

**City of Niles
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:40p.m.**

The meeting was called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order by Mayor Shelton in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, at 7:40p.m.

PRESENT: **Niles City Council:** Gretchen Bertschy Georgia Boggs John DiCostanzo, Charlie McAfee, Jessica Nelson, Mayor Nick Shelton, Travis Timm, Daniel VandenHeede and William Weimer

ABSENT: None

Staff Present: Administrator Richard Huff and Clerk Linda Casperson,

Introduction of Items for Discussion:

Presentation: DDA Niles Main Street Bridge Fund

The intent of the Niles Main Street Bridge Fund is to give recipients of the match grant funds faster access to capital to get their business going. Currently through MEDC, it can take up to six months to release funds to grant recipient. The funds are administered by the Niles Main Street Director and funded by the City of Niles Revolving Loan account with reimbursement to the revolving loan fund through MEDC. Fund may only be used as prescribed in the approved grant.

Vendors and Merchants

Materials Provided:

1. Rummage Sales Ordinance
2. Transient Merchants Ordinance
3. Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance
4. Mobile Food Vendors Ordinance
5. Parks and Recreation Ordinance
6. Riverfront Park Amphitheater Ordinance
7. Schedule of Fees, revised January 21, 2019

There was a lengthy discussion on the fees associated with each ordinance and the processing of applications. It was suggested that the fee is a one-time fee for the year. This will provide the clerk a list of vendors and their contact information. There was discussion regarding a \$20 Business to Operate License that would cover a vendor fee for one year. Events sponsors are responsible for collecting \$20 from each vendor with a cap of \$1,500. Someone who wants to set-up at a private location will need to get their individual Business to Operate License for \$20. Food Vendors are also included.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 9:05pm.

Linda Casperson
Niles City Clerk

Date