

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
1345 E. Main Street City of Niles, Michigan**

Monday, February 19, 2024

PRESENT: Council Members: Georgia Boggs, Gretchen Bertschy (6:02 p.m.), Amanda Dunnem, Timothy Rogers, William Weimer, John DiCostanzo, Michael Thompson, and Mayor Nick Shelton

ABSENT: Charlie McAfee

STAFF: Huff, Bergman, Landgraf,

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Niles City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Shelton at 6:00 p.m. February 19, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nick Shelton.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Rogers moved, **Councilmember Thompson** seconded to approve the agenda as submitted.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Dunnem, Rogers, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Boggs

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Bertschy, McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC HEARING:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of February 05, 2024.
2. Consideration of approving the minutes of February 12, 2024.
3. Consideration of approving the joint City Council-Planning Commission minutes of February 12, 2024.

Councilmember DiCostanzo moved, **Councilmember Rogers** seconded to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Rogers, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Boggs, Dunnem

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Bertschy, McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

4. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$6,583.00 from Gemini Group of Natick, Massachusetts for printing and mailing of the annual Consumer Confidence Report.

Councilmember DiCostanzo moved, **Councilmember Dunnem** seconded to accept the quote of \$6,583.00 from Gemini Group of Natick, Massachusetts for printing and mailing of the annual Consumer Confidence Report.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem, Rogers

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Consideration of approving the renewal of a 12-month rental agreement with MacAllister Machinery Company, Inc of Novi, Michigan for a CAT hydro excavation unit at a cost of \$164,400 and authorize the Utilities Manager to sign the agreement.

Councilmember DiCostanzo moved, **Councilmember Rogers** seconded to approve the renewal of a 12-month rental agreement with MacAllister Machinery Company, Inc of Novi, Michigan for a CAT hydro excavation unit at a cost of \$164,400 and authorize the Utilities Manager to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL: YEA: DiCostanzo, Thompson, Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem, Rogers, Weimer

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Consideration of approving an engineering services agreement with Power Systems Engineering of Madison, Wisconsin for construction engineering services related to the AMI project at a cost of up to \$96,000 plus travel expenses and authorize the Utilities Manager to sign the purchase order.

Councilmember Bertschy moved, **Councilmember Boggs** seconded to approve an engineering services agreement with Power Systems Engineering of Madison, Wisconsin for construction engineering services related to the AMI project at a cost of up to \$96,000 plus travel expenses and authorize the Utilities Manager to sign the purchase order.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Thompson, Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem, Rogers, Weimer, DiCostanzo

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

7. Consideration of approving a Utility Department Water Division Financial Projection and Rate Track by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC of Leland, Michigan at a cost of \$4,900.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Councilmember Rogers moved, **Councilmember Dunnem** seconded to approve a Utility Department Water Division Financial Projection and Rate Track by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC of Leland, Michigan at a cost of \$4,900.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem, Rogers, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Consideration of approving a Utility Department Wastewater Division Financial Projection and Rate Track by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC of Leland, Michigan at a cost of \$9,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Councilmember DiCostanzo moved, **Councilmember Bertschy** seconded a Utility Department Wastewater Division Financial Projection and Rate Track by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC of Leland, Michigan at a cost of \$9,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Bertschy, Dunnem, Rogers, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Boggs

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

9. Consideration of approving a Utility Department Water Division Cost of Service Study and Rate Track for Bertrand Charter Township customers by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC of Leland, Michigan at a cost of \$15,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Councilmember Dunnem moved, **Councilmember Bertschy** seconded to approve a Utility Department Water Division Cost of Service Study and Rate Track for Bertrand Charter Township customers by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC of Leland, Michigan at a cost of \$15,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Dunnem, Rogers, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Boggs, Bertschy

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

10. Consideration of approving a Utility Department Wastewater Division Cost of Service Study and Rate Track for Bertrand Charter Township customers by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC of Leland, Michigan at a cost of \$15,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Councilmember Thompson moved, **Councilmember Bertschy** seconded to approve a Utility Department Wastewater Division Cost of Service Study and Rate Track for Bertrand Charter Township customers by Utility Financial Solutions, LLC of Leland, Michigan at a cost of \$15,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Rogers, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

11. Consideration of approving a Funds Disbursement Agreement with the Edward and Irma Hunter Foundation for the 3rd Street home improvement project and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Councilmember Dunnem moved, **Councilmember Bertschy** seconded to approve a Funds Disbursement Agreement with the Edward and Irma Hunter Foundation for the 3rd Street home improvement project and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Boggs, Bertschy, Dunnem, Rogers

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT:

Councilmember Rogers moved, **Councilmember DiCostanzo** supported to excuse Councilmember Boggs from the February 12, 2024 meeting.

AYES: 7 **NAYS:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Councilmember Rogers moved, **Councilmember DiCostanzo** supported to excuse Councilmember Dunnem from the February 12, 2024 meeting.

AYES: 7 **NAYS:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Councilmember Thompson reported truckers are working on a shipping boycott to Marxist led cities. Thompson encouraged others to vote on the school millage proposal.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.



Tina Bergman
Niles City Clerk



Date