

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, November 7, 2022, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Auditor April Wilkerson, Assistant Engineer Eavenson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated October 17, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes.:

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Special Meeting Minutes dated October 13, 2022
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated October 24, 2022
Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated October 27, 2022

LOBBY:

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address for the record. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran provided the following report.:

- Remarked that the City is calling all those interested in participating in the planning of the Master Plan could apply to serve on the Steering Committee for the 2023 North Ridgeville Master Plan. Members would help bring insight and perspective to the planning process and ensure that the community's voice is reflected in the plan. Steering Committee members should live in, work in or represent a community organization or other stakeholder in the City of North Ridgeville. Interested people could visit the website at nridgeville.org to learn more and download an application. Applications are due November 14, 2022.
- Reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The polls are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. There are several issues on the ballot that the City need support to continue to move this great city forward. Issue 6 and Issue 28 – residents could visit the city's website or the school's website to learn more about the joint facilities project to build a new high school, elementary school, dedicated space for Ranger High Tech Academy, a performing arts center, and transportation & maintenance facility, recreation facilities including a field house with indoor track, aquatic & fitness center and senior center. Also on the ballot are eight proposed changes to the City Charter. For more information on these proposed amendments, visit the City's website at nridgeville.org for a list of the issues including an explanation as to why the committee felt the changes are necessary.
- Added that City Hall Offices would be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022, in observance of Veterans Day. The Mayor thanked the men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces.
- Invited everyone to his monthly Coffee & Conversation on Friday, November 18, 2022. It would be in Council Chambers from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Residents could learn more about what's going on in the great city.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to suspend the bylaws and to put T 158-2022, T 159-2022, T 160-2022, and 161-2022 under first readings for the November 7, 2022, Council Meeting Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to go into executive session to discuss employee compensation.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster remarked that the City has been working with Lorain County to clean the ditches for the past several years. The City was able to reach an agreement for some of the ditches in the City to be cleaned with the help of the county. This would result in better drainage when completed.

Safety Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

3. Engineer:

Assistant Engineer Eavenson provided the following updates.:

- The full depth concrete replacement project is wrapping up.
- The Eastview Avenue Sanitary Sewer Extension contract was awarded to Underground Utility.
- The Barres Road Realignment Project is currently out for bid.

Assistant Engineer Eavenson concluded his report.

4. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson discussed the following:

- T 157-2022 - is a permanent appropriation that is needed to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations. She requested the City Council to adopt the legislation with the emergency clause.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

President Jacobs noted the following report.:

September 2022 Financial Report

5. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports.:

September 2022 Mayor's Court Report
October 2022 Building Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to dispense with recess.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 156-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLIFFORD WINKEL FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 157-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5889-2021 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 157-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 157-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 157-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6014-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 158-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5857-2021, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO LEASE/PURCHASE A SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND ACCESSORIES FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS, WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 159-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ACCEPT GRANT MONIES FROM THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION, AND MAKE DISBURSEMENTS TO THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL GROUP FOR THE ARMED SERVICES VETERANS MEMORIAL LOCATED IN SOUTH CENTRAL PARK.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

Councilman DeVries wanted to know if the legislation was time sensitive.

Mayor Corcoran explained that it is not.

Councilman Boose wanted to know if they could get a copy of the construction or design from a professional and if the designs are needed for the application submission.

Mayor Corcoran explained that he does not know if he could get the designs before the next meeting and he does not think there is a requirement to have the designs ready when submitting the grant application. The Mayor did not get to speak to the Grant agent regarding the grant requirements.

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 160-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT "A" OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 2725-93 TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL WAGE PARITY BETWEEN CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS, SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES IN 2022.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 161-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 5596-2018 TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL WAGE PARITY BETWEEN CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS, SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES IN 2022.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 136-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1650 AS A RESULT OF A RECENTLY PASSED STATE LAW CONCERNING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9-06-2022; COW meeting on 10-03-2022; COW report to Council on 10-17-2022)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to amend T 136-2022 with the amended version that was submitted to Council before the meeting.

President Jacobs noted the following changes that were discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 3, 2022.:

1. Change the time of the fireworks to 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
2. Remove Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before and after July 3, 4, and 5.
3. Add Ohio Fire Code to the title and reference it in the first whereas.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 148-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 12-MONTH CONTRACT (WITH RENEWAL OPTIONS) ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES, NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00 PER YEAR.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 10/03/2022; Second Reading on 10/17/2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adopt T 148-2022.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to go out to bid for custodial services before the current contract expires.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 148- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6015-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 151-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1266.04 AND 1268.04 OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE TO UPDATE LOT AND YARD REQUIREMENTS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 10/03/2022; Second Reading on 10/17/2022)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 151-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 151- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6016-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. The next Regular Council meeting would be on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

2. The next Finance Committee meeting would be on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2022, and Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss 2023 Appropriations.

President Jacobs reminded everyone that November 8, 2022, is election day and expressed that everyone should exercise their right to vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Approval of minutes on November 21, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL