

**CITY OF NILES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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., September 10, 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 and Landgraf

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Christine Konkey, Art and Craft organizer for the Apple Festival asked about the 60 day application process and if there is a waiver of vender fees. City Administrator Huff explained that the 60 day application process is for the Apple Festival event and not for individual vendors. Vendors will be required to come into City Hall the previous Friday by 11:30am; he went on to say that it would be advantages for the Apple Festival to collect the fee because there is a cap of \$1500.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of the Minutes of August 27, 2018.
2. Approval of the Bills.
3. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of office furnishings from DBI for use at City Hall.
4. Consideration of approving the request from the Niles-Buchanan YMCA to conduct the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Run and Walk and waive the fees.

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

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Introduction of Items for Discussion**

**Items for Council Action**

5. Consideration of affirming Joe Ray and Leanne Hoese as the delegate representatives and Kevin Kosten as the alternate delegate to the MERS Annual Conference.

**Skalla** moved, **Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to affirm Joe Ray and Leanne Hoese as the delegate representatives and Kevin Kosten as the alternate delegate to the MERS Annual Conference.

**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

6. Consideration of approving the CDBG Demolition Contract to Pelley Excavating of Niles in the amount of \$67,234.00.

**Weimer** moved, **McAfee** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the CDBG Demolition Contract to Pelley Excavating of Niles in the amount of \$67,234.00.

**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

**6A.** Consideration of approving the request from the Apple Festival committee to conduct the annual festival and to waive the fees association with the festival.

There was a discussion on the amount left in the budget. DiCostanzo stated that the Apple Festival has the capability of paying the \$4,530 costs. It was determined that there was \$10,300 left in the account. The vendor fees don't go into effect until January 1, 2019.

**Weimer** moved, **DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve annual Apple Festival and to waive the fees association with the festival.

**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

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No Report.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:**

**Council Member DiCostanzo** the Planning Commission is kicking off the Master Plan sessions September 11, 2018 at the Council Chambers at 5:30pm. He encouraged everyone in the community to participate.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Shelton announced the big election on November 6, 2018. He also encouraged everyone to remember the men and women loss on September 11.

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

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Linda Casperson  
Niles City Clerk

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Date