

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shelton in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., May 22, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Shelton.

PRESENT: Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, William Weimer, Mayor Nick Shelton

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Casperson, Huff

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of May 8, 2017.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated May 16, 2017.
3. Consideration of approving the payment of the City's annual Michigan Municipal League & Legal Defense Fund dues at a cost of \$6,125.00.
4. Consideration of approving the emergency purchase of one (1) Rock Trap from Performance Machining, Inc. of Niles, MI at a cost of \$3,000.00.
5. Consideration of accepting the single-source quote of \$7,941.00 from Power Line Supply Company of Reed City, MI for the purchase of three (3) Current Transformers for use at the Southside Switching Station.
6. Consideration of approving the quote of \$9,695.00 for an in-stock 750KVA transformer from Solomon Corporation of Solomon, KS for use at Lakeland Health's Medical Office Building.
7. Consideration of approving the quote of \$9,695.00 for an in-stock 750KVA transformer from Solomon Corporation of Solomon, KS for use at Ballard School.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-7 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Bertschy, Boggs, DiCostanzo, Durm, McAfee, Skalla, VandenHeede and Weimer

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

8. Consideration of accepting the bid of \$69,080 from Pajay, Inc. of New Buffalo, MI to complete the 2017 Phase III portion of our Sewer Collection System Improvement Project and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contract.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept the bid of \$69,080 from Pajay, Inc. of New Buffalo, MI to complete the 2017 Phase III portion of our Sewer Collection System Improvement Project and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contract.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Bertschy, Boggs, DiCostanzo, Durm, McAfee, Skalla, VandenHeede and Weimer

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

9. Consideration of approving entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. of Lansing, MI to complete the Airport Improvement Project and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Boggs** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. of Lansing, MI in the amount of \$89,450.17 to complete the Airport Improvement Project and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement. The proposed amount would initially be funded with the available airport funds. Once the easements are secured the City of Niles will be eligible for reimbursement of (90%) ninety percent.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Bertschy, Boggs, DiCostanzo, Durm, McAfee, Skalla, VandenHeede and Weimer

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

10. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$222,921.00 for the purchase of one Digger Derrick from Altec Industries of Birmingham, AL utilizing Michigan's MiDeal program.

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept the quote of \$222,921.00 for the purchase of one Digger Derrick from Altec Industries of Birmingham, AL utilizing Michigan's MiDeal program.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Bertschy, Boggs, DiCostanzo, Durm, McAfee, Skalla, VandenHeede and Weimer

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

11. Consideration of approving the revised City of Niles Schedule of Fees as submitted.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the revised City of Niles and Utilities Department Schedule of Fees as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Bertschy, Boggs, DiCostanzo, Durm, McAfee, Skalla, VandenHeede and Weimer

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

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS:

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

12. **Second Reading and Enactment** of a proposed change to the Public Park & Recreation Board Ordinance for the City of Niles, Michigan; to revise certain portions of the ordinance including provisions for the membership of the Public Park & Recreation Board; to provide for the operation of the Public Park & Recreation Board and to provide for the responsibilities and duties of the Public Park & Recreation Board.

Council Member VandenHeede moved, **Council Member Durm** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Second Reading and Enactment of a proposed change to the Public Park & Recreation Board Ordinance for the City of Niles, Michigan; to revise certain portions of the ordinance including provisions for the membership of the Public Park & Recreation Board; to provide for the operation of the Public Park & Recreation Board and to provide for the responsibilities and duties of the Public Park & Recreation Board.

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

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

ORDINANCE 478 DECLARED ENACTED

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Durm moved, **Council Member DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Council Member VandenHeede from the May 8, 2017 meeting. AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

Council Member McAfee thanked the Chamber of Commerce for wonderful Annual Dinner and Community Awards event.

Council Member Weimer requested an update on the status of the Street Department barn that was damaged by the tornado in April. City Administrator Huff reported that the engineer's directive shows that the building will not sustain snow loads. Joe Ray continues to communicate with insurance adjustors.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shelton thanked Lisa and the DDA on the downtown planter project. He also mentioned that he participated in the Niles New Tech Mayor's Run to benefit the Relay for Life. Mayor Shelton announced that he was the keynote speaker and the MC was his fiancé Allison Hayes, Notre Dame football commentator at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Community Awards. He had the honor of presenting former Mayor McCauslin a Lifetime Achievement Award.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:20pm.

Linda Casperson, Niles City Clerk

Date Approved