

**CITY OF NILES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES  
MONDAY, February 12, 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., February 12, 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:** William Weimer

**STAFF:** Casperson, Landgraf

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

**Jeanette Pearson** passed out a flyer to the Niles City Council for a Black History Program, Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 1pm at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 601 Ferry Street, Niles.

**Bill Smoke** commended the street department for a job well done removing the snow from the streets and sidewalks.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of January 22, 2018.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated February 7, 2018.
3. Consideration of approving a request to schedule a public hearing on February 26, 2018 at 5:55pm to hear comments on the Proposed Substantial Amendment to the PY 2017 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan.
4. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$25,875.00 from Kalamazoo Flag Company of Kalamazoo, MI for removal of the current flag pole at City Hall and installation of a new 80' Internal Halyard Flagpole and the necessary materials and equipment.

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

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Introduction of Items for Discussion**

**Items for Council Action**

5. Consideration of adopting a Resolution to Proceed with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

**RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES (RRC)  
PROGRAM OF THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC)**

**RESOLUTION #2018-02/2046**

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

**RESOLVED BY:** City Council, City of Niles, Michigan,

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MDEC) selected the City of Niles as a community to participate in the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MDEC has developed a program for certifying Redevelopment Ready Communities and the City of Niles desires to achieve certification by implementing best practices and recommended strategies for redevelopment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niles includes within its boundaries properties that present opportunities for redevelopment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the RRC program includes evaluating strong partnerships with City boards and commissions related to development including the City Council, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, and Zoning Board of

Appeals; and,

**WHEREAS**, after review of the RRC Report of Findings, the City of Niles is willing to complete the tasks as outlined, which will involve interaction with the aforementioned City boards and Commissions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Niles will proceed under the RRC Program and will obtain certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community and receive assistance from the RRC Program in promoting sites within the Community.

**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

**RESOLUTION 2018-02/4046 DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**

**Council members and Mayor Shelton** recognized the street department for the hard work and dedication they demonstrated during the recent snow storm.

**Council Member McAfee** and **Council Member Boggs** encouraged the community to attend the Mount Calvary Baptist Church Black History program.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member McAfee moved to adjourn at 6:10 pm.

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Linda Casperson  
Niles City Clerk

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Date