

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

Monday, November 8, 2021

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

ABSENT: John DiCostanzo

STAFF: Richard Huff, Robert Landgraf, Linda Casperson, Tina McGowan

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Niles City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Shelton at 6:00 p.m. November 8, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Shelton.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member McAfee** to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8a opting out of 2011 PA 152 employee insurance requirements.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:(PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Marie Weimer received a Christmas card from Fulton Moore.

PRESENTATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of October 25, 2021.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated November 3, 2021.
3. Consideration of approving the request by the DDA/Main Street to conduct the annual Small Business Saturday & Holiday Homecoming Event in the downtown area on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 7:00am-10:00pm.

Council Member Nelson moved, **Council Member Weimer** to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action

4. Consideration of authorizing a resolution to join the Intermunicipality Committee known as the Best Practices Committee for the purpose of studying area governmental problems of mutual interest and concern in order to increase cooperation and trust among participating local units of government.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Timm** to authorize a resolution to join the

Intermunicipality Committee known as the Best Practices Committee for the purpose of studying area governmental problems of mutual interest and concern in order to increase cooperation and trust among participating local units of government.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION 2021/11-2155 DECLARED ADOPTED

5. Consideration of approving the addendum to the original Memorandum of Understanding for the Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail Partnership and authorizing the Mayor to sign the amended memorandum.

Council Member Nelson moved, **Council Member Timm** to approve the addendum to the original Memorandum of Understanding for the Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail Partnership and authorizing the Mayor to sign the amended memorandum.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Consideration of approving the service credit purchase application in the amount of four (4) years of Captain Kevin Kosten and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Resolution.

Council Member Nelson moved, **Council Member Timm** to adopt a resolution to approve the service credit purchase application in the amount of four (4) years of Captain Kevin Kosten and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Resolution.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION 2021/11-2156 DECLARED ADOPTED

7. Consideration of approving the Community Development Block Grant PY21 Funding Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Council Member Timm moved, **Council Member Dunnem** to approve the Community Development Block Grant PY21 Funding Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Consideration of accepting the quote for computer security support and subscriptions at an annual cost of \$5,200.55 to be charged 50/50 to the General Fund and Utility Department Fund and authorizing the Information Systems Manager to sign any required document.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Timm** to accept the quote for computer security support and subscriptions at an annual cost of \$5,200.55 to be charged 50/50 to the General Fund and Utility Department Fund and authorizing the Information Systems Manager to sign any required document.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED**

- 8a. Consideration of opting out of 2011 PA 152 employee insurance requirements.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Bertschy** to adopt a resolution to opt-out of 2011 PA 152 employee insurance requirements.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION 2021/11-2157 DECLARED ADOPTED

APPOINTMENTS:

9. Consideration of confirming the appointment of Neil Coulston to the Niles Housing Commission. **Council Member A** moved. **Council Member B** supported to appoint Neil Coulston to the Niles Housing Commission. **AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Bertschy thanked the Mayor for the public survey regarding the NODE.

Council Member Timm moved, **Council Member Weimer** supported to excuse Council Member Nelson from the October 25, 2021 City Council Meeting. **AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Council Member Nelson mentioned that she invited to speak at the 10th grade Civic classes at Niles New Tech. It was a very rewarding experience to see students so passionate about our community.

Council Member Boggs was glad to see so many people voice their opinion last week. It was exciting to see all that's going on downtown for Halloween.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shelton was thankful for a terrific forum last week. It was good to see all the people handing out candy for trick or treating. He hopes that all the businesses are open for Small Business Saturday November 27, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:18pm.

Tina McGowan
Niles City Deputy Clerk

Date