

CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, October 8, 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., October 8, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Shelton.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Carol Adler announced that Herbie Health Clinic, 302 Cedar Street (located in the Westley United Methodist Church) will be hosting an Open House on October 26 at 7pm.

Laura Johnson announced that the Niles New Tech School will be hosting a public debate for State Representative and State Senate on October 26, 2018 at 5pm at the Niles Community Library.

Shelly Raymond told of an incident that involved a fence dispute. Although property line irons were located, it was suggested that she hire a surveyor.

Cody Ortiz-Leonard and Victoria Velez announced that Wonderland Cinema will be hosting a trick or treat event on Sunday, October 28, 2018 form 1pm to 3pm outside the theater on Ferry Street.

Marie Weimer requested a moment of silence for Jan Personette.

Mayor Shelton led a moment of silence then presented Jan Personette's daughter with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Niles for her dedication to the community. It led to a standing ovation.

CONSENT AGENDA:
REMOVED

1. ~~Approval of the Minutes of September 24, 2018.~~
2. Approval of the Bills dated October 3, 2018.
3. Consideration of approving a request from the Downtown Development Authority to hold the 19th Annual Downtown Safe Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 4pm to 5pm and consideration of approving additional traffic control assistance from the police department.
4. Consideration of approving a request from the Niles Noon Optimist Club to conduct the Annual Great Pumpkin Race on Saturday, October 27th from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm and consideration of approving the temporary closure of a portion of Canal & Dey Streets to ensure the safety of participants.
5. Consideration of approving a request from the Wonderland Cinema of Niles to hold a Wonderland Trick or Treat event on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 9am to 4pm at their location and consideration of approving the temporary closure of a portion of Ferry Street for the event.
6. Consideration of approving the deaccession of the Bird Specimen Collection at the Niles History Center and consideration of transferring that collection to the Fernwood Botanical Gardens & Nature Preserve.

Weimer moved, **Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the consent agenda Items 2-6 as presented with the removal of Item 1.

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appoint Jena Gustavsen to the Niles Public Art Commission for the replacement of April Gargis' term ending December 31, 2019. AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

Council Member Skalla that the Friends of Silverbrook Cemetery and Niles History Center are hosting a cemetery tour on October 20, 2018 at 10am.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shelton thanked the Cody Ortiz-Leonard and Victoria Velez for their announcement of the Wonderland Trick or Treat event. He also reminded everyone that November 6, 2018 is Election Day and the last day to register is October 9.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:29pm.

Linda Casperson
Niles City Clerk

Date