

CITY OF NILES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

September 11, 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:

To receive public comment on the creation of a Residential Housing District at 411 Fort Street.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of August 28, 2023.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated September 5, 2023.
3. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on September 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm to receive public comment on the proposed Commercial Facilities Exemption Application for Wolverine Investments, LLC at 411 Fort Street.
4. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on September 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm to receive public comment on the proposed tax abatement program district for 411 Fort Street.
5. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on September 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm to receive public comment on the proposed Commercial Facilities Exemption Application for Round Barn/Local Libations at 501 Grant Street.
6. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on September 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm to receive public comment on the proposed tax abatement program district for Round Barn/Local Libations, LLC at 501 Grant Street.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

7. Consideration of authorizing the Utilities Department to accept water and sewer infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Niles, within Bertrand Crossing Industrial Park, authorize the Mayor to sign the Utilities Agreement, accept easements to access water and sewer mains and authorize the Utilities Manager to sign as the owner's authorized representative on the EGLE permit applications.
8. Consideration of authorizing the Department of Public works to purchase 2023 F-250 Pickup Truck from Tony Betten Ford of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$51,021.00 for use by the Street Department and charge the purchase to Vehicle Capital Equipment Outlay Account.
9. Consideration of authorizing budget amendments to the 2023 Fiscal Year General Fund revenue of \$2,253,998, the General Fund expense of \$2,337,747, and other funds, including Utility funds expense, of \$798,098.
10. Consideration of awarding a Microbusiness Class A Facility License to BS Ironwood, LLC of 1641 E. Main Street.
11. Consideration of awarding a Microbusiness Class A Facility License to Native Michigan Remedies of 2112 Industrial Drive.
12. Consideration of accepting a grant from Michigan Gateway Community Foundation in the amount of \$27,075.00 for use by the Help for Homes Initiative program for revitalization of owner-occupied homes in the 3rd Street corridor and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

APPOINTMENTS:

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