

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 7, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: I call to order the Monday, April 7, 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, Terrence P. Keenan and President Kevin Corcoran.

Councilman Robert Olesen was excused.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Assistant Engineer Cathy Becker, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Andy Crites, Auditor Chris Costin and Assistant Clerk of Council Tara L. Peet.

Councilman Arndt: Mr. President, if I may just make a short comment or just an update on Bob Olesen – I spoke with him this afternoon. I have been in touch with him several times since he had his surgery. While his prognosis seems to be moving along nicely, he is not one to be detained at home for any longer than necessary but I am pleased at least to share with the group that Bob is doing as well as can be expected. Nurse Ann is taking great care of him.

President Corcoran: Thank you Dr. Arndt.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Corcoran: You have before you the City Council meeting minutes of March 17, 2014. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved as submitted.

President Corcoran: You also have before you the Committee of the Whole minutes from March 17, 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 03.18.2014, the Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of 03.18.2014, the Finance Committee meeting minutes of 03.14.2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of 02.26.2014, the Tax Abatement Review Board meeting minutes of 03.17.2014 and the Workers Comp Safety Committee meeting minutes of 02.28.2014.

LOBBY:

President Corcoran: This brings us to the lobby session of our meeting. This is your opportunity to address Council. If you should choose to 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 session now is open. (No audience participation)

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. I have three items this evening. First we had an opening on our Parks and Rec's Commission for some time and Jeff and I had interviewed some personnel and tonight I would like to introduce Ben Gommel. Ben, would you stand up so we know who you are. He is a North Ridgeville resident. He is a Marine Surveyor. He has been involved in our baseball and softball programs.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to appoint Mr. Gommel to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: Congratulations.

Mayor Gillock: Thank you. Congratulations Ben and as always, we appreciate our citizens that are willing to give us their time and energy to serve on our Boards and serve the City and its residents. Thank you Ben.

Secondly, I would like to encourage all of our residents to view our new website, which I have a couple signs up here – our website address is www.nridgeville.org. It has been totally revamped. You can find a lot of information on their including a label you can click on that describes improvements to Center Ridge Road. You can look at the drawings. You can go along the street and pull up a section and see what buildings will be taken down and what drives will be added or taken out – questions that residents often have. All the drawings are on there that you can look at. Also, there is an area where you can click on to sign up for e-news. E-news is a feature that you can sign up for and when we have important messages, not necessarily police or fire emergencies, but when we have important messages that we need to get out, we can put them on there. We put messages on our website and cable already. This gives us another additional tool that we can send a message right to your home phone or cell phone – whatever it might be. We had about 1400 signed up before. I don't know how that relates to households, but as households, that is ten percent of the City. We would like to increase that greatly. So, take a look at our new website. We have the address up here. Sign up for e-news.

The last thing I want to mention, as Mr. Corcoran said, it is spring, which is also pothole season. This was just the, if not, the most horrendous, if not the second most horrendous winter season that we had as far as damage to our roads – I think it is the second – I remember one pretty bad

before. We have been out there working diligently with at least six crews. We are now getting hot patch; we had some last week but we couldn't get it today. We had crews out today doing cold patch. We spent about \$100,000 on new equipment that when it gets here, it will allow us to make repairs. You can use the new e-news signup or you can just go to the website and you can go to "contact us" and you can look us up and send us a message if you have a particular crater that you want us to know about. Bear with us. We are not alone in this as we are not the only City with potholes. I did get an email from a resident that said we have the worst potholes in the world. I don't think it is quite the bad, but they are bad. We are working on them. We are doing the best we can. As soon as it warms up a little bit more, we will be addressing concrete streets. This takes a little more work to repair some of those, but our guys are working hard trying to get those streets repaired. That concludes my report. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mayor. Mr. Safety-Service Director.

B. Safety-Service Director: Thank you. I spoke with our City Engineer this morning, Scott Wangler, and after his accident, he informed me that he still hurts but he is mending. His ribs, his hands and collar bone are coming back together and he is on the mend. He goes to see the doctor this coming Friday and should get some report Friday afternoon or Monday as to how he is doing. At the present time, if you have ever had a collar bone, which I have not had one that is broken; there is not much you can do with it except keep it in a sling and it hurts terribly. Although Scott was doing well today, you can tell he was in some pain.

This evening we have T 25 before you which I would really like to see that being passed as it is the money to put forth for the new tower that is moving very quickly. Not only are our Police and Fire badger, our schools, badger meter the schools and any of the other antennas that we have up there, including the FBI which will be at the top. We are moving forward on that but we do need the monies to write purchase orders to get the equipment in so the steeple jacks can get all the antennas up at the same time that the actual antenna is going up.

Also before you this evening; I'm not sure exactly where we are headed with it yet but T 28 is for the UV system out at French Creek. Just to recognize, that although we will not be able to use this probably this year, it takes some time and all the work and engineering that we are going to do to put this up. The present UV system we have already spent \$7,000 on it already for maintenance and repairs and another \$18,000 as it continues to go up and down. That is something that we absolutely have to have at French Creek. In order to get the new system in, we will have one system at the end and the new system before that and we are hopeful that we could have it tested and operational some time later on this fall. If it does go to Committee, we want to move it as quick as possible through the process so we can get the engineering started and we can get the UV system in place. We will be in total compliance in May of 2015, but we are going to limp through 2014 as is even if we were to pass this evening. We are still going to run though it with the idea that the new UV system will be up some time in fall of 2014. That completes my report this evening.

Councilman Boose: Can you ask the Safety-Service Director is there a timing issue on T 25 that would require this to be passed by an emergency basically?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: In order to write a purchase order, it would have to be passed by emergency because the funds would have to be available to spend, so yes, I would request that it be passed by emergency.

Councilman Boose: Thank you.

Mayor Gillock: I will refer to the Auditor. We have not issued the BANS for this but . . . (inaudible).

Auditor Costin: On T 25 and T 28 – neither of those have been appropriated because they were to be expended from issuance of BANS proceeds. However, for the \$70,000, we can use our contingency money for now. We have a \$75,000 contingency in Capital Projects – we can apply that for now and when the BANS are issued later in the year, we then can repay that advance if you will. We do not have that luxury for T 28 because that has not been appropriated; that much in contingency has not been appropriated. For us to proceed with T 28, passing it, we would need to amend appropriations and just take the engineering services out of the reserve balance by new appropriation or we would have to proceed quickly with the issuance of the BANS. I would recommend, although we can't pass T 28 tonight, but we can pass T 25 with the emergency.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, can we ask when he anticipates the BANS being issued?

President Corcoran: You would have thought that would have been the next comment he made. The BANS, when are we looking?

Auditor Costin: We have numerous projects and that is an administrative function for the timing of all those projects – I couldn't tell you. There is a lot of technical information required for the issuance of BANS. That is not something that is going to be imminent but when we do it, we want them all simultaneously to minimize our soft costs.

President Corcoran: That leaves us a little bit in limbo with T 28 because we do not have any knowledge on when the BANS are going to go through.

Mayor Gillock: (inaudible).

Auditor Costin: If I might Mr. President, if they are not against just taking it from the remaining fund balance, which is adequate at this time, we can simply amend appropriations at the next meeting or some time shortly thereafter to move this project along and take that money from the remaining reserve.

Law Director Crites: Mr. President, I believe we still need an adequate basis; I understand why the emergency would be necessary, but we need a basis for the emergency. In working with the

Safety-Service Director, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief; I believe the reason is that we need to expedite the project because the erection of the antenna apparatus for both the Fire Department and the Police Department are necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City. Correct? Okay.

President Corcoran: The \$70,000 is for building that integral component of the project and without it; it cannot move forward and be completed, correct?

President Corcoran: Is that it?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: That is it.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Armbruster. Moving on to the Engineer.

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to remind everyone this spring to not use an excessive amount of lawn fertilizer because storm water run-off will carry the nitrogen in the fertilizer into our water. This nitrogen can cause an excessive growth of algae in detention basins, ponds, waterways and Lake Erie. As the algae dies, it will decay and rob the water of oxygen. This will result in the death of fish and other aquatic life. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Ms. Becker. Mr. Auditor.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Costin: Thank you. Council should have received its latest report in the new format from the new software. I do, in the future, maybe want to discuss this, but we are still tweaking it. There are some advantages to the new format, but there are a few disadvantages that we are working on to enhance this report. Once we have the permanent appropriations in place here, I would like to spend just a few minutes going over some of the subtle changes and the advantages of this report for the reader. Otherwise, no comments. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Costin.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the March 2014 Parks and Recreation Director's report and the March 17, 2014 Tax Abatement Review Board report. Moving on now to Council Committee reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE report dated March 18, 2014 which recommends City Council approve and adopt the updated City Council Correspondence Policy.

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Arndt to accept the March 18, 2014 Administrative Committee report.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: The Administrative Committee report has been accepted.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

FINANCE COMMITTEE report dated March 14, 2014 which recommends City Council approve and adopt the tax split from 85/15 to 90/10 (T 23) and the 2014 appropriation Ordinance (T 24).

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to accept the March 14, 2014 Finance Committee report.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: The Finance Committee report has been accepted. Moving on to correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

A letter dated March 24, 2014 from the Lorain County Board of Elections showing the City of North Ridgeville how the issues read on the May 2014 election ballot.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

A letter dated March 21, 2014 from the Lorain County Recorder notifying the City of North Ridgeville of new law requirements regarding the change in name, vacating or narrowing of streets, avenues or alleys within the City.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

President Corcoran: Moving on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances and Resolution Submittals

President Corcoran: T 25.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 25-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE RELOCATION OF MULTIPLE CELL TOWER COMMUNICATION APPARATUS NECESSARY TO SERVE THE CITY'S SAFETY AND SERVICE FORCES NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Arndt to suspend the By-laws to give T 25 a first reading.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 25 will have a first reading this evening. T 26.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 26-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 242.09, *AMBULANCE AND PARAMEDIC FEES*, BY UPDATING RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT BILLING RATES.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Johnson to suspend the By-laws to give T 26 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, I have comments or questions. Is it our prerogative to send this committee for review or to decide this evening?

President Corcoran: You know Mr. Boose, after reading Chief Reese's email, I was comfortable moving head. If you had some questions, he is here this evening. Why don't you wait until we go to first readings, please and thank you.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 26 will have a first reading this evening. T 27.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 27-2014 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF TIMBER RIDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3 AND PHASE 4 FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 28.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 28-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH JONES AND HENRY ENGINEERS, LTD. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$195,000.00 FOR REPLACING THE UV DISINFECTION SYSTEM AT THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 28 will be referred to the Utilities Committee. T 29.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 29-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1042.13, *ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS*, BY ESTABLISHING UPDATED FEES AND PROVISIONS FOR OUTSIDE WASTE AND SEPTAGE WASTE HAULERS TO THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER DISTRICT.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Mayor Gillock: I would recommend that T29 be referred to the Utilities Committee.

President Corcoran: Thank you that is exactly what I was going to do. T 29 is referred to the Utilities Committee. T 30.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 30-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 650.01, *PUBLIC NUISANCE DEFINED*.
(Introduced by Councilman Boose)

President Corcoran: T 30 will be referred to the Administrative Committee. T 31.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 31-2014 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 874, *LEGAL GAMING REGULATIONS*.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 31 will be referred to the Administrative Committee as well. T 32.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 32-2014 A RESOLUTION URGING OHIO VOTERS TO SUPPORT STATE ISSUE 1 - RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM ON THE MAY 6, 2014 BALLOT.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Butkowski to suspend the By-laws to give T 32 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, State Issue 1 is our state bond program that funds the Public Works Committee funding that we have used for years. This is not a new bond issue. It has been in place for many years. It was originally State Issue 1. It was last renewed about five years ago as State Issue 2 and now it is up for renewal again. This bond program is critical to the municipalities in the State of Ohio. I do serve on the Integrating Committee of the Ohio Public Works and I am on the Executive Board also. This is the funding mechanism that lets us make our major improvements such as we did on Lorain Road. We did it in phases where we built Lorain Road and now we are doing Chestnut which we are almost finished with. Then we will be moving on to Jaycox. We get about \$250,000 in grants each year plus interest free loan money through this program that enables us to do these major programs. If we don't renew this, then all that goes away. It is a critical importance to our municipality and I would like to get this passed this evening if I could. We don't need the emergency, but if we could pass it this evening that would give us time to get it down to the state and show our support as it is on the ballot a month for now. I would ask that you support this and if we could, pass it this evening. Thank you.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 32 is now added to first readings.

RECESS:

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

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: Recess is dispensed. Moving on to first readings. We have T 25.

FIRST READINGS:

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 25-2014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE RELOCATION OF MULTIPLE CELL TOWER COMMUNICATION APPARATUS NECESSARY TO SERVE THE CITY'S SAFETY AND SERVICE FORCES NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 25.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 25.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency clause to T 25 in order to meeting timing deadlines and for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

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

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion passes 5-1 and becomes **Ordinance number 5119-2014.**

Yes – 5

No – 1 (Johnson)

President Corcoran: Moving on to T 26.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 26-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 242.09, *AMBULANCE AND PARAMEDIC FEES*, BY UPDATING RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT BILLING RATES.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings for T 26.

President Corcoran: Mr. Boose, I believe you had some questions.

Councilman Boose: Yes, thank you. We had discussed in appropriations and in Finance Committee the need to consider increasing our fees on resident and non-resident billing rates for the ambulance and paramedic fees and I am in support of that. I think that we are not generating or realizing some income that we should. The Chief was kind enough to prepare some information for us that this legislation is based on to try and increase those. I had a conversation with the Chief and in fact some subsequent correspondence with him and though I am in favor of it, I am having some questions as to the amount of the increase that is suggested in the legislation. The information that the Chief sent us; he indicated that there were two things that

kind of drove these numbers and I am sure there is more, but the two main things that we talked about was one – we are not charging enough based upon the amount of what the insurance allows whether it be Medicare, Medicaid or insurance like BlueCross/BlueShield. The other part is that we need to be more consistent or more in line with our surrounding communities. He gave us examples of ten different communities. In four different areas: one is the BLS emergency transport which is basically the transportation of individuals to emergency settings; ALS one and two which are a little bit more than transporting; it depends on the kind of services they provide. Also, the mileage charged for both ALS and BLS runs. When I looked at the information that he gave us based upon the communities that surround us, we are looking to take our ALS fees from \$475 per run to \$750 per run. When I look at the comparisons that he provided for the ALS two, there are three surrounding communities that charge \$750, three that charge \$650 and three that charge \$600. So \$750 is about a third of what the others charge. In ALS one, we are looking to raise that to \$750. There is no one that charges \$750. There are seven communities that charge \$600 and the others charge less. The BLS we are looking to increase that from \$375 a run to \$450. I see no issue with that. Eight of the ten communities around us charge \$450. One charges \$400 and one charges \$500. In the mileage, we are looking to increase our mileage rate from \$7.00 to \$12.00. There is one surrounding community that has \$12.00, the rest have \$10.00 or less. When you look at the increases in ALS one, we are looking at twenty-five percent. We are about twenty-five percent more than what most communities charge around us. If you look at the mileage, we are about twenty percent more than what the surrounding communities charge. The next question was, well, how much do the insurance companies, whether it be Medicaid, Medicare or the private insurance providers allow us to charge or pay us? With the information that I received, and I just got this this afternoon, so I apologize I have to look it up because I am not familiar with it – they allow us the maximum for Medicare for an ALS two about \$580; ALS one about \$400 and BLS about \$340. The charge per mile is about \$7.00, understanding that you can charge more, but you will get less and that sometimes there is another insurance co-pay out there. There may be a secondary insurance that you can again, obtain additional income from. There are other ways to make that number increase. As you can see by just me talking about these numbers, there is a lot of numbers out there and I just got this information this afternoon. I understand why we need to increase these fees to some degree as soon as we can because our budget requires that we get as much income as we can from as many sources as we can. This is one legitimate area that I think we can do that. Also understanding that when we charge these fees, we don't charge our own residents. We bill the insurance company – again, whether it is Medicaid, Medicare or a private insurer so that whatever the insurance company pays for our own residents, we accept that. We don't go back and try to collect anything more from our own residents, but we do if it is a non-resident. The question is posed – what does it matter? That person doesn't live here. We all in this room, in our community, are somebody else's non-residents there and I wouldn't want some other City trying to charge more than what I think that they could get just because they could get it from a non-resident because sometimes that is how government works. It is not what we get out here, but what we can get somewhere else. I don't think that is what government is for. So I welcome the discussion, I am just having a difficult time understanding where our proposed rate increases lie with what one we can realistically achieve and two make it so that it is not more than what we should get-that is my discussion. Thank you.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, our Fire Chief is here. We discussed these rates and it was my understanding that we were within the limits that the insurance companies and Medicare would provide us. Also, when John was comparing those rates, he relayed to me that several of the other cities were looking to raise their rates also. So even though we are kind of at the leading edge, I am comfortable with that so we don't have to come back every year to raise those rates. It gives us a little leeway for everybody else to catch up. So I am comfortable with them. I wanted to reiterate what Mr. Boose said just so the residents are clear. We do not charge our residents for ambulance service. These are fees that are charged to Medicare and insurance companies. Any fees that our residents would have to pay are deemed to be paid through their property taxes as a resident of the City. They never pay anything on this and I just wanted to make that clear. Thank you.

Councilwoman Johnson: I just wanted to point out also that the fees have not been increased for seven years. Just take that into consideration too.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, I'm wondering as to the billing process for non-residents – we send the bills for residents to the insurance companies, how do we bill non-residents? And could there be a similar response?

Chief Reese: First, I would like to thank Mr. Boose for questioning this. It is really dynamic – we will raise it now and it will be the first time we have raised it in seven years. We have actually been under collecting. We will raise it now and within a year everybody will catch up to us or be ahead of us. That is just the way it seemed to work. You can just about go ahead and evaluate this yearly. We don't so much as some of the other communities do. As far as the non-resident billing; what happens is we bill them through an ambulance billing company that goes ahead and does the billing for us. First thing they will ask for is their insurance obviously. They will go for the insurance. If it was like a car accident they will go ahead and ask for \$750 for that call and most car insurance companies will pay the entire \$750. The bottom line is - you have to remember, we are bringing you in an emergency room with three paramedics in it. It is the best value in health care for \$750. You cannot get that anywhere. That \$750 we are still losing money on that \$750. Our taxpayers are picking that up. I think one advantage that the non-residents have over the residents is our residents are paying for our quarter of a million dollars that are rolling down the road. The non-resident isn't really paying for that except for that one time when they get ill in our City – they pay the \$750. The other thing is, after we go after their insurance, we will collect from them if their insurance doesn't pay, we will try to collect from them. We will turn them over to the Attorney General for collections if we have to, but the first thing we do offer to them is if they are in a hardship case – we get all kinds of hardship cases, they will send us letters and proof. We will set up a payment plan. We don't throw anyone out of their house to get them to pay their \$750 ambulance bill. I think realistically, we are being fair with what we are charging or what we are asking to charge. Some communities will charge for ALS one and ALS two – they will charge for two different rates. The reason we don't is because quite honestly, it costs us the same whether it is ALS one or two because we collect some of the drugs that are involved in the ALS two call from the hospital.

They do it on a rotating basis with us. For the most part, that is why we are collecting the same amount for ALS one and ALS two. I have to stress; this is the best deal in health care that you are going to get. We come to their home, pick them up, give them emergency care and take them to the hospital and some of their family members on top of it. It sounds like a lot of money, but it is a great deal, it really is. I can answer any other questions you may have.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, can I follow up please? Chief, thank you. I think that is a very good explanation. I can say that I personally support the idea that a resident and non-resident do not have to pay the same or collected the same because the resident is in fact paying all the time. I support that concept, but in your explanation you said something that caused me to step back a little bit. You were saying that in the process of collection we work with them, we aren't throwing them out of their house. My reaction was - I hope the Fire Department isn't spending time on negotiating and haggling on collections. It is my inexperience of being a newcomer, but I hope that is left to somebody else.

Chief Reese: Oh yes, we farm that out to the state.

Councilman Keenan: Very good.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, if no one else has, I'll just follow-up. Again, thank you Chief. When I got the Ordinance late last week, I contacted the Chief and he was good enough to contact me a couple times and give me some information and again, the latest information that kind of supports the numbers, I just got this afternoon. I understand the need for it. I am still not there because this is a lot of information to gather. You all must be quicker than me to be able to get something in a couple of hours and say yeah, that is the number. Again, I appreciate that and again I am very supportive of it but I cannot say that these are the numbers that I support so thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Boose. All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.
Yes – 5 No – 1 (Boose)

President Corcoran: Clerk, please call the roll.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: Motion carries, 5-1.
Yes – 5 No – 1 (Boose)

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 26.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, I would like to see this done by emergency, if possible, for the sake of collecting the revenues as soon as possible and not letting a period of time go by where we would be collecting full revenue.

Moved by Arndt and seconded by Keenan to add the emergency clause to T 26 for the prompt, prudent and appropriate revenue streams.

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

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries, 5-1.

Yes – 5 No – 1 (Boose)

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

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries 5-1 and becomes **Ordinance number 5120-2014.**

Yes – 5 No – 1 (Boose)

President Corcoran: Moving on to T 32.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 32-2014 A RESOLUTION URGING OHIO VOTERS TO SUPPORT STATE ISSUE 1 -
RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM ON
THE MAY 6, 2014 BALLOT.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Keenan to dispense with the second and third readings for T 32.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Keenan to adopt T 32.

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

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries, 6-0 and becomes **Resolution number 1302-2014.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

SECOND READINGS: None.

THIRD READINGS: None.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: Our next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, I would like to make a comment – thank you. I would like to address this to the Assistant Engineer. I have been looking into and responding to some questions on storm water handling for the new Center Ridge Road widening, and by the way, today I had the opportunity to vote in favor of that. I just wanted to say thank you for the high quality responses that you provided to me. I was looking into how are we going to handle it, where are we with ODOT, etc. I had some questions and had been working with some people on this and I went into your office and you gave me very solid answers in a good update - although the issue may not be finalized because the designs are not finalized. I walked away out of your office after a couple of different discussions with the confidence that you are on it and that even though it is not finalized, you are on it. We will go from there. I just wanted to say thank you. We are lucky to have you. So thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Keenan. Mr. Boose.

Councilman Boose: Yes, I just wanted to make an announcement: this Saturday, April 12th is the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the North Ridgeville Rotary Club. It is for age's one through nine at Ranger Stadium which is behind the middle school on Center Ridge Road. The gates open at 1:30 P.M. and the hunt starts promptly at 2:00 P.M. There are approximately 10,000 eggs on Ranger Stadium Field for all those kiddos and it is absolutely free and open to all kids ages one through nine. There will be hundreds of prizes and I would encourage everyone to be there.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Boose.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: Seeing no other business to bring before the City this evening, this meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Approval of minutes:

A stylized signature consisting of a large 'K' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

A cursive signature that appears to read 'George E. Smith'.

CLERK OF COUNCIL