

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

Monday, January 9, 2023

PRESENT: Council Members: Amanda Dunnem, Timothy Rogers, Charlie McAfee, William Weimer, John DiCostanzo, Michael Thompson, and Mayor Nick Shelton

ABSENT: Georgia Boggs, Gretchen Bertschy, Landgraf

STAFF: Huff, Bergman, Dunlap, Nyenhuis, Miller, 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 9, 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nick Shelton.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member McAfee moved, **Council Member DiCostanzo** seconded to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There was no public comment on the Proposed PY 2022 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of December 19, 2022.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated January 4, 2023.
3. Consideration of approving the request by Mainly Marathons to conduct their event on Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in South Riverfront Park and permitting them to setup travel trailers overnight on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member McAfee** seconded to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

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

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action

4. Consideration of approving the use of FY 2022 Section 5339 and 5307 FTA/MDOT grant funds to purchase a small bus from Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. via MiDEAL in an amount not to exceed an estimated cost of \$145,216.00 which includes a 2% contingency.

Council Member Rogers moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded to approve the use of FY 2022 Section 5339 and 5307 FTA/MDOT grant funds to purchase a small bus from Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. via MiDEAL in an amount not to exceed an estimated cost of \$145,216.00 which includes a 2% contingency.

ROLL CALL: YEA: DiCostanzo, Thompson, Dunnem, Rogers, McAfee, Weimer
NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, Bertschy **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Consideration of approving Ed VanderVries, V&V Assessing LLC, as the City's interim assessor.
Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded to approve Ed VanderVries, V&V Assessing LLC, as the City's interim assessor.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Thompson, Dunnem, Rogers, McAfee, Weimer, DiCostanzo
NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, Bertschy **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Consideration of appointing Ryan Millin as the Zoning Administrator and Richard Huff as the Deputy Zoning Administrator.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded to approve Ryan Millin as the Zoning Administrator and Richard Huff as the Deputy Zoning Administrator.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Dunnem, Rogers, McAfee, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson
NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, Bertschy **MOTION CARRIED**

7. Consideration of approving the updated Planning Commission Bylaws as presented.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member McAfee** seconded to approve the updated Planning Commission Bylaws as presented.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Rogers, McAfee, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Dunnem
NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, Bertschy **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Consideration of approving the updated Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws as presented.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member McAfee** seconded to approve the updated Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws as presented.

ROLL CALL: YEA: McAfee, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Dunnem, Rogers
NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, Bertschy **MOTION CARRIED**

8a. Consideration of approving the 2023 Council meeting dates.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded to approve the 2023 Council meeting dates.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Weimer, DiCostanzo, Thompson, Dunnem, Rogers, McAfee
NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, Bertschy **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINTMENTS:

9. Consideration of confirming the reappointment of Richard Huff and Jeff Dunlap to a three-year term on the Brownfield Redevelopment Board.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Rogers** seconded to confirm the reappointment of Richard Huff and Jeff Dunlap to a three-year term on the Brownfield Redevelopment Board.

AYES: 6 **NAYS:** None **MOTION CARRIED**

10. Consideration of confirming the reappointment of Tracey Waggoner to a four-year term on the Main Street Downtown Development Authority.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member Dunnem** seconded to confirm the reappointment of Tracey Waggoner to a four-year term on the Main Street Development Authority.
AYES: 6 NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED

11. Consideration of confirming the reappointment of Andrew Roberts and Michael McCauslin to a three-year term on the Board of Public Utilities.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member McAfee** seconded to confirm the reappointment of Andrew Roberts and Michael McCauslin to a three-year term on the Board of Public Utilities.

AYES: 6 NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED

12. Consideration of confirming the appointment of Dan Vandenheede to a three-year term on the Planning Commission.

Council Member DiCostanzo moved, **Council Member McAfee** seconded to confirm the appointment of Dan Vandenheede to a three-year term on the Planning Commission.

AYES: 6 NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

13. Consideration of approving a first reading of an ordinance to amend Ordinance 492.

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COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

DiCostanzo thanked everyone who volunteers to be members of the boards and committees.

Thompson suggested that with banks going bankrupt, it is wise to keep more than a month's expenses in either gold, silver or cash.

Rogers stated that he was looking forward to the Ice Festival this coming weekend.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shelton added that there's volunteer opportunities at the Ice Festival that can be found on his Facebook page. There will be 6 carvers returning and over \$48,000 in sponsorships. He thanked the DDA and Lisa for all the hard work.

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

Tina Bergman
Niles City Clerk

Date