

CITY OF NILES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

April 12th, 2021

**The meeting will be held virtually
via Zoom**

Any interested person or group may address the City Council on any agenda item when recognized by the presiding officer or upon request of any Council Member. Also, any interested person or group may address the City Council on any matter of City concern not on the Agenda during the agenda item designated Public Comment. The comment of any member of the public or any special interest group may be limited in time.

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MEETING PARTICIPATION

At any regular or duly called special meeting of the Niles City Council, other than those meetings not subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, a person desiring to speak on any item(s) on the agenda may do so subject to the following rules:

- Prior to addressing the Council, the person must provide, for the record, his/her name, permanent address.
- The person must be recognized by the Mayor or other presiding officer at the point on the agenda entitled "Citizen Participation."
- The person will be allowed three (3) minutes to present remarks, unless the time restriction is waived by the chair.

- A person wishing to address an agenda item may reserve time to address that item immediately prior to the time that the item is discussed by the Council.
- A person may be expelled from the meeting for a breach of the peace committed at the meeting, and if during his/her presentation to the Council becomes loud or unruly, the chair may rule the person out of order and forfeit the person's opportunity to speak further.

Resolution 92-11/1003 November 23, 1992

If you would like to contact the City Council about any matter, on the agenda or otherwise, please do so via the email addresses below by 4:00 pm prior to the meeting:

- Mayor Nick Shelton: mayor@nilesmi.org
- Mayor Pro Tem & 1st Ward Councilmember Gretchen Bertschy: gbertschy@nilesmi.net
- 1st Ward Councilmember Georgia Boggs: gboggs@nilesmi.net
- 2nd Ward Councilmember Amanda Dunnem adunnem@nilesmi.net
- 2nd Ward Councilmember Travis Timm: ttimm@nilesmi.net
- 3rd Ward Councilmember William Weimer: wweimer@nilesmi.net
- 3rd Ward Councilmember Charlie McAfee: cmcafee@nilesmi.net
- 4th Ward Councilmember John DiCostanzo: jdicostanzo@nilesmi.net
- 4th Ward Councilmember Jessica Nelson: jnelson@nilesmi.net
- [City Administrator Richard Huff: cityadministrator@nilesmi.org](mailto:cityadministrator@nilesmi.org)
- [City Clerk Linda Casperson: cityclerk@nilesmi.org](mailto:cityclerk@nilesmi.org)

The City of Niles will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids such as Closed Captioning. If other aids and services are needed for individuals with disabilities please contact the City Clerk, at cityclerk@nilesmi.org.

6:00 P.M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Receive public comment on the City's intent to apply for Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and Recreation Passport grant funds for the Niles Pucker Street Dam Park.

Receive public comment on the City's Annual Report (CAPER) for the 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: (If attending remotely announce your location; i.e., state and city.)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation by Bryan Virgil of Carefree Villas to explain the project as well as discuss a possible tax exemption.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the Minutes of March 22, 2021.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated April 7, 2021.
3. Consideration of approving the temporary modification to MERS benefit provisions and authorizing the City Administrator to sign the Modification to Benefit Provision document.
4. Consideration of approving the request from the American Legion Larue Messenger Post #26 to conduct the annual Memorial Day parade as described in the supporting material with approximately \$570.00 to be charged to the Department of Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire Department.
5. Consideration of approving the Spring Family Carnival held May 20 through May 23, 2021 as submitted by the Skerbeck Entertainment Group at the Four Flags Apple Festival grounds as well as requiring Skerbeck Entertainment Group to follow any pandemic restrictions in place at the time of the event.
6. Consideration of approving the Renaissance Faire which includes overnight camping held in Plym Park by the Community Development Department on May 14 through 16, 2021 and closing the Plym Park during the faire and waiving all fees associated except vendor fees.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

7. Consideration of approving the Service Level Agreement between PC Trans and the City for the provisioning of IT services that are required to support and sustain both the Bus Tablet Computers and CAD software for DART and authorizing the City Administrator to sign the agreement.
8. Consideration of approving a Master Customer Service Agreement with WatchGuard for body worn cameras and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.
9. Consideration of approving the purchase agreement and purchase of 66, 60, 56, and 54 S. Third Street for \$150,000.00 plus reimbursement of demolition costs with \$11,000.00 being charged to the General Fund and \$139,000.00 being charged to the Utility Department Wastewater Division and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and file the necessary documents.
10. Consideration of approving the discharge of the Homeowner Assistance Program mortgage and note on 66 S. 3rd Street in the amount of \$22,870.00 and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and file the necessary documents.
11. Consideration of approving the sale of 415 N. 2nd Street to Chris Runyon for \$2,000.00 plus usual closing costs and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and file the necessary documents.

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Boggs
Council Member Bertschy
Council Member Dunnem
Council Member Timm

Council Member McAfee
Council Member Weimer
Council Member DiCostanzo
Council Member Nelson

MAYOR'S REPORT:

CLOSED SESSION:

Acquisition of property
Settlement Agreement/Avigation Easements