

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: I call to order the Tuesday, February 18, 2014 regular Council meeting. Please rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Boy Scout Troop 100.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Dennis Boose, Dr. Ronald Arndt, Roseanne Johnson, Bernadine Butkowski, Robert Olesen, Terrence P. Keenan and President Kevin Corcoran.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Engineer Scott Wangler, 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 meeting minutes of February 3, 2014. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved as submitted.

President Corcoran: Please note the Administrative Committee meeting minutes of 02.03.2014 and the Planning Commission meeting minutes of 02.11.2014.

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 the Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor you are up first.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. I have a special presentation I want to make this evening, but before I do that, first I wanted to talk a little bit about our salt usage. People have been asking some questions about if we have enough salt and how do we apply it. I thought I would just review real quickly what we do. When I became Mayor about ten years ago, we have to reserve our salt in the month of May and guess how much we are going to need for the next year. We used to reserve eight thousand tons a year. Because our guys at our garage are really good at what they do and we bought some trucks that have meters on them so we can dial the salt usage back, we now order four thousand tons, saving the City about \$160,000 a year in the cost

of that salt. Another thing that we do to accomplish that is on the secondary streets; I'll back up a little bit; on the main streets, we salt quit liberally and we also use a product called ClearLane which costs a whole lot more money but works really well. On the secondary streets, we only salt curves, hills and intersections. We do not salt secondary streets with a 25 mile per hour speed limit that is a straight, flat run. We do not want to put any more salt than we have to in the ditches and it ends up in Lake Erie causing pollution and it is expensive. A lot of times people, especially when we are having weather like this, they are saying, you didn't salt my street. We have not salted those side streets for about ten years. We just don't do it. We plow then and treat everybody the same. We get emails that say you salted that street but you didn't salt my street. We have fourteen routes and twenty-eight drivers. When something like this happens, we have fourteen of them on duty – they work twelve hours and they go off and the other fourteen go on running those same routes. Salt wise, we have salt in the barn. As I said, we are conservative with it. Right now, we might be a little bit more conservative than normal, but we do have salt in the barn. We think we can make it last the season. We know we are not going to get anymore. The state does not have anymore. They accepted bids for another one hundred and fifty thousand tons which they did not get any bids. We know we are going to make do with what we can and we think we can do that fine. This is just a little background on how we do it.

We have a special event this evening. The North Ridgeville Historical Society would like to make a presentation to our Fire Department. If our Chiefs would come up and our representatives from the Historical Society.

With us this evening is Captain John Reese, Assistant Captain Scott Bement and from the Historical Society retired fireman Gene Kleinholz and Jeff Sigsworth, who is really North Ridgeville's historian. Let me read the Proclamation first . . . (Proclamation read verbatim).

I want to congratulate the Fire Department and Gene and Jeff if you would like to make the presentation and explain a little bit about them.

Mr. Kleinholz: These are the same type of extinguishers that came with the same type of fire truck delivered in 1931. This is a special kind of extinguisher called an apparatus extinguisher. I'll give one to John – nice and shiny just like the truck. They are both empty guys. A guy called us last year about six months ago, and I had told him fifteen years ago if you can ever find a buffalo apparatus extinguisher, we would be interested. He was in between jobs and he called me six months ago and he said hey, I got these if you guys are interested. The Fire Department got together and that is what they look like.

Mayor Gillock: That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Armbruster.

B. Safety-Service Director: To add to our dilemma with regards to snow – North Ridgeville has quit a few cul-de-sacs of which I live on one. Several of the Councilmen live on one and what has happened is that we have no place to put the snow but in our front yards. Actually, in my end of the cul-de-sac, probably ten foot on either side. So when you back out of

your driveway, be cognizant of your neighbors. There is no other place we could put the snow and hopefully the snow will go away soon and we will have grass. Then you will be able to see your neighbor driving out of your driveway. The moral of the story is we have had people ask for us to truck this snow out. That has never happened since I've been around. The snow stays where it is at this point and hopefully it will melt soon. That completes my report.

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

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. I will stick with the weather theme – the weather we have been experiencing has created two conditions I'd like to make Council aware of. The first being the extreme cold temperatures have caused the frost to penetrate deeper than typical. The frost goes into the base material underneath the drives and roads and parking lots. Those said parking lots and roads heave up a significant amount. Most times, it is a minor issue and not a real problem. We have a unique situation on Mills Road at the Falkner Culvert Crossing, just west of Garrett. Mills Road has heaved up like most of the roads have at this point. The pavement under the culvert has been back filled with heave resistant material, so the culvert road is at the warm weather elevation and the surrounding Mills Road is at the heave elevation. So as you drive down Mills Road, there is a dip and we really cannot do anything to repair it because as soon as the warm temperatures come back, Mills Road will go to its warm weather temperature and it will be back to normal. It has been posted and we will just have to use extra caution when we drive over that until warm weather comes.

Secondly, is the growing snow pack. The National Weather Service estimates that currently there is the equivalent of nearly two inches of water waiting to melt and in our water ways. As much as our City's Safety-Service Director would like it to melt fast, I would prefer for it to melt slow. The deep frost is also limiting the amount of absorption it can handle. So we have two inches of water sitting on deck with ground that is frozen. It really cannot absorb it. Today we had some thawing; a nice slow thaw which lets everything go out in an orderly fashion. Thursday to Friday will be some warmer temperatures and possibly some rain and that is the biggest threat for mayhem we have at this point. We will all keep our fingers crossed, hope for the best and plan for the worst. That concludes my report.

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

D. Auditor:

Auditor Costin: Thank you Mr. President. Amongst other things, at this busy time of the year, our Auditor's office is in the process of the software conversion. As a result, the January Financial report, which I know you were all eager to see, is still delayed and in the process of being verified for cross checking the two software's. You should expect that in the not too distant future.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the 2013 Utilities Master Meter Reading report, the January 2014 Fire Department report, the January 2014 Mayor's Court report, the January 2014 Support Car

report and the January 2014 Water Distribution report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Clerk of Council Smith: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE report dated 02.03.2014 which recommends City Council approve the City Council By-law amendments and Correspondence Policy as submitted.

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Olesen to accept the Administrative Committee report.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President Corcoran: That report has been accepted. Moving on.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

Planning Commission recommendation(s) from meeting held February 11, 2014:

APPLICANT: Tim Hinkle, Green Quest Development, LLC, 36097
Westminister Avenue

OWNER: Same

REQUEST: Final Plan Approval for Phase 2 of Northborough Senior Citizen
Planned Residential Development

LOCATION: Bridgeport Drive at the Southwest corner of Mills Road and
Route 83 in an R-1 District; Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-030-
000-127

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of three to zero.

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to accept the Planning Commission recommendation.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President Corcoran: That report has been accepted. Moving on now to T 15.

Ordinances and Resolution Submittals

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 15-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5065-2013 BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO THE LAW FIRM OF GARY C. JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC, FROM \$70,000.00 TO NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 16.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 16-2014 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO GARY C. JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,373.65.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: That is the end of new business.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to go into executive session in replace of recess to discuss collective bargaining agreements.

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

Clerk of Council Smith: Passed unanimously sir.
Yes – 7 No – 0

RECESS:

President Corcoran: We are going to go into executive session. We will return some time shortly. Boy Scouts, there is no reason to wait around to see the excitement for later.

(Adjourned into executive session at 7:45 P.M.)
(Reconvened at 8:00 P.M.)

FIRST READINGS:

President Corcoran: Ladies and gentlemen – we are back on the record. First up we have T 138.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 138-2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1294.01
INTERPRETATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS IN GENERAL.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Referred to Safety on 12/02/2013; Heard at Safety on 12/16/2013 and continued; Heard at Safety again on 01/21/2014; Report accepted on 02/03/2014)

President Corcoran: T 7.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 7-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS TO BE USED BY THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 8.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 8-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT AND RELATED MATERIALS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 9.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 9-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TO BE USED BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 10.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 10-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIMESTONE AND SAND TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 11.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 11-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW TO FURNISH AND/OR DELIVER CONCRETE TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 12.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 12-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW TO FURNISH AND INSTALL FULL DEPTH CONCRETE PADS AND REPAIR SERVICES TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: That is the end of first readings. There are no second readings so we are moving on to third readings. We are at T 139.

SECOND READINGS: None.

THIRD 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; First reading 01/21/2014; Second reading 02/03/2014)

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Boose to adopt T 139.

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

Clerk of Council Smith: Motion passes unanimously and becomes **Ordinance number 5103-2014**

Yes – 7

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: That is the end of third readings and we are left with meeting announcements. Tomorrow and Thursday the Finance Committee will meet from 8:30 A.M. to

4:00 P.M. or until all listed departments have been completed in Council Chambers. Our next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, March 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 8:05 P.M.

Approval of minutes:

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, looped 'C' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George E. Smith' in a cursive script.

CLERK OF COUNCIL