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**THE CITY COUNCIL  
NILES, MICHIGAN  
PUBLIC HEARING  
CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
Monday, July 25, 2016, 5:55 p.m.**

The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the council on the CDBG Consolidated Plan. Hearing no response, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:59p.m.

**CITY OF NILES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES  
MONDAY, July 25, 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., July 25, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Niles Fire Fighters.

**PRESENT:** Georgia Boggs, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, David Mann, Tim Skalla, William Weimer, Mayor McCauslin

**ABSENT:** Gretchen Bertschy, Daniel VandenHeede

**STAFF:** Casperson, Lamb, Millin, Ray, Wise, Dunlap

**PRESENTATION:** **Fire Department Honors**  
*Fire Chief Larry Lamb*

Capt. Don Wise and Lt. Scott Rieth were honored by receiving the Silver Life Saving award for rescuing a woman from a burning house located on north Third Street on May 20.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Jan Personette mentioned that she was proud to live in Niles because of the fine work of the Niles Fire Department and other public safety personnel performed on a daily basis.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of July 11, 2016.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated July 19, 2016.
3. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$8,221.41 from Power Line Supply of Reed City, MI for the purchase of 1500' of 34.5KV rated OKONITE brand 4/0 underground cable to facilitate the transfer of power to Lakeland Health System.
4. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$9,335.00 from Revize Software Systems of Troy, MI to provide website hosting and design services with costs paid by both the General Fund and the Utilities Department Fund.
5. Consideration of accepting the bid of \$29,990.00 from Power Line Supply of Reed City, MI for the purchase of one 2500KVA Cooper Power Systems transformer to facilitate the transfer of power to the Lakeland Health System.
6. Consideration of approving the emergency repair of an M-51 water main at an estimated cost of \$53,726.00

**Weimer** moved, **Mann** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-6 as submitted.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Bertschy, VandenHeede

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**  
**Introduction of Items for Discussion**  
**Items for Council Action**

7. Consideration of approving the termination of a CDBG-HAP Sub-recipient Agreement with Kinexus of Benton Harbor, MI and authorize the city attorney to sign and issue the notice immediately.

**Weimer** moved, **Mann** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the termination of a CDBG-HAP Sub-recipient Agreement with Kinexus of Benton Harbor, MI and authorize the city attorney to sign and issue the notice immediately.

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

8. Consideration of authorizing the Utilities Manager to negotiate with the three (3) highest ranking firms, if needed, for the performance of an economic valuation study of the Utilities Department's Electric Division.

**Weimer** moved, **Mann** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to authorize the Utilities Manager to negotiate with the three (3) highest ranking firms, if needed, for the performance of an economic valuation study of the Utilities Department's Electric Division.

Council Member Skalla requested to go on record to say that, "I'm not interested in finding out how much the Electric Division is worth. I'm more interested in what it's worth to the City of Niles. It's an asset we have owned for 112 years. It's gone up in value every year. It's not rising in value as rapidly as usual because we take more than a million and a third out each year. If we wanted to earn that much in interest, we would have to put over \$86 million in a 10 year bond. The only difference is, a year after we did that, the \$86 million would be worth less, in all probability, than it is right now and the utility would be worth more."

Council Members Durm stated that he was concern as well. The Electric Division is a necessity; we have no intention of doing anything with the utility.

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

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS: None**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None**

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Council Member Weimer thanked the Niles Fire Department. He mentioned that he hates to see budget cuts in the public safety departments.

Council Member Durm reported that he attended the Peace Run event Saturday morning. The runners began their run in April from New York across the United States and Mexico. Their mission is to spread friendship and culture. They gave the City of Niles a certificate of appreciation signed by the runners and a piece of art work that will be displayed in the Niles History Center.

**Council Member Boggs** moved, **Council Member Durm** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Council Member Bertschy from the July 25, 2016 Council Meeting. **AYES: 6 NAYS: 0**

**MAYOR'S REPORT: None**

**ADJOURNMENT** Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:15pm.

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Linda Casperson, Niles City Clerk

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Date