

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, July 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Durm in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., June 25, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Durm.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Durm opened that meeting suggested that Item 8 be tabled indefinitely and that an item be added to the agenda: 9A. Ruff and Tumble Dog Park agreement. The five municipalities that own the landfill will be meeting to discuss the future of the landfill therefore, the item should be tabled indefinitely; also, because Council Member VandenHeede and Mayor Shelton are absent from the meeting.

Council member Durm moved, **Council Member DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to table Item 8 indefinitely and that the Ruff and Tumble Dog Park agreement be added to the agenda.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Daniel VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Three citizens spoke in opposition of the residential refuse collection. One citizens spoke in favor of the residential refuse collection.

Katrina Andrews asked the city council to consider not allowing children under 8 years of age in the Ruff and Tumble Dog Park agreement.

Lewis Boyden of Relevant Church requested that the City Council consider their request to hold Water Wars at Southside Park on July 21 from 10am to 3pm.

Larry Wilson mentioned that he has students that would be interested in reconstructing the bridge to Island Park. They would be under his supervision and they would like to contribute to the community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of June 25, 2018.
2. Approval of the Bills.
3. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing for 5:50 pm on July 23, 2018 to receive public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Niles City Budget.
4. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing for 5:55 pm on July 23, 2018 to receive public comment on the proposed PY18 CDBG Annual Action Plan.
5. Consideration of approving the purchase of a block of texting services from Made Simple Ventures, LLC of Miami Beach, FL at a cost of \$3,375.00 with 1.5 cents per text overages.
6. Consideration of authorizing the city administrator to register the City with the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA).

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Daniel VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action

7. Consideration of accepting the bid from Michiana Recycling and Disposal of Niles for providing refuse collection and disposal services at various locations in the City and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contracts.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Weimer** supported, **MOTION CARRIED** to accept the bid from Michiana Recycling and Disposal of Niles for providing refuse collection and disposal services at various locations in the City and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contracts.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Daniel VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None

TABLED

~~8. Consideration of accepting the bid from Reliable Disposal Hauling of Kalamazoo dba: Republic Services to provide refuse collection and disposal services at various residential properties and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contracts.~~

9. Consideration of accepting the bid of \$56,000.00 from Great Lakes Systems of Jenison, MI for the reroofing of the Niles District Library Roof #3 as part of the 5-year Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member Weimer** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept the bid of \$56,000.00 from Great Lakes Systems of Jenison, MI for the reroofing of the Niles District Library Roof #3 as part of the 5-year Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Daniel VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None

9A. Consideration of approving the agreement between the City of Niles and Ruff and Tumble, Inc. to establish a dog park.

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the agreement between the City of Niles and Ruff and Tumble, Inc. to establish a dog park.

In the dog park rules: Strike out: ~~8. Children under 10 years old are prohibited inside the enclosure, unless accompanied by an adult.~~ Replace with: 8. Children under 8 years old are prohibited inside the enclosure.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Daniel VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None

9B. Consideration of approving the request from Relevant Church, 201 E. Main Street to hold a "Water War" event in Southside Park. Estimated cost is \$1,176 to place a temporary electric panel and plumbing.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Durm** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the request from Relevant Church to hold a "Water War" event in Southside Park with water and electric provided.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Boggs announced that 1st Ward is looking for volunteers for a neighborhood clean-up on July 14.

Council Member Bertschy thanked everyone involved in the 4th of July fireworks display. She also mentioned that the residential refuse collection was optional, not forced.

Council Member Durm stated that the city is in the minority by not having one trash hauler.

Council Member McAfee requested that event sponsors get their paperwork in to the clerk in ample time.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Durm** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to hold a public forum to solicit input and to communicate clearly what the council's intentions are before they vote on residential refuse collection and to give the opportunity to constituents to voice their opinion.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Daniel VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None

Council Member Skalla: “I would like to take this opportunity to applaud Larry Wilson. When I talked to him and explained the problems we had with a really loved park in Niles – the bridge etc.—he said it was just the kind of civic project that they look to get involved with and we could get some help with that bridge. Thank you.”

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 7:01pm.

Linda Casperson
Niles City Clerk

Date