

CITY OF NILES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 22, 2023

**The meeting will be held in person at 1345 E. Main Street,
Niles, Michigan and streamed
via Zoom
6:00pm**

Any interested person or group may address the City Council on any agenda item when recognized by the presiding officer or upon request of any Council Member. Also, any interested person or group may address the City Council on any matter of City concern not on the Agenda during the agenda item designated Public Comment. The comment of any member of the public or any special interest group may be limited in time.

For individuals who may wish to attend the City Council meeting it will be held at 1345 E. Main Street in the City of Niles, Michigan. You may also view the meeting from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, Android device, or by telephone. Public comment will only be accepted in person.

ZOOM WEBINAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACCESS

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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MEETING PARTICIPATION

At any regular or duly called special meeting of the Niles City Council, other than those meetings not subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, a person desiring to speak on any item(s) on the agenda may do so subject to the following rules:

- Prior to addressing the Council, the person must provide, for the record, his/her name, permanent address.
- The person must be recognized by the Mayor or other presiding officer at the point on the agenda entitled "Citizen Participation."

- The person will be allowed three (3) minutes to present remarks, unless the time restriction is waived by the chair.
- A person wishing to address an agenda item may reserve time to address that item immediately prior to the time that the item is discussed by the Council.
- A person may be expelled from the meeting for a breach of the peace committed at the meeting, and if during his/her presentation to the Council becomes loud or unruly, the chair may rule the person out of order and forfeit the person's opportunity to speak further.

Resolution 92-11/1003 November 23, 1992

If you would like to contact the City Council about any matter, on the agenda or otherwise, please do so via the email addresses below by 4:00 pm prior to the meeting:

- Mayor Nick Shelton: mayor@nilesmi.org
- Mayor Pro Tem & 1st Ward Councilmember Gretchen Bertschy: gbertschy@nilesmi.net
- 1st Ward Councilmember Georgia Boggs: gboggs@nilesmi.net
- 2nd Ward Councilmember Amanda Dunnem: adunnem@nilesmi.net
- 2nd Ward Councilmember Tim Rogers: trogers@nilesmi.net
- 3rd Ward Councilmember William Weimer: wweimer@nilesmi.net
- 3rd Ward Councilmember Charlie McAfee: cmcafee@nilesmi.net
- 4th Ward Councilmember John DiCostanzo: jdicostanzo@nilesmi.net
- 4th Ward Councilmember Michael Thompson: mthompson@nilesmi.net
- City Administrator Richard Huff: cityadministrator@nilesmi.org
- City Clerk Tina Bergman: cityclerk@nilesmi.org

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6:00 P.M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: (If attending remotely announce your location; i.e., state and city.)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

PRESENTATIONS:

Miss Niles, Audrey Dixon

PUBLIC HEARING:

To hear public comment on the proposed additions to the CDBG Area Map.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of May 8, 2023.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated May 16, 2023.
3. Consideration of approving the revised request for the Niles Burn Run Festival correcting the dates previously approved pertaining to the sale of alcohol.
4. Consideration of approving the request of the Niles DDA Main Street to hold the Homegrown Market Day(s) in the Second Street lower level parking lot, with no expense to the City.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action

5. Consideration of authorizing a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Niles Music and More in support of the summer concerts and Movies in the Park, with the expense being charged to Council Community Promotions.
6. Consideration of approving the MERS Health Care Savings Programs Participation Agreement for non-union salaried employees and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement.
7. Consideration of approving renewal of the MML membership, including legal defense fund dues, for a total cost of \$7,176.00 to cover the period of July 7, 2023 thru June 30, 2024, as allowed for in the FY 2023 budget.
8. Consideration of accepting the quote from Integrity Solutions Field Services of Alma, Michigan in the amount of \$9,500.00 for the external corrosion inspection of gas lines at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to be charged to Buildings & Buildings Equipment – Old account.
9. Consideration of approving the purchase of a 1500kVA transformer from Herrman & Goetz, Inc., of South Bend, Indiana for \$30,000.00, paid for from the Capital Plan – Transformers budget, and authorize the Utilities Manager to sign the purchase agreement.
10. Consideration of accepting the bid from A. Meredith Schneider of East Point, Georgia in the amount of \$58,368.58 for the purchase of 130 wooden utility poles, and charged to the Electric Division – Poles and Fixtures account.
11. Consideration of approving the request from the YMCA to support the Summer My Way program by providing \$10,000.00 from the CDBG funds and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Subrecipient Agreement.
12. Consideration of approving a provisional marijuana grower license to GenTerra, LLC located at 1312 Lake Street in Niles.
13. Consideration of confirming the appointment of Police Captain Michael Dawson as the interim Public Safety Director effective June 30, 2023.
14. Consideration of approving HealthEquity’s proposal to provide COBRA employee post-employment healthcare administration.

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

15. Consideration of approving the 2nd reading and enactment of an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 503,1,3, as presented.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT:

Councilmember Boggs
Councilmember Bertschy
Councilmember Dunnem
Councilmember Rogers

Councilmember McAfee
Councilmember Weimer
Councilmember DiCostanzo
Councilmember Thompson

MAYOR'S REPORT:

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT