

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Ronald Arndt: The Chair calls to order the North Ridgeville Municipal Council meeting dated Monday, December 3, 2007. If you will all rise for our Invocation, followed by our Pledge.

INVOCATION: lead by President Arndt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by all.

CALLING OF THE ROLL - ROLL CALL:

Present were Council Members, Dennis Boose, Bob Olesen, Bernadine Butkowski, Gayle Manning and President Ronald Arndt.
Absent were Council Members Nancy Buescher and Richard Jaenke.
Also, present were Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Denny Johnson, Law Director Andrew Crites, Engineer Larry Griffith, Auditor Chris Costin and Clerk of Council Charles Norris.

President Arndt: For those of you in the audience and at home, just a reminder for everyone that two of our Council Members, Mr. Jaenke and Mrs. Buescher are away ill today. We can begin with our minutes with any corrections and approval.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and Approval:

Clerk of Council Norris: Council has before it this evening:

Council Minutes of regular meeting held November 19, 2007

 moved by Butkowski, seconded by Manning to approve the Council minutes of the
 regular meeting held November 19, 2007

President Arndt: Will the Clerk please take roll?

 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstain, 1 (Olesen)

Clerk of Council Norris: Minutes are approved by a vote of four to zero and one abstention.

Clerk of Council Norris: Council will also, please note the:

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Minutes of regular meeting November 15, 2007;
Civil Service Commission Minutes of regular meeting November 20, 2007; and

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of regular meeting October 24, 2007.

President Arndt: We now come to the Mayor and Director's report section of our meeting tonight. The Chair invites the Mayor and our Directors the opportunity to provide Council with their oral reports. We would like to begin with our Mayor, Mr. Gillock.

MAYOR AND DIRECTORS REPORTS:

• **Mayor:**

Mayor Gillock: Thank you, Mr. President and good evening everyone. I have sent Council a detailed report regarding the reliability of the Ohio Edison electrical system in North Ridgeville. I would like our residents to know that we are in communication with Ohio Edison regarding frequent outages and what improvements to the system they have made and have planned for 2008. They did add a new substation in 2007 and another is planned for 2008, which should help provide more reliable service. They will be going from three substations serving North Ridgeville to five substations. Anyone requesting more detailed information is welcome to contact my office for a copy of the report that I did send to Council.

Also, I would like to request an Executive Session this evening to discuss personnel issues. If we could do that at the end of the meeting just prior to adjournment, then we won't hold up any of our lobby and there will be no business to follow that session.

 moved by Mayor Gillock, seconded by Boose to suspend our By-Laws to enter into an Executive Session to be held between items number fourteen and fifteen on our agenda to discuss personnel issues

President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

 Yes, 5 No, 0

Mayor Gillock: That concludes my report for this evening. Thank you.

President Arndt: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We now have the opportunity to hear from our Safety-Service Director, Mr. Johnson.

• **Safety-Service Director:**

Safety-Service Director Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no prepared report for today. However, I would like to pass along some good news. The Service Department did a wonderful job today with the snow clearing. It is near the beginning of the season, I know, and it is a long season to come. One item to note, as it happens almost every time, the mechanic who is normally out plowing ends up back at the garage fixing trucks. That did not happen this time. It has been a long time. It is because of Council's help in replacing a lot of our old worn out

equipment. I think we are going to do a lot better this year, thanks to the equipment that Council allowed us to get. I just wanted to pass along the thanks, myself. That concludes my report. President Arndt: Thank you, we will gladly and with joy, seeing we are in the holiday season, accept that nice comment. Now, we get to move onto our Engineer, Mr. Griffith. If you will, please.

- **Engineer:**

Engineer Griffith: Thank you, Mr. President. When you combine cold snowy weather with high winds, a condition can be created that is very detrimental to our storm drainage system. Since it is cold and snowy, we do not get out into our yards and walk our property as we would, if the weather is warm and sunny. Combine that condition with high winds, especially on rubbish pick-up day. All sorts of material and debris ends up in our streams and ditches and odds are that it will not be noticed for sometime.

This not only causes a pollution problem but can block the water flow in those streams and ditches and cause flooding when the temperature warms up. Please everyone, watch what you place outside your home and make sure it is secure and does not blow away. Today, one of the Engineering Department Inspectors noticed a trampoline in a Meadow Lakes retention basin that the wind had a good time with.

The Engineering Department also today, again, experienced a reoccurring refuse on the stream bank problem. The property owner stated that the material, which was mostly leaves, was placed in that manner, because whenever the water rose in the ditch, the water would carry it all away. What the property owner did not say was, the water carried it all off his property and deposited it on someone else's. Since I have spoke on this issue many times before at Council meetings, this also tells me those people did not watch the Council meeting broadcast.

President Arndt: Thank you. Mr. Costin?

- **Auditor:**

Auditor Costin: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. No report scheduled for tonight.

President Arndt: Thank you. Dr. Norris if you would continue on with our other reports please.

- **Other Reports:**

Clerk of Council Norris: Council will note under other reports is the:

Public Water System Operation Report for October 2007.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clerk of Council Norris: There is a singular Council Committee Report this evening.

1) **STREETS, SIDEWALKS & BRIDGES COMMITTEE REPORT #4193** dated November 26, 2007. Members of Council, we have considered the matter of T 142, an ordinance amending North Ridgeville Codified Ordinance, Chapter 1294, Supplementary Regulations by increasing the setback requirements for Center Ridge Road and recommend that this request be approved and recommend adoption by Council.

Signed by: Chairperson Butkowski, Member Manning with Member Buescher abstaining
 moved by Butkowski, seconded by Manning to approve the Streets, Sidewalk and Bridges
 Committee Report #4193

President Arndt: Is there any discussion?

Council Member Butkowski: Mr. Chairman, at the Committee meeting, the Mayor explained the proposed design of Center Ridge Road with a multi-purpose sidewalk on one side and a path on the other side. He explained that they are trying to do two things and recommend that this be approved so that future developments are not built too close to Center Ridge Road in order to accommodate for the expansion of the widening of Center Ridge Road. That is why there are differences on either side of the road.

President Arndt: Thank you. Any other discussion? There being none, all those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

 Yes, 5 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Report is approved.

President Arndt: We move now to correspondence and we have one piece of such correspondence. If you would read that, Dr. Norris.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Norris:

1) Received a letter from Council Member Dennis Boose providing information on his views in regard to the sidewalk issue scheduled to be discussed at the Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges Committee meeting November 26, 2007.

President Arndt: We have no new business this evening. We move into the lobby section or the audience participation section of our meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Lobby):

President Arndt: Any members of our audience tonight are invited to address your City Council. We ask that you approach the lectern immediately to the right of Mr. Boose. Should you choose to address your City Council, please fill out the lobby form that you can find in the back of the room, because it does enable us to follow up with you individually, should there be a need to do so. You are now welcome and invited to approach City Council. Please clearly state your name and your address and limit your comments to three minutes. Our lobby session is now open.

 moved by Arndt, seconded by Boose to suspend By-Laws tonight to dispense with recess
President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

 Yes, 5 No, 0

President Arndt: We now move into our ordinances and resolutions submittals and Dr. Norris will begin with T 158.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

• **Ordinances & Resolutions Submittals**

Clerk of Council Norris:

T 158-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARY
 ORDINANCE NO. 4439-2007 BY REPLACING EXHIBIT A WITH A
 REVISED EXHIBIT A.

T 159-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3195-96 BY INCREASING
 THE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS.

 moved by Mayor Gillock, seconded by Boose to suspend By-Laws tonight to give T 159
 its first reading

President Arndt: Is there any discussion?

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, my objective here is to hopefully have this legislation effective January 1. Our Auxiliary currently gets an annual clothing allowance of 250 dollars. We would like to raise that to 400 dollars. All our other uniformed Officers in positions have had their clothing allowance adjusted. This one has not been adjusted since 1996 and when we hire Auxiliary Officers, they are given a clothing allowance of 250 dollars, but they are expected to outfit themselves, which on the average could cost them 900 dollars to get the basic starting uniforms. This amount will only take them halfway to that amount, but at least it is a little more equitable. Right now, we feel that there is a possibility, at times, where people who are

interested in becoming an Auxiliary Officer don't do it, because of the cost associated with becoming one. I think that this is really reasonable to increase, at least to this small amount. Thank you.

President Arndt: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any other discussion?

Council Member Boose: Mr. President, in talking with the Safety-Service Director this afternoon about this issue, there are currently fourteen Auxiliary Policemen. That would be an increase of 2,100 dollars. Right now, the regular Police Officers have 1,000 dollars per year on their uniform allowance. So, in concurrence with what the Mayor just said, I think it is well worth it. It hasn't been increased for eleven years and I think we should strongly consider doing this. Thank you.

Council Member Butkowski: I don't believe that the Auxiliary are paid by the City, are they? Is there any chance to raise this? Since they receive no pay, it will cost them 900 dollars per uniform.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, I believe there may be times that they are paid.

Safety-Service Director Johnson: They are paid by others that they work for, such as the Corn Festival Committee. The Churches also hire them to direct traffic. That is where they receive their pay.

Council Member Butkowski: They are a great help to the City. Saturday, when we were having the tree lighting, there was an Auxiliary out there helping the people across the street at a very dangerous time. In fact, when I was driving up there, I couldn't even see him in the middle of the road. Then, he put a vest on so you could see him. It was very good that he was there as there could have easily been an accident. They are very valuable to the City.

President Arndt: Again, for clarification, we have a motion on the floor by Mayor Gillock and a second by Mr. Boose to suspend our By-Laws to give T 159 its first reading. All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

T 160-2007 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE A DIGITAL RECORDER FROM THE STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$26,500.00.

T 161-2007 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF CUSTOMER CHOICE THROUGH OHIO ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION.

Council Member Boose: Mr. President, just a note, on the first page of this resolution. Whereas, numbers four and five, are duplicates. We may want to make a correction.

President Arndt: You are right. Number four and number five are duplicates.

 moved by Boose, seconded by Olesen to amend tonight T 161 by deleting the fourth
Whereas, which is a duplicate of five

President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

President Arndt: That concludes all of our ordinances and resolutions submittals. Dr. Norris, if you would begin with our first reading.

• **First Readings**

Clerk of Council Norris:

T 156-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4454-2007 REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY'S SANITARY AND STORM SEWER SYSTEMS AND WATER MAINS ON DYKE AVENUE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT FROM \$250,000.00 TO \$271,000.00.

First Reading

Council Member Boose: Mr. President, I would just ask the Administration if this is something that needs to be put through earlier than the third reading because of time elements or can we wait for the third reading?

Engineer Griffith: I don't think there is any hurry. If it gets to the point where it gets pressing, I will make Council aware of that.

Council Member Boose: I didn't want to delay the project for 21,000 dollars.

Engineer Griffith: It is going to take them a while to spend the 250,000 before we need the additional 21,000.

President Arndt: Thank you. The next one, Dr. Norris.

T 162-2007 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MODIFICATION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES TO REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY THE CITY.

First Reading

moved by Arndt, seconded by Manning to postpone T 162 indefinitely

President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

T 159-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3195-96 BY INCREASING
4481-2007 THE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS.

First Reading

moved by Butkowski, seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings tonight on T 159

President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

moved by Butkowski, seconded by Boose to adopt tonight T 159

President Arndt: Is there any discussion?

Council Member Butkowski: Do we need the emergency?

Mayor Gillock: No, you don't need it.

President Arndt: All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: T 159 is adopted becoming permanent ordinance 4481-2007.

Permanent Ordinance No. 4481-2007

President Arndt: That concludes all of our first readings for the evening. We move to our second readings beginning with T 145.

• **Second Readings**

Clerk of Council Norris:

T 145-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4422-2007 WHICH
 AMENDED CHAPTER 1024, SIDEWALKS.
 Second Reading

T 146-2007 AN ORDINANCE REINSTATING THE RIGHT TO PLANT TREES WITHIN
 THE MUNICIPAL RIGHT-OF-WAY.
 Second Reading

T 154-2007 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF ASSISTANT
 CITY ENGINEER.
 Second Reading

T 155-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4439-2007 BY
 INCLUDING THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY
 ENGINEER, AND TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A WAGE RATE FOR
 THIS POSITION.
 Second Reading

T 157-2007 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO WAIVE OR
MODIFY THE SEWER INTERCEPTOR FEE FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT
IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE FOUND TO BENEFIT THE CITY.
Second Reading

President Arndt: You will note with incredible dispatch with which we passed through those second readings. We now move to our third readings. Dr. Norris, if you will begin the third readings beginning with T 137.

• **Third Readings**

T 137-2007 A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY
1118-2007 FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.
Third Reading

moved by Boose, seconded by Butkowski to adopt tonight T 137

President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: T 137 is adopted becoming permanent resolution 1118-2007.
Permanent Resolution No. 1118-2007

T 139-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4394-2007 BY
4482-2007 INCREASING THE AMOUNT FROM \$100,000.00 TO \$200,000.00 FOR THE
PURCHASE OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN LINE GROUTING AND RE-
LINING.
Third Reading

moved by Olesen, seconded by Manning to adopt tonight T 139

President Arndt: Is there any discussion?

Auditor Costin: For the record, I just wanted to make Council aware that the additional 100,000 dollars for T 139 and T 140 would come from the sanitary sewer fund; the contingency line item. So, upon passage, at our next appropriation meeting, it will be moved into that appropriate line item.

President Arndt: Thank you. Any other discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: T 139 is adopted becoming permanent ordinance 4482-2007.
Permanent Ordinance No. 4482-2007

T 140-2007 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR A CONTRACT TO BE
4483-2007 NEGOTIATED AND ENTERED INTO BY THE MAYOR OF NORTH

RIDGEVILLE AND URS CORPORATION FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES IN THE APPROXIMATE
AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00.

Third Reading

moved by Olesen, seconded by Butkowski to adopt tonight T 140

President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed
by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: T 140 is adopted becoming permanent ordinance 4483-2007.

Permanent Ordinance No. 4483-2007

T 149-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 634, NOISE DISTURBANCES.

4884-2007 Third Reading

moved by Boose, seconded by Butkowski to adopt tonight T 149

President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed
by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: T 149 is adopted becoming permanent ordinance 4484-2007.

Permanent Ordinance No. 4484-2007

T 150-2007 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF PIONEER RIDGE
PCD, PHASE 6, FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY.

Third Reading

moved by Arndt, seconded by Boose to postpone T 150 until the date certain of
December 17 to enable the public hearing

President Arndt: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by yes. All those opposed
by no. Any abstentions?

Yes, 5 No, 0

President Arndt: Ladies and Gentleman we have no old business. I would request Dr. Norris to
read our upcoming meeting announcements and then Council will move into Executive Session
for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and then we will adjourn. Dr. Norris?

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Clerk of Council Norris:

Public Hearing to be held Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:20 P.M. re: T 150 -2007

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers

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President Arndt: The Chair moves to Executive Session.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss personnel issues.
Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:25 P.M.

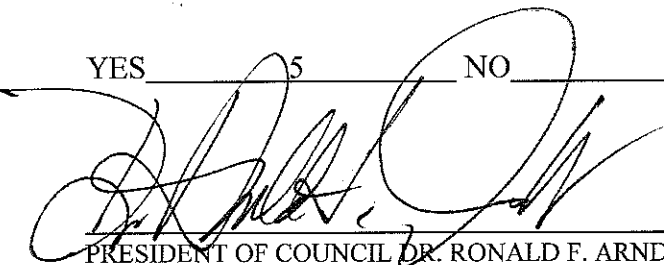
ADJOURN:

moved by Butkowski to adjourn

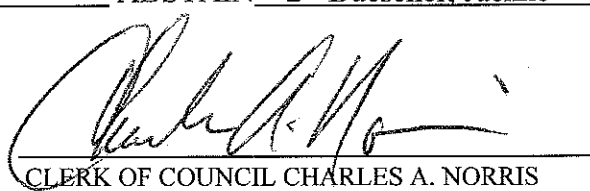
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

MOTION Olesen 2ND Butkowski DATE December 17, 2007

YES 5 NO 0 ABSTAIN 2 - Buescher, Jaenke



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DR. RONALD F. ARNDT



CLERK OF COUNCIL CHARLES A. NORRIS