

**CITY OF NILES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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., October 9, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Shelton.

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

**ABSENT:** John DiCostanzo

**STAFF:** Casperson, Huff, Landgraf

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Dan Applegate, Niles Community Schools Superintendent, thanked the city for keeping the schools informed during planned power outages through the city's text messaging (360-00).

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated October 3, 2017.
3. Consideration of authorizing a vote to be cast for the four (4) named candidates to the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool 2018 Board of Directors and consideration of authorizing the city clerk to cast the vote on behalf of the City Council.
4. Consideration of approving a request from the Niles Main Street DDA and the Downtown Merchants to hold the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Safe Trick or Treat event on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
5. Consideration of approving a request from the Niles Noon Optimists to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Pumpkin Race on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the rear of the Niles-Buchanan YMCA, with setup beginning at 10am and all activities and clean-up completed by 3pm and consideration of closing a portion of Canal and Dey Streets to ensure the safety of the children.
6. Consideration of approving a request from the Niles-Buchanan YMCA to conduct the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Run on Thursday, November 23, 2017, which Run includes a 5K run and walk and a 10K run through the downtown area with all runs to start and end at the YMCA and consideration of various other requests as indicated.
7. Consideration of approving a request from the Niles Main Street DDA to hold the annual Small Business Saturday & Holiday Homecoming event downtown on November 25, 2017 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and consideration of various other requests including the extension of the Third Thursday Liquor License approval to include the 100 block of Main Street alley and permission for acoustic entertainment.

**Council Member Weimer** moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYE:** Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, and William Weimer

**NAY:** None    **ABSENT:** John DiCostanzo    **ABSTAIN:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Introduction of Items for Discussion**

**Items for Council Action**

8. Consideration of authorizing the waiver of tax penalty late fees for Toefco Engineering, Inc. as a resolution to their IFT tax penalty appeal request.

**Council Member Weimer** moved, **Council Member Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to authorize the waiver of tax penalty late fees for Toefco Engineering, Inc. as a resolution to their IFT tax penalty appeal request.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYE:** Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, and

William Weimer

**NAY:** None    **ABSENT:**    John DiCostanzo    **ABSTAIN:** None

9.        Consideration of approving the Community Development Block Grant FY2017 Funding Agreement and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

**Council Member Weimer** moved, **Council Member McAfee** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Community Development Block Grant FY2017 Funding Agreement and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYE:** Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, and William Weimer

**NAY:** None    **ABSENT:**    John DiCostanzo    **ABSTAIN:** None

9A.      Consideration of approving the purchase of a 2017 Ford F250 from Campbell Ford of Niles for \$29,786.00.

**Council Member Skalla** moved, **Council Member Weimer** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford F250 from Campbell Ford of Niles for \$29,786.00.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYE:** Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, and William Weimer

**NAY:** None    **ABSENT:**    John DiCostanzo    **ABSTAIN:** None

**COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

10.      Consideration of appointing Heather Bosch to complete the unexpired term of Katie Furner on the Parks and Recreation Board, effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2019.

**Council Member Bertschy** moved, **Council Member VandenHeede** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appoint Heather Bosch to complete the unexpired term of Katie Furner on the Parks and Recreation Board, effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2019. **AYES: 7    NAYS: 0**

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:**

**Council Member Boggs** stated that the Daughters of the American Revolution is presenting a DAR Historic Preservation Medal to Donna Ochenryder for her many contributions to preserving the history of Niles, Michigan on Saturday, October 14, 2017, 2:30pm at the Chapin Mansion, 508 E. Main Street, Niles.

**Council Member McAfee** said she received several calls regarding Provision Power and Gas selling discounted natural gas door to door. She instructed them to call Semco Gas Company or the BBB.

**Council Member VandenHeede** moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Council Member Durm from the September 25, 2017 council meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Shelton asked for a moment of silence for the people who died or were injured in the Las Vegas shooting.

He also thanked the Apple Festival Committee for an awesome festival. It was well attended.

**PROCLAMATION:** A proclamation was read for Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day – October 13, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:17 pm.

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Linda Casperson  
Niles City Clerk

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Date