

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, January 8, 2018**

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., January 8, 2018. 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, and Mayor Nick Shelton.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Casperson, Huff

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Jan Personett, requested that parking lots remain when development comes into the downtown area.

Lisa Croteau reminded everyone that Hunter Ice Festival starts January 19.

Mike Heskett, HDS Investments, interested in medical marijuana license.

Marie Weimer asked that people occasionally check on their neighbors to make sure everything is alright after a recent accidental death.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of December 18, 2017.

2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated January 3, 2018.

Weimer moved, **Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1 and 2 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

3. Consideration of approving the Discharge of Mortgage and the Mortgage Note issued to 601 N. 14th Street for property located at 601 N. 14th Street and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the Discharge and the Clerk to file the Discharge with Berrien County.

Bertschy moved, **Weimer** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Discharge of Mortgage and the Mortgage Note issued to 601 N. 14th Street for property located at 601 N. 14th Street and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the Discharge and the Clerk to file the Discharge with Berrien County.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

4. Consideration of approving the Discharge of Mortgage and the Mortgage Note issued to David Dulemba for property located at 210 E. Main Street and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the Discharge and the Clerk to file the Discharge with Berrien County.

Weimer moved, **Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Discharge of Mortgage and the Mortgage Note issued to David Dulemba for property located at 210 E. Main Street and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the Discharge and the Clerk to file the Discharge with Berrien County.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

4A. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of a snow blower attachment from Bell Equipment Company for the MiDeal contract price of \$10,925.00 and authorize a budget amendment of \$10,925.00 for this purchase.

McAfee moved, **DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED** to authorize the purchase of a snow blower attachment from Bell Equipment Company for the MiDeal contract price of \$10,925.00 and authorize a budget amendment of \$10,925.00 for this purchase.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS: None

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Council Member Skalla thanked the street department for their fine job in keeping the streets clear of snow. He also announced the passing of John Tanke who served on the Utilities Board.

Bertschy moved, **Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Council Member Boggs from the December 18, 2017 council meeting. AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

Council Member McAfee thanked the city staff for all they do for the City. She also thanked the Park Board subcommittee for gathering the information submitted for the Park Use Plan.

Council Member Weimer asked for an update on the ice skating rink. Council Member Skalla stated that it is difficult to get good ice without control of the temperature. Perhaps this is something the Park Board could take-on with his assistance.

Council Member DiCostanzo mentioned that 2017 was a good year. There is a lot of excitement in 2018 with the economy on the up-swing and enthusiasm.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT:

Mayor Shelton announced that there are two new businesses downtown: On Base Productions and A Lovely Nest. He encouraged everyone to attend the Hunter Ice Festival. The mayor also thanked everyone who works for the City. Recently there was a water main break and staff was out in minus degree temperatures to fix the break.

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

Linda Casperson
Niles City Clerk

Date