

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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., October 10, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McCauslin.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Casperson, Huff, Millin, Wise,

**PRESENTATION: PROCLAMATION
*Fire Prevention Week
October 9 – 15, 2016***

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

John "Buzz" Opick, Rolling Thunder asked about the status of the street memorial sign for PFC William Rosso. It was explained to Mr. Opick that the Policy Committee will be collecting sample policies from other cities. Council Member VandenHeede suggested Veteran's Memorial Park.

Marie Weimer presented a handmade afghan to the Mayor for his years in service.

Jeanie Gowen voiced her concern with loud music coming from vehicles driving down her street. Police Chief Millin will meet with Ms. Gowen to try to address the problem. Ms. Gowen also asked about the vegetation from trees and vines going onto neighbor's yards.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of September 26, 2016.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated October 5, 2016.
3. Consideration of approving a request from the Niles-Buchanan YMCA to hold the 35th Annual Thanksgiving Day Run in the city on Thursday, November 24, 2016 beginning at 9:30 am and ending at approximately 11:00 a.m. and consideration of various other requests.
4. Consideration of approving a request from the Niles DDA Main Street and the Niles Downtown Merchants to hold the annual Safe Downtown Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 4 pm to 5pm.

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

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

NAYS: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

5. Consideration of adopting a Resolution of Support for the 2017 Sycamore Street Resurfacing Project as part of the NATS Transportation Improvement Program and consideration of approving local match dollars in the amount of \$35,785.00, which is budgeted in Major Street Fund. The total project cost is \$135,885.00.

**RESOLUTON OF SUPPORT FOR THE SYCAMORE STREET
RESURFACING PROJECT**

RESOLUTION# 2016-10-2000

Council Member Bertschy offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by **Council Member Boggs**.

BY THE CITY OF NILES, MICHIGAN - NILES CITY COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, Sycamore Street is in deteriorating condition; and

WHEREAS, a detailed structural evaluation has been performed for the 2017 is Sycamore from Thirteenth to Seventeenth, 0.49 miles and the inspection has identified preventing maintenance measures that if implemented in a timely manner will avoid more extensive and costlier repairs in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Sycamore Street Project provides a connection to other major streets; and

WHEREAS, the City of Niles is committing their share of the funding for the 2017 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the engineering estimate for the design and reconstruction of the Broadway Street project is as follows:

<u>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</u>	<u>FEDERAL FUNDING</u>	<u>CITY SHARE</u>
\$135,885.00	\$100,100.00	\$35,785.00

WHEREAS, the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study Policy Committee has agreed to allocate a portion of local Surface Transportation Program funds (STP) through the project selection process; and

WHEREAS, the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study Policy Committee requires all projects in the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program that uses local match to have a formal resolution of support from the jurisdiction paying for the local share of the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Niles City Council hereby certifies its support of the local share of the project's cost that will be included in the 2014-2017 Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study Transportation Improvement Program and that failure to provide for the local match will cause the project's allocation of Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study local Surface Transportation Funding to be reconsidered by the Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study Policy Committee.

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

NAYS: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

6. Consideration of adopting a resolution to approve Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract #2016-0498 for the LiDAR survey for Runway 15/33 at Jerry Tyler Airport with 90% of the cost to be paid by state funding and 10% of the cost (\$2,820.00) and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contract.

**CITY OF NILES
JERRY TYLER MEMORIAL AIRPORT
RESOLUTION #2016-10/2001**

Council Member Weimer offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, supported by **Council Member Mann**.

WHEREAS, the Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport strives to provide zero runway obstructions as required to maintain a General Utility Airport, and

WHEREAS, a LiDAR survey is required in order to be certain that the approaches meet runway Michigan Department of Transportation and FAA standards, and

WHEREAS, through coordinated efforts, the State of Michigan has agreed to participate in the costs associated with LiDAR survey, and

BE IT RESOLVED that Contract No. 2016-0498 between the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the City of Niles for the purpose of conducting the LiDAR survey at the Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport whose associated city is Niles, Michigan with the use of funds made available through a grant is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned project is as follows:

Estimated State Share of \$25,380.00 and Local Share of \$2,820.00, available through local airport funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following City official: Michael McCauslin, Mayor is authorized to sign said contract.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bertschy, Boggs, Durm, VandenHeede, Mann, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Skalla
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS:

None

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

7. **First Reading and Introduction** of a proposed solid waste ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property within the City of Niles, Michigan by controlling and regulating the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste and optionally providing for collection, removal and disposal of recyclable materials and yard waste within the city by establishing a Solid Waste Collection, Removal and Disposal Program.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Durm presented to Mayor McCauslin a plaque serving 8 years on the city council and 17 years as mayor. Council Member Weimer thanked Mayor McCauslin for conducting orderly meetings. Council Member DiCostanzo wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day. Council Member Durm thanked Mayor McCauslin for inspiring him to run for council. Council Member Skalla announced that the Niles History Center and Friends of Silverbrook will be hosting its annual cemetery tour Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 10am.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Nine women and one women’s group were chosen from over 110 nominations to be inducted into the 33rd class of the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame. Charlotte “Lottie” Wilson (1854-1914) of Niles was a nationally renowned artist whose works were displayed at the White House and in cities throughout the eastern United States. In addition, she was the first African-American to attend and graduate from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is buried in Silverbrook Cemetery.

Mayor McCauslin gave a touching speech on his tenure as Mayor for the City of Niles. He mentioned several people he had enjoyed working with and thanked his wife and family for their patients and understanding.

CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiations and City Administrator’s Evaluation

Council Member Durm moved, Council Member VandenHeed supported, MOTION CARRIED, to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations and City Administrator’s evaluation at 7:15pm.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bertschy, Boggs, Durm, VandenHeede, Mann, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Skalla
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None
Reconvene at 7:39pm. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Linda Casperson, Niles City Clerk

Date