

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MARCH 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: I call to order the Monday, March 3, 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, 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 18, 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 02.18.2014, the Civil Service meeting minutes of 02.18.2014, the Finance Committee meeting minutes of 02.18.2014, 02.19.2014 and 02.20.2014, the Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of 01.22.2014 and the Workers Comp Safety Committee meeting minutes of 01.23.2014.

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.

Saddy Williams, 33909 Bainbridge : stated water and sewer rates were raised on her utility bill and was told that the rates would be looked at after appropriations. Ms. Williams thanked Council for their time.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else that would like to address Council this evening? Seeing none, we will move on now to the Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor you are up first.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. I have two items I wanted to bring to your attention – first that there will be a public meeting in regards to the Center Ridge Road widening project on March 13 at the North Ridgeville Education Center, Community Room, 5490 Mills Creek Lane. That is March 13th. It will be from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. It will be similar to others we have had. There will be easels and maps and drawings up and a couple speakers to bring us up to date on what is going on with the widening of Center Ridge Road.

The second item I want to bring your attention to is a postcard that most, if not all of you, have received from Columbia Gas. The postcard indicates that Columbia Gas has received notification from the current natural gas aggregator – Dominion Energy Solutions (NOPEC) that they will no longer be serving your account and that is correct. Dominion will no longer be the gas supplier to the NOPEC area. Effective March 1, NOPEC has switched to NextEra as the supplier. This is also confusing to people because your gas bill and your distribution system will always remain Columbia Gas. So there are three parts to your gas supply – there is a distribution, a transportation and transmission and the generator. When we talk about NOPEC and aggregation, we are always talking about the generator. NOPEC has switched their supply from Dominion to NextEra. If you desire to stay with NOPEC, which is my suggestion, you don't have to do anything. The card is in error because it says unless you choose another supplier within the enrollment period, you automatically return to Columbia Gas of Ohio as your supplier at the prevailing gas cost rate. That is not true. That is an error on their part. You will, if you don't do anything, just stay with NOPEC. We have a new supplier – NextEra. We have very favorable rates. I think it is a really good deal. It is going to lock us in until 2016. If you have any questions, you can call me or we can give you the number to the NOPEC people who are much more knowledgeable about the intricacies of the contract than I am. I just wanted to bring that to your attention because we have had a lot of calls about why are we switching from NOPEC and we are not. If you want to stay with NOPEC, as I am, you don't have to do anything. Just disregard the card. Thank you Mr. President and that concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Armbruster.

B. Safety-Service Director: For your edification up here, Council, is that we do have an IT person here this evening as we had some issues two weeks ago with Onbase going in and out. It is a lot easier to troubleshoot when you are here than it is when you are at home. Jeff is here, not on overtime. We adjusted our hours so we can have him here at a time to make sure the system was up and operating. We also had a compliment this last week where an individual came in that said since we played around with the mics he could hear us on television. Any of those out there that cannot hear us, please let us know because we have had compliments now that you can actually hear City Council meetings and what we are saying here tonight.

With regards to salt, two weeks ago we had a lot of salt but then it snowed and we went into last Monday or Tuesday and we really became concerned. Al Swindig and I got in touch with Cargill and worked through some connections and were actually able to secure three hundred more tons of ClearLane. Along with that, hopefully tomorrow we will get another seven

hundred tons of ClearLane. I am not sure how many more times we can go to the well to get salt. At least we do have a salt barn that has salt in it which is much better than some of the communities around here. We will help if we can. We are just salting curves, stop signs, stop lights, major thoroughfares and actually the ClearLane this weekend worked very well. You had to slow down on those straightaways but the curves and the stop signs and the salt really worked longer and that was ClearLane. If you saw the color of it going down, it was something that was different. We did it for conservation sake but quite honestly, we used a lot less salt in doing that. We had very few complaints at least in our office. Everyone drove cautiously and understood that you had to slow down in the winter time rather than have scorched concrete out there that was scorched with salt. That completes my report.

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

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. Work has begun on the Hinckly Ditch as I mentioned on my January 21st report. The deeper than normal frost levels that I had mentioned before are working to our advantage here. It is allowing the equipment trucks to go in places where they wouldn't normally be able to go and minimizing the disruption to the adjacent residents to that ditch. While drainage always improves any time we do any ditch cleaning; with this particular case we are seeing exceptional results. The water levels are lowering in the neighborhood of a foot and a half with the removal of all the debris and sediment build up that has been there over the years. The lowering of the water will greatly improve the area to the south of Chestnut and south of Avon Belden that was experiencing drainage issues. That concludes my report.

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

D. Auditor:

Auditor Costin: Thank you Mr. President. The City last year issued 3.5 million dollars of bond anticipation notes. The majority which will be paid off through the issuance of bonds – the bond issue we just had a month ago, however, there are still going to be \$250,000 in BANS that expire on April 3rd. Accordingly, there will be legislation at this second Council meeting – the next Council meeting I should say for the authorization to issue \$250,000 to BANS to pay off those that are maturing. I bring it to your attention because I would request that we do pass it with the emergency so that we can begin the process of issuing the new BANS to pay off the expiring BANS on a timely basis. This is just something I want to bring to Council's attention to expect at the next Council meeting. Thank you.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the January 2014 Building Department report and the February 2014 Park and Recreation Director's report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Clerk of Council Smith: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE report dated February 18, 2014 which recommends City Council not adopt T 5-2014. The Committee recommends the City

follow Ohio Revised Code Section 124.42 in regard to minimum and maximum age requirements.

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

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? Seeing none, that report is accepted.

President Corcoran: Moving on to correspondence. We have two pieces.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Smith:

- A letter dated February 18, 2014 from the Lorain County Board of Elections notifying the City of North Ridgeville of their ballot issue numbers.

Clerk of Council Smith:

- A letter dated February 20, 2014 from the Lorain County Board of Elections notifying the City of North Ridgeville of all ballot language for the May election.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

President Corcoran: Moving on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk of Council Smith: **Liquor Permit requests/renewals/transfers**

A request for a stock transfer for the liquor permit belonging to 7 Eleven, Inc., 32393 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio.

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to not request a hearing as stated in the application so that this permit can be sent to the State for final disposition by March 17, 2014.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Smith:

City Council By-law and Correspondence Policy Amendments

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Olesen to amend the City Council By-laws as recommended.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: The By-laws have been amended (not the Correspondence Policy).

Ordinances and Resolution Submittals

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 17-2014 PID NO. 82262; PROJECT NAME: LOR US 0020 SYSIGN FY2015; AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM HIGHWAY SIGN REPLACEMENT ON US 20 FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE 4-LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY JUST SOUTH OF PARSONS ROAD TO THE US20/SR 57 INTERCHANGE, IN LORAIN COUNTY. SR 10C AT THE I-480 INTERCHANGE WILL ALSO HAVE OVERHEAD SIGNS REPLACED.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Councilman Arndt: I would like to ask the Mayor to help me locate where this is at.

Mayor Gillock: State Route 10 where ODOT gets involved is Lorain Road from the I-480 ramp up to about the Turnpike. In that area is where they will be replacing the signs off Lorain Road.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, I understand there are no funds required from us unless we are going to do anything extra. Are we anticipating doing anything extra?

Mayor Gillock: No.

Councilman Boose: Thank you.

President Corcoran: Any other questions on T 17? Moving on then to T 18.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 18-2014 PID NO. 96999; PROJECT NAME: LOR US 0020 22.19 DEMO; AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM BUILDING DEMOLITION FOR UTILITY LOCATIONS INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER PROJECT DEALING WITH MAJOR REHABILITATION AND WIDENING ON US 20 AT THIS LOCATION JUST WEST OF STONEY RIDGE ROAD IN LORAIN COUNTY.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Councilman Arndt: Mr. President, I wonder if I could again ask for some clarification from the Mayor.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, T 17 and T 18 both came from ODOT. They have asked that we pass both of these by March 27th so we can do them at the next meeting which will be the 17th. I

already kind of explained T 17. T 18 is a little more difficult to explain because I am not entirely certain what it is about myself. I have been on the phone with ODOT. Project Development number 9699 with this project name Lorain County US 0020 22.19 is the Center Ridge Road widening project. I believe what this is; I am going to stick my neck out here and tell you what I think this is; as they acquire properties, total takes, which will require demolition down the road. As they acquire them, they will be acquiring them in our name. I believe they are asking that once they acquire these in our name we give them our permission to demolish those buildings which are scheduled to be demolished. However, it talks about at a location just west of Stoney Ridge Road. As we all know, all of the widening on Center Ridge Road is east of Stoney Ridge Road. When I asked them for the location of these projects, they gave me the location numbers for what we recognize or what I know is the total takes which conflicts with being west of Stoney Ridge Road. I went back for further clarification and I have not heard from them. I will have it before the next meeting exactly what it is they are referring to. I am pretty sure that is what it is but since we do not have to pass it tonight, we will know for sure before the next meeting. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mayor. Any other further questions? Alright, moving on.

RECESS:

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

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to first readings. We have T 15.

FIRST READINGS:

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: I have to remind you, if you remember from the last meeting Mr. Costin had explained that we had to pass these within thirty days and both do not need the emergency. Mr. Costin.

Auditor Costin: Let me clarify – under the Revised Code, T 16 needs to be passed within thirty days of us bringing it to Council's attention. Unfortunately, in this particular circumstance, we cannot pass T 16 until we pass T 15 because we have a limiting Ordinance on the dollar amount.

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings

for T 15.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Arndt to adopt T 15.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to T 15 because T 15 needs to be in place before T 16 can happen.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause itself, all those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

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: Passed unanimously and becomes **Ordinance number 5104-2014.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

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)

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings for T 16.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Boose to adopt T 16.

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

Clerk of Council Smith: Passed unanimously and becomes **Resolution number 1301-2014.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to second readings. T 138.

SECOND READINGS:

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; First reading 02/18/2014)

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; First reading 02/18/2014)

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; First reading 02/18/2014)

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; First reading 02/18/2014)

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; First reading 02/18/2014)

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; First reading 02/18/2014)

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; First reading 02/18/2014)

President Corcoran: That is the end of second readings and there are no third readings this evening.

THIRD READINGS: None.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 8:30 A.M. in Council Chambers regarding appropriations. Our next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, that is on St. Patrick's Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: Seeing no other business to bring before the City this evening, this meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Approval of minutes:

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'K-E', enclosed within a circular loop.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

A cursive handwritten signature, appearing to read 'George E. Linnick'.

CLERK OF COUNCIL