

CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Pro-tem Mayor Robert Durm in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., January 25, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pro-tem Mayor Robert Durm.

PRESENT: Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, Robert Durm, David Mann, Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, William Weimer.

ABSENT: Mayor McCauslin

STAFF: Casperson, Huff, Atty. Landgraf, Lamb, Millin, Ray, Wise

OATH OF OFFICE: Council Member Skalla moved, Council Member Mann seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the appointment of John DeCostanzo, 4th Ward/Precinct Council Member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Council Member Clark.

ROLL CALL: **AYES:** Bertschy, Boggs, Durm, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer

NAY: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

Oath of Office was given to Council Member DeCostanzo by City Clerk Casperson.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Marie Weimer reported that Planning Commission meetings are held at the Law Enforcement Complex and that the distance from the parking lot to the front door is long for someone who is handicapped. She requested that a boardroom be constructed on the first floor of the Niles City Hall building.

Lisa Croteau announced that the Hunter Ice Festival had a record attendance of over 20,000 people up 17% from last year's festival. Ice cream will be served after the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of the January 11, 2016 regular council meetings.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills.
3. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$2,991.53 from Drug & Laboratory Disposal, Inc. of Plainwell, MI for the removal and disposal of chemical waste at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
4. Consideration of approving the single-source quote of \$3,850.00 from Solomon Corporation of Solomon, KS for the repair of a 333KVA voltage regulator for the Broadway Substation.

Council Member Mann moved, Council Member Weimer seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-4 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: **AYES:** Bertschy, Boggs, Durm, DeCostanzo, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer

NAY: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

5. Consideration of entering into an advertising agreement with the Niles Daily Star for the advertisement of energy optimization and winter protection information at a total cost of \$8,208.00.

Council Member Weimer moved, Council Member Mann seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve entering into an advertising agreement with the Niles Daily Star for the advertisement of energy optimization and winter protection information at a total cost of \$8,208.00.

ROLL CALL: **AYES:** Bertschy, Boggs, DeCostanzo, Durm, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer
NAY: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

5A. Consideration of approving a Memorandum of Understanding for lift station and sewer collection system assistance to Ontwa Township of Edwardsburg, Michigan and authorize the City Administrator to sign the MOU. **Council Member Mann** moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for lift station and sewer collection system assistance to Ontwa Township of Edwardsburg, Michigan and authorize the City Administrator to sign the MOU.

ROLL CALL: **AYES:** Bertschy, Boggs, DeCostanzo, Durm, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer
NAY: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member Bertschy** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED** to allow Council Member DiCostanzo to remain on the Utility Board as a liaison and Planning Commission as a voting member.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

CLOSED SESSION: Review of Attorney's Written Legal Opinion in Reference to Utilities Department
Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member VandenHeede** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to go into a Closed Session to review Attorney's Written Legal Opinion in Reference to Utilities Department at 6:20pm.

ROLL CALL: **AYES:** Bertschy, Boggs, DeCostanzo, Durm, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer
NAY: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

No action taken.

Reconvened at 6:37pm

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

All members of the City Council welcomed John DiCostanzo and acknowledged the success of Hunter Ice Festival.

Council Member DiCostanzo thanked everyone for their support and acknowledged former Council Member Clark. He also reported that the Planning Commission is working on the Master Plan. Community input is encouraged.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:37pm.

Linda Casperson

Niles City Clerk

Date