City of Cleveland. They also offered that service to Avon and they did not connect and we did. It certainly helped us. We look forward to some further communications to us maybe connecting at Center Ridge and maybe Lorain Road to their system as an emergency source. This is at least something that we should consider as we move forward on this to interconnect the systems through that.

Also this evening, under first readings, you have T 1-2014. This has to do with joining the environmental Brownfield activities grant that we applied for last year and we did not get it. We are applying again this year and I would like to have it passed this evening, not by emergency, so that we could at least send a letter out in the next of couple days and I want the letter to be dated after the legislation is passed so the EPA can see that we passed the legislation and we had the authority to join the coalition. I look forward to having that passed this evening, if possible. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Armbruster. Mr. Engineer.

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. In an effort to improve the drainage along 83 south of Chestnut, a study was done on Hinckly Ditch, which is the ditch that runs parallel to Chestnut in a westward direction. We had not been in there in decades, maybe a dozen years around there. The overall condition of the ditch was fair to poor and there were some individual issues that if they were addressed would improve drainage. We sat down with the Service Department and a plan was put in place to improve the Hinckly Ditch. Hinckly Ditch is a little bit unique in that it is either in some people's front yards or in some people's backyards and it is maintained so that standard procedure for dealing with ditches really doesn't apply in this case. We decided to wait for freezing weather, which we have now, in an attempt to reduce the damage done by machines going in to clean the ditch. Notices have been sent to residents, all the effected residents about the work and a handful of residents that had special situations that I wanted to meet with in person and to date, I have met with two of them so far and the proposed work has been well received. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Wangler. Mr. Auditor.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Costin: Thank you Mr. President. First on the itinerary is your December year-end preliminary report. As in the past, historically we have issued a December report, but it has been preliminary. The banks have reconciled the cash basis information and it is likely to remain the same. What is possible is that the encumbrances may be reduced as we get final invoices and verify with Department Heads whether their purchase orders outstanding will in fact be used or if

we can cancel them. You will have another final report to follow with final numbers likely next month.

On the agenda, there are two Resolutions related to going to the polls. While technically we do not have to pass them until the first meeting in February, I would suggest Council pass them tonight with the emergency just based on the fact that our weather; I believe they have to be to the Board of Elections by February 5 and the weather in Northeast Ohio this year has been unpredictable and I don't think we want to miss the opportunity to get these to the voters and communicate what is going on with the City and the monies that we need. One is T 4 which is the amount of money that the City needs to raise for the Center Ridge and Lear Nagle projects. That is a new entry. T 6 is the renewal for the paramedic service. There had been some discussion about waiting until November to put this on the ballot, but T 6; this is the last collection year for the paramedic levy. We want to make sure that we have a chance, at least two chances, for the voters to consider passing this renewal which will result in absolutely no additional new taxes. That would be my recommendation just to keep things moving along and pass them with the emergency so we can make sure we get them to the Board of Elections on a timely basis. That completes my report and my comments.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Costin.

Councilman Arndt: Mr. President, I don't know if I direct this to Mr. Costin on our T 6 – I clearly understand necessary for renewing this 1.75 mill makes perfect sense. It is on T 6 under Section 1 – it says “this Council finds, determines, declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the City within the ten mill limitation . . . will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the City and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation.” Am I misunderstanding...?

Auditor Costin: No, when we talk about taxes within the limit, within the ten mill limitation – that is without a vote of the people. What we need to do is go to the people because there are not enough monies that we are collecting in our general levy and that is why we are going to a vote of the people.

Councilman Arndt: That is the clarification I needed, thank you.

President Corcoran: Any other questions before we move on? Alright.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the November 2013 Water Distribution report, the December 2013 Building Department report, the December 2013 Fire Department report, the December 2013 Mayor's Court report, the December 2013 Support Car report, the December 2013 Water Distribution report and the 2013 Year-end Fire Department report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Smith: A letter dated January 10, 2014 from the Government Finance Officers Association awarding North Ridgeville a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

President Corcoran: Congratulations to you Mr. Costin and to your department on that certificate.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances and Resolution Submittals

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 4-2014 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$8,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING CENTER RIDGE ROAD, LEAR NAGLE ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER DESIGNATED INTERSECTING STREETS, GARDEN STREET AND A NEW SINTA RUN IN THE CITY'S STREET SYSTEM BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND OTHERWISE, BY GRADING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND REHABILITATING THE PAVEMENT BASE, BRIDGES, CULVERTS, CURBS, DRIVEWAY APPROACHES, RETAINING WALLS, SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHS, SANITARY SEWERS, WATER MAINS AND STORM SEWERS AND OTHER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, WIDENING AND REALIGNING, ADJUSTING MANHOLES AND CATCH BASINS, PREPARING THE SURFACE AND SURFACING AND RESURFACING, AND ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING STREET LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND SIGNALIZATION, WHERE NECESSARY, IN EACH CASE TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Boose to suspend By-laws to give T 4 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Mayor Gillock: Just to clarify – when Mr. Smith read the Ordinance regarding the new run that will be connected, that is called the Sinta Run. As part of our project of widening the street, we want to eliminate accesses where possible because those create collisions basically. One of the things that we felt would help and which has been talked about for years is adding a street from where is now Marc's going west to Jaycox where the rental center is now. We talked about that

for years. It would help traffic and congestion. We are going to add that street as part of the project and we had to have a name for that street so we named it the Sinta Run in recognition of one of our great police dogs that we had named Sinta who served many years and was retired two years ago. So that is where that name comes from.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mayor. Any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 4 will have a first reading this evening. T 5.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 5-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODE SECTION
248.03 *ELIGIBILITY FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.*
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Mayor Gillock: I would like to have that referred to the Administrative Committee.

President Corcoran: T 5 is now going to the Administrative Committee. T 6.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 6-2014 A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
NORTH RIDGEVILLE THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN
EXISTING TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR AMBULANCE
SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND TO MAINTAIN A
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM AND TO EQUIP AND TO OPERATE THE SAME,
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.19(U) AND 5705.191 OF THE REVISED
CODE.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Arndt to suspend By-laws to give T 6 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 6 will have a first reading this evening. That is the end of new business.

RECESS:

President Corcoran: That brings us to the recess portion of our meeting, would anyone like a recess?

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Arndt to dispense with the recess.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on then to first readings. First up, we have T 139 first.

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 139-2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1020.12 *EXCESSIVE ACCUMULATIONS OF MUD AND DEBRIS ON STREETS PROHIBITED.*

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Referred to Safety on 12/02/2013; Heard at Safety on 12/16/2013; Report accepted on 01/06/2014)

President Corcoran: T 1.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 1-2014 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A COALITION WHICH WILL APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR VARIOUS BROWNFIELD ACTIVITIES.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 1.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5

No – 0

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Boose to adopt T 1.

President Corcoran: We are moving this up and passing it in order to send the letter and that is the reason for passing this today as discussed by Mr. Armbruster during his report. On the adoption of T 1, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: Motion passes unanimously with one absentee and becomes **Resolution number 1297-2014**

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to T 3.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 3-2014 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL
PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE PURSUANT
TO O.R.C. SECTION 721.25.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Olesen to dispense with the second and third readings for T 3.

President Corcoran: The reason being we are just waiting to sell the property and the longer we take the more we are holding it up.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, we are selling three 2005 Ford Crown Vic's and a 2007 Ford Crown Vic. All of these cars we are going to put on Internet auction. They have over 99,000.00 miles so we just want to put them on there and get rid of them.

President Corcoran: Any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5

No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 3.

President Corcoran: On the adoption of T 3, are there any comments or question?

Councilman Boose: Yes, just a question – in the past, I know it has been a couple of years ago; sometimes we had these cars that went from the Police Department down to some other department because they were better than what the other department had. That isn't the case in this situation?

Mayor Gillock: No, we pretty much stopped that practice several years ago because when we get rid of cars, they are really in bad shape. We used to pass down cars that had wheels falling off of them and you could see through the floor boards and they are just not safe, along with the mileage on them. Plus, about five years ago, we replaced most of our cars. The cars we have are well taken care of and are in better shape. So we don't really have a huge need for these old cars.

Councilman Boose: Thank you.

President Corcoran: Are there any other comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: Motion passes unanimously and becomes **Ordinance number 5101-2014**

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving back to T 4.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 4-2014 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$8,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING CENTER RIDGE ROAD, LEAR NAGLE ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER DESIGNATED INTERSECTING STREETS, GARDEN STREET AND A NEW SINTA RUN IN THE CITY'S STREET SYSTEM BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND OTHERWISE, BY GRADING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND REHABILITATING THE PAVEMENT BASE, BRIDGES, CULVERTS, CURBS, DRIVEWAY APPROACHES, RETAINING WALLS, SIDEWALKS AND BICYCLE PATHS, SANITARY SEWERS, WATER MAINS AND STORM SEWERS AND OTHER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, WIDENING AND REALIGNING, ADJUSTING MANHOLES AND CATCH BASINS, PREPARING THE SURFACE AND SURFACING AND RESURFACING, AND ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING STREET LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND SIGNALIZATION, WHERE NECESSARY, IN EACH CASE TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 4.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5

No – 0

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Boose to adopt T 4.

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to T 4 for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of this City and for the further reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective to enable the City to proceed timely with the filing of this Resolution and other materials with the Board of Elections in order to submit the bond issue to the electors on May 6, 2014.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause for T 4, any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: Motion passes unanimously and becomes **Resolution number 1298-2014**

President Corcoran: Now T 6.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 6-2014 A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND TO MAINTAIN A PARAMEDIC PROGRAM AND TO EQUIP AND TO OPERATE THE SAME, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.19(U) AND 5705.191 OF THE REVISED CODE.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Arndt to dispense with the second and third readings for T 6.

President Corcoran: Any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5 No – 0

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Arndt to adopt T 6.

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Arndt to add the emergency clause to T 6 for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this resolution must be effective immediately so that it can be timely filed with the Board of Elections in order submit the question of the levy to the electors at an election on May 6, 2014.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause itself, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 5 No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption of T 6 with the emergency, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously and becomes **Resolution number 1299-2014**.

Yes – 5 No – 0

President Corcoran: Thank you. That is the end of first readings. Moving on to second readings. First up we have T 130.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 130-2013 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH BREWER-GARRETT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR UPGRADING THE BACK-UP GENERATOR AT THE FRENCH CREEK WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$475,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Referred to Utilities on 11/18/2013; Heard at Utilities on 12/02/2013; Report accepted on 12/16/2013; First reading 01/06/2014)

THIRD READINGS: None.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: We have a Finance Committee meeting on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, February 18 through 20 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.** or until all listed departments have been completed and that is to discuss appropriations for the remainder of the year. Our next regular Council meeting will be on **Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.** in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: Seeing no other business to bring before the City this evening, this meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Approval of minutes:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL