

CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCauslin in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., February 8, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McCauslin.

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

ABSENT: None

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Candace Skalla, Fort St. Joseph Archaeology Advisory Committee, made a recommendation to the City Council to allow the board and committee members to review the applications of potential board members prior to going to the City Council for approval.

PRESENTATION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of January 25, 2016.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills.
3. Consideration of approving the transfer of a 1997 F-250 from the Street Division to the Silverbrook Cemetery Division.
4. Consideration of accepting a proposal of \$9,200.00 from Wightman & Associates, Inc. of Benton Harbor, MI to complete the mandated Biennial Bridge Inspections and the Underwater Bridge inspections of Broadway, Grant Street and Lake Street Bridges.
5. Consideration of approving the purchase of a 2016 Ford F-250 truck for use at in the Street Division from Campbell Ford of Niles at a cost of \$24,336.54 through the State's MiDeal program.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-5 with corrections to the minutes of January 25th to show the correct spelling of Council Member DiCostanzo name.

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

6. Consideration of approving a recommendation from the Pension Board for a new investment rate of return assumption of 7.25%, a wage inflation rate of 3.75% and use of the RP2014 Healthy Annuity Mortality Table projected to 2019 for annual actuarial valuations.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Bertschy** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve a recommendation from the Pension Board for a new investment rate of return assumption of 7.25%, a wage inflation rate of 3.75% and use of the RP2014 Healthy Annuity Mortality Table projected to 2019 for annual actuarial valuations.

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

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

7. Consideration of approving new Election Inspector Compensation Rates for the City of Niles.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve new Election Inspector Compensation Rates for the City of Niles.

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

8. Consideration of approving Mr. Anthony Mudd of Vantage Pointe Financial as the John Hancock broker and authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents for this change.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Mr. Anthony Mudd of Vantage Pointe Financial as the John Hancock broker and authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents for this change.

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

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS:

9. Consideration of immediately appointing Kathryn Janet and Janine Frizzo-Horrigan and re-appointing Larry Horrigan, Robert Myers, Mollie Kruck and Christina Arseneau to four-year terms ending January 31, 2019 and the re-appointments of Mary Drolet, Barbara Cook, Kristie Erickson, Robert Ahrens, Lawrence Sehy, Candace Skalla and Michael Nassaney to three-year terms ending January 31, 2018; in order to create staggered terms on the Fort St. Joseph Archaeology Committee.

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member Bertschy** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to table the item until March 21, 2016.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT: No Report

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT: No Report

MAYOR’S REPORT: No Report

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:09pm.

Linda Casperson
Niles City Clerk

Date