

The Community Development Committee held a meeting on **Monday, August 28th, 2023** beginning at 6:00 P.M.

CD MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Chair Callahan, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Lipian
FINANCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Chair Stewart, Tollett, Cerra, Davis, Schneider
OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Corbin
OTHERS PRESENT: Law Director Deery, Mayor Whitfield, Safety Service Dir Lundy, Asst. Dir Williams, Finance Dir Pileski and Farrell, Asst Dir Calvert, Engineer McKillips, CD Director Scott, CD Manger Almobayyed, Parks & Rec Dir Reardon, Asst Law Dir Breunig

1. Approval of the Community Development Mtg Minutes ~ July 24th 2023.

Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Mitchell second to approve the said minutes.

2. The matter of a Resolution honoring The Ridge Tool Company as they mark their 100 Year Anniversary.

Referred By: Ward One Council Lipian and Mayor Whitfield

Mayor Whitfield said Councilman Lipian, in being the Ward Councilman for the Ridge Tool location thought it was good for us to recognize Ridge Tool as the celebrate their 100-year anniversary. Ridge Tool is an exceptional national company and we're proud to have them here in the City of Elyria. This is momentous occasion for them. They have already received a key to the city, earlier this year. We thought it would be appropriate for Council to honor and acknowledge them. It's important that we keep our businesses growing here in Elyria.

Councilman Lipian said this is an extraordinary moment here in Elyria. This resolution speaks to that. This company digs deep in the history of the City.

Chair Callahan read the Committee Report and asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Mr. Schneider and second by Mr. Oswald to authorize a resolution supported by Mayor Whitfield and all of City Council to honor Ridge Tool Company on their 100 Year Anniversary.

MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Joint-Proclamation between the Mayor and Elyria City Council Commemorating the Centennial Legacy of the Ridge Tool Company and read by Councilman Lipian.

Whereas we stand united in celebrating the pioneering spirit of an Elyria industrial powerhouse and American original – the centennial of the Ridge Tool Company.

Whereas the Ridgid line of pipe wrenches, launched ten decades past by Carl Ingwer Sr., William Thewes, and Arthur Smith, red-hued and well-hewn, was based in 1923 in North Ridgeville, OH, relocating to Elyria in 1943, and remaining an integral part of our fair city since.

Whereas, from the annals of American history, forming the backbone of our domestic industrial war effort during World War II, becoming a subsidiary of Emerson Electric in 1966, and trailblazing new industrial horizons globally from then on, Ridge Tool doesn't merely represent a legacy of tools and machinery, but epitomizes an ethos; a century-long commitment to quality,

craft, and the spirit of enterprise which forged indelible imprints on both the professional trades and DIY enthusiasts alike.

Whereas these tools, birthed in the crucible of Ridge's vision and bathed in a distinctive red, have served not merely as instruments of craftsmanship, but as testamentary symbols of dedication, and indomitable entrepreneurship; they symbolize the relentless ingenuity of Elyria's people, reminding us that with faith, grit, determination, and rugged individualism, our dreams are possible and potential knows no bounds.

Now, therefore, drawing from that wellspring of innovation and resilience which has supported our city through both our brightest and darkest hours, may our joint-declaration this day pay solemn tribute to the Ridge Tool Company, recognizing them as a beacon of industrial endurance and creative achievement, shining a light upon the prosperity of our heritage, the promise of future tomorrows, and upon the shared spirit of the Pioneer, which has ever been our standard-bearer and guide.

Mayor Whitfield thanked Councilman Lipian for taking the initiative to present this resolution. It should become standard business for us to continue to celebrate the businesses that are here and recognize them at their milestones. And it's their income tax dollars help us run the City.

The evening's meetings continued with The JOINT Meeting [Community Development and Finance] which began at 6:15 P.M.

**Motion moved by Mrs. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Lipian to adjourn the Community Development portion of this evening's meeting at 7:30 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting continued with the Finance portion of the meeting which began at 7:35 P.M.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant*