

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

Monday, January 23, 2023

PRESENT: Council Members: Georgia Boggs, Gretchen Bertschy, Amanda Dunnem, Timothy Rogers, William Weimer, Michael Thompson, and Mayor Nick Shelton

ABSENT: Charlie McAfee, John DiCostanzo

STAFF: Huff, Landgraf, Bergman, Nyenhuis, Miller, J. Millin, R. Millin, Ray

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Niles City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Shelton at 6:00 p.m. January 23, 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nick Shelton.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Rogers moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Jeff Whitaker of 1334 Cass St. shared on behalf of the neighbors in the area of 15th & Broadway how helpful the Police Chief and the Police Department have been in regards to the neighborhood church.

Lisa Croteau of the Niles DDA reported that it was a phenomenal weekend for the Hunter Ice Festival and most businesses had record days.

PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of January 9, 2023.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated January 17, 2023.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Boggs** seconded to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

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

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action

3. Consideration of approving the 2023 Major and Local Street Resurfacing Program Contract with Reith-Riley Construction of Benton Harbor, Michigan in the amount of \$462,316.65 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Boggs** seconded to approve the 2023 Major and Local Street Resurfacing Program Contract with Reith-Riley Construction of Benton Harbor, Michigan in the amount of \$462,316.65 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McAfee, DiCostanzo

MOTION CARRIED

4. Consideration of approving the Niles Dial A Ride Transportation Accessibility Plan, authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents, and authorize staff to submit the plan to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Rogers** seconded to approve the Niles Dial A Ride Transportation Accessibility Plan, authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents, and authorize staff to submit the plan to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McAfee, DiCostanzo

MOTION CARRIED

5. Consideration of approving a Broadway Substation system impact study by Commonwealth Associates, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan in the amount of \$25,000 to complete an electrical engineering plan for the removal of this substation and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Council Member Rogers moved, **Council Member Bertschy** seconded to approve a Broadway Substation system impact study by Commonwealth Associates, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan in the amount of \$25,000 to complete an electrical engineering plan for the removal of this substation and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McAfee, DiCostanzo

MOTION CARRIED

6. Consideration of approving the quote of \$10,239.60 for the first year of computer network security support, approve up to \$15,000 for annual renewals, and authorize the Information Systems Manager to sign the necessary documents.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded to approve the quote of \$10,239.60 for the first year of computer network security support, approve up to \$15,000 for annual renewals, and authorize the Information Systems Manager to sign the necessary documents.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McAfee, DiCostanzo

MOTION CARRIED

7. Consideration of approving the quote of \$143,075.54 from SHI of Somerset, New Jersey for the purchase of Fortinet network switches, firewalls, and related hardware and authorize the Information Systems Manager to sign the necessary documents.

Council Member Rogers moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded to approve the quote of \$143,075.54 from SHI of Somerset, New Jersey for the purchase of Fortinet network switches, firewalls, and related hardware and authorize the Information Systems Manager to sign the necessary documents.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McAfee, DiCostanzo

MOTION CARRIED

8. Consideration of approving the PY22 CDBG Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment and authorize the Community Development Block Grant Coordinator to submit the document to HUD.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Rogers** seconded to approve the PY22 CDBG Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment and authorize the Community Development Block Grant Coordinator to submit the document to HUD.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: McAfee, DiCostanzo

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

9. Consideration of approving a second reading and approval of an ordinance to amend Ordinance 492.

Council Member Rogers moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded to approve a second reading and approval of an ordinance to amend Ordinance 492.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee, DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED – ORDINANCE 507 ENACTED**

10. Consideration of approving a second reading and approval of an ordinance to amend Ordinance 491.

Council Member Rogers moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded to approve a second reading and approval of an ordinance to amend Ordinance 491.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** McAfee, DiCostanzo **MOTION CARRIED – ORDINANCE 508 ENACTED**

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Boggs expressed to Lisa Croteau what a great job was done on the Hunter Ice Festival. She thanks Pastor Whitaker for attending the meeting.

Council Member Bertschy acknowledged Dan Vandenhede's presence and a new member of the Planning Commission.

Council Member Dunnem acknowledged Lisa Croteau and the great job on the Hunter Ice Festival. She added that it was great to see so many people downtown.

Council Member Dunnem moved, **Council Member Thompson** seconded to excuse Council Member Bertschy and Council Member Boggs from the previous City Council meeting.

AYES: 6 **NAYS:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shelton thanked Lisa on the Festival and noted that almost all of the ice cream was sold.

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.



Tina Bergman
Niles City Clerk



Date