

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
1345 E. Main Street
City of Niles, Michigan**

Monday, August 23, 2021

PRESENT: Council Members: Georgia Boggs, Gretchen Bertschy, John DiCostanzo, Amanda Dunnem, William Weimer, Charlie McAfee, Travis Timm, Jessica Nelson and Mayor Nick Shelton

ABSENT: John DiCostanzo

STAFF: Robert Landgraf, Linda Casperson

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Niles City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Shelton at 6:00 p.m. August 23, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Shelton.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Nelson moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded to approve the agenda.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Weimer, Nelson, Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem, Timm, McAfee

NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS) None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of August 9, 2021.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated August 18, 2021.
3. Consideration of approving the request to conduct the Niles High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 1st with approximately \$500.00 to be charged to the Police and Fire Payroll Funds.
4. Consideration of approving the requests as submitted by the Apple Festival Committee for the 2021 Festival to be held September 30 through October 3, 2021 with approximately \$4,650.00 to be charged to various departments.
5. Consideration of approving the request from the Niles-Buchanan YMCA to conduct the 40th Annual Thanksgiving Day Run and Walk as described with \$250.00 to be charged to the Street Department and \$800.00 to be charged to the Police Department and waiving the fees.
6. Consideration of approving to accept the quote of \$8,950.00 to be charged to the Maintenance- Plant Equipment Replacement Fund from Endustra Filter Manufacturers of Schererville, IN for the purchase of two (2) Intake Silencers for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
7. Consideration of approving the Niles Energy Waste Reduction and Renewable Energy Annual Summary Report as filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission.
8. Consideration of accepting the terms of the transfer of the Video Service Local Franchise Agreement between AT&T and DIRECTV and authorizing the Clerk to file any necessary documents.
9. Consideration of approving the proposed Schedule of Fees as submitted. *Effective date: October 1, 2021.*

Council Member Nelson moved, **Council Member Bertschy** seconded to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Shelton added the effective date of October 1, 2021 for Item 9.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Nelson, Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem, Timm, McAfee, Weimer

NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action

10. Consideration of approving the emergency purchase in the approximate amount of \$6,118.00 to be charged to the Maintenance of Pump, Motor, Equipment Fund for repairs to Clay well motor by Peerless Midwest of Mishawaka, IN.

Council Member Timm moved, **Council Member Nelson** seconded to approve the emergency purchase in the approximate amount of \$6,118.00 to be charged to the Maintenance of Pump, Motor, Equipment Fund for repairs to Clay well motor by Peerless Midwest of Mishawaka, IN.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem, Timm, McAfee, Weimer, Nelson

NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED**

11. Consideration of approving the purchase of a one-year cybersecurity assessment service from Cyberforce Q LLC of Plymouth, Michigan for a period of one year at a cost of \$10,000 to be charged to the Computer Equipment and Supplies Fund.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Boggs** seconded to approve to accept the purchase of a one-year cybersecurity assessment service from Cyberforce Q LLC of Plymouth, Michigan for a period of one year at a cost of \$10,000 to be charged to the Computer Equipment and Supplies Fund.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Bertschy, Dunnem, Timm, McAfee, Weimer, Nelson, Boggs

NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Consideration of approving to enter into a facilities agreement with American Electric Power, and PJM Interconnection (if needed) for a new Niles electric delivery point at the Indeck-Niles AEP 345kV interconnection and authorizing the Utilities Manager to sign the agreement.

Council Member Nelson moved, **Council Member Timm** seconded to approve to entering into a facilities agreement with American Electric Power, and PJM Interconnection (if needed) for a new Niles electric delivery point at the Indeck-Niles AEP 345kV interconnection and authorizing the Utilities Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Dunnem, Timm, McAfee, Weimer, Nelson, Boggs, Bertschy

NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED**

13. Consideration of adopting a resolution to approve the City of Niles Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget by Funds as presented.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded adopting a resolution to approve the City of Niles Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget by Funds as presented.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Timm, McAfee, Weimer, Nelson, Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem

NAY: None **MOTION CARRIED - RESOLUTION 2150 ADOPTED**

APPOINTMENTS: No appointments.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Consideration of accepting the First Reading and Introduction of a proposal to amend the language in the City of Niles Ordinance Article III-Water Sec. 90-71 Service line installations as amended.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Boggs thanked Northside School. She also commented on the shooting that took place in her ward and sadness for the community.

Council Member Timm thanked the Steve Gargis for the bowling pin. He also made a motion to excuse Council Member Nelson from the August 9, 2021 council meeting. Bertschy supported. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Council Member McAfee received complaints of people not cleaning up after their pets at Riverfront Park. She attended the Fort St. Joseph Archeology and Riverfest events.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shelton Third Thursday at the NODE was awesome and everyone had a great time.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:16pm.

Linda Casperson
Niles City Clerk

Date