

**THE CITY COUNCIL  
NILES, MICHIGAN  
PUBLIC HEARING  
PY2018 CDBG Annual Action Plan  
Monday, July 23, 2018, 5:55p.m.**

At 5:55 pm, Mayor Shelton asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the council on the proposed PY2018 CDBG Annual Action Plan. Hearing no response, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:57pm.

**CITY OF NILES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES  
MONDAY, July 23, 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., July 23, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Shelton.

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

**Charles Fouche** commented on the dog park asking that owners should show proof of dog vaccinations. City Administrator Huff explained that the dog park is self-policing and would be driven by complaints.

**Lisa Croteau** wanted to correct Item #5 on the council agenda. The Bridge Bash race is August 10 from 7-10pm. With no band.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of the Minutes of July 9, 2018.
2. Approval of the Bills.
3. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing for 5:55 pm on August 13, 2018 to receive public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Niles City Budget.
4. Consideration of authorizing a ballot to be cast for incumbents Christine Burns, Todd Campbell and Lee Kilbourn as members for the MML Workers' Compensation Fund.
5. Consideration of approving a request from Niles DDA Main Street to conduct the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lighted Bridge Bash Dash on **Friday, August 10 from 7pm to 10pm.** ~~in conjunction with the~~ Dragon Boat Races on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, August 4, 2018 to begin about dusk and end by 11:00 pm on the Riverfront Park Trail and consideration of providing police assistance, use of the amphitheater and waiving all fees and costs.
6. Consideration of approving a request to purchase Getac rugged computers from SHI International Corporation of Somerset, New Jersey at a cost of \$6,089.82 with all costs previously budgeted for by the Utilities Department.
7. Consideration of approving the emergency purchase of one (1) Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for Parker Well from J.P. Motors and Drives of Portage, MI at a cost of \$5,151.00.

**Weimer** moved, **Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAY:** None **ABSENT:** Robert Durm **ABSTAIN:** None

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**  
**Introduction of Items for Discussion**  
**Items for Council Action**

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

**COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT:**

**Council Member Bertschy** moved, Weimer supported **MOTION CARRIED** to excuse Council Member VandenHeede from the June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Council Member Bertschy also stated that Third Thursday had five artist featured downtown with a good turnout.

**Council Member VandenHeede** complimented on the new pavement along Sycamore and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Dog Park Grand Opening will be at Riverfront Park South on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm.

**Council Member McAfee** moved, Weimer supported, **MOTION CARRIED** to excuse Mayor Shelton from the July 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Council Member McAfee also reported that the Heritage Group gathering at Plym Park was out of sight. She also attended the Burn Run motorcycle ride fundraiser. The roar of the motorcycles

**Council Member Skalla** “As many of you may recall a motorcycle group called Rolling Thunder of Granger made several visits in an attempt to persuade us to name a street after Robert Rosso who died in the Vietnam War. I thought we did a good job of explaining that we do not have enough streets in this small town to name one for each one of our citizens who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It was decided however, that something more appropriate should be done to recognize our local heroes. At our next meeting, Andrew Wozniac will be presenting his Eagle Scout project which will be constructing a white cross with the names of each of our citizen heroes on the individual crosses. At this time I am anticipating missing our next meeting but I hope you all give him a warm welcome as he hopes to have the majority done for Veteran’s Day.” He asked Leader Publication to ask readers to contact Friends of Silverbrook Cemetery with the names of Civil War veterans or their relatives.

**Council Member Boggs** Ward 1 will be conducting a neighborhood clean-up this Friday from 1-4. Saturday from 7:30am-11:30am for yard waste.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Third Thursday was very successful with the largest turnout seen. Lots of people having fun. Burn Run on Sunday was also great. It was great to the Fire Department raise the flag from the ladder trucks. He also commented that staff did a great job on the putting together the budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:15pm.

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Linda Casperson  
Niles City Clerk

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