

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 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., March 12, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Thomas Gargis, age 6.

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, Landgraf

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Larry Kilcoyne invited the community to attend a concert at the Niles High School Auditorium on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 7:00pm featuring the Spaniels, "A Spring Fling Doo-Wop Thing!"

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of the City Audit

Mr. William (Bill) Tucker

Principal, Stevens, Kirinovic and Tucker P.C.

The audit's most significant changes in accounting principles are to include GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Others Than Pension Plans; as well as GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pension. The statements require governments providing other postemployment benefits (OPEB) to recognize their unfunded OPEB obligations as a liability for the first time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of February 26, 2018.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated March 7, 2018.
3. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing for Monday, March 26, 2018 at 5:55 pm to hear comments on the proposed 2nd Substantial Amendment to the PY 2017 CDBG Action Plan.
4. Consideration of approving a Sunday Morning Market from 11 am to 3pm from June to September, 2018 and on Thursdays from May to September, 2018 we request permission to set up vendors in Riverfront Park around the amphitheater during Thursday concerts. In addition, the request asks for "with permission for special dates to be added if special events happen in the market alley area" and asks permission for possible amplification of music, and kids activities.
5. Consideration of approving a request from the Community Development Department to hold a Renaissance Faire in Riverfront Park on May 19th – May 20th, 2018, allow vendors in the park for the faire, overnight camping in Riverfront Park, children's activities, the expansion of the Faire into Plym Park if more room is needed and consideration of approving other requests as listed.
6. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$2,897.50 from Alsup Painting, Inc. of St. Joseph, MI to paint some walls & ceilings at the Chapin Mansion.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Item 1-6 as presented.

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

7. Consideration of approving the Discharge of a Mortgage and the Mortgage Note associated with 1340 Oak Street and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the necessary paperwork.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Discharge of a Mortgage and the Mortgage Note associated with 1340 Oak Street and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the necessary paperwork.

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

8. Consideration of authorizing Investment Policy Statements for the General Fund, Cemetery Fund and the Agency Fund (delinquent tax revolving fund trust) and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the required documents.

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve authorizing Investment Policy Statements for the General Fund, Cemetery Fund and the Agency Fund (delinquent tax revolving fund trust) and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the required documents.

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

9. Consideration of approving the proposed Substantial Amendment to the PY 2017 CDBG Action Plan.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Boggs** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the proposed Substantial Amendment to the PY 2017 CDBG Action Plan.

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:

9A. Consideration of approving the appointment of Michael McCauslin to the Board of Public Utilities to complete the unexpired term of John Tanke, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2019. Council Member Bertschy moved, Council Member Boggs supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the appointment of Michael McCauslin to the Board of Public Utilities to complete the unexpired term of John Tanke, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2019.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member McAfee encouraged people to attend the Spring Fling Doo-Wop concert at the Niles High School.

Council Member VandenHeede was pleased that Thursday concerts in the park are coming back. He also mention that Team Rubicon first responders disaster relief are helping with area flood victims. Call 211 if help is needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Shelton reported that Governor Synder has signed a State of Emergency today. He thanked volunteers, Sanya Vitale, Ric Huff and city crews for their help. Kids from the Niles District Library signed a banner thanking everyone for their help during the flood.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:37pm.

Linda Casperson
Niles City Clerk

Date