

CITY OF NILES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

June 26, 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:

PUBLIC HEARING:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of June 12, 2023.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated June 20, 2023.
3. Consideration of approving the change order from Mihm Enterprises for the roof rehabilitation project at the Niles History Center with no impact to the City as private funding was secured.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

4. Consideration of approving an updated Facilities Agreement between the City of Niles, American Electric Power Service Corporation, and the Michigan Public Power Agency for the South Side Delivery Point and authorize the Utilities Manager to sign the agreement.
5. Consideration of approving a renewal of the surcharge placed on customers' electric bills in accordance with Michigan's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.
6. Consideration of approving the hiring of T&R Electric of Coloma, South Dakota to rebuild a 12 KVA transformer for \$174,627.00 with the cost to be charged to the Electric Division and authorizing the Utilities Manager to sign the proposal.
7. Consideration of approving the termination of an easement along the Dowagiac River between the City and the property owner of parcel ID 11-14-0013-0015-00-7 and authorize the City Administrator to sign the release.
8. Consideration of approving the Utilities Department Electric Division to engage Commonwealth Associates, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan for a Southside Substation Expansion Scoping Document at a cost of \$15,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal.
9. Consideration of accepting the bid of \$14,900.00 from Northern Construction Services, Corp of Niles, Michigan to purchase a used 1999 Ford F350 for use at the cemetery and to be charged to the Vehicle Capitol Equipment Outlay fund.
10. Consideration of approving the purchase of computers from Dell Marketing LP of Round Rock, Texas in the amount of \$9,159.68 to be charged to the Police Department's Computer Equipment and Supplies fund.
11. Consideration of approving the Revitalization and Placemaking Program Grant sub-recipient agreement between the City of Niles and the Niles DDA Main Street.
12. Consideration of approving a Resolution of Support for Niles DDA Main Street MEDC RAP 2.0 Grant application.

Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action

APPOINTMENTS:

13. Consideration of confirming the appointment of Ryan Millin to the Niles Buchanan Cass Area Transportation Study Committee.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

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