

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

Monday, July 24, 2023

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

ABSENT: Amanda Dunnem, Charlie McAfee

STAFF: Huff, Landgraf, Bergman, Dawson, Stump, Ray, Naugle, Elkin, Millin, Miller, Arseneau, Dunlap, and Wise

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular Niles City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Shelton at 6:00 p.m. July 24, 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nick Shelton.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Thompson moved, **Councilmember DiCostanzo** seconded to approve the agenda as submitted with moving item 4 to 11a and changing the date on item 5 from August 7th to August 14th.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of July 10, 2023.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated July 18, 2023.
3. Consideration of approving the requests as submitted by the Apple Festival Committee for the 2023 Festival to be held from September 22 through October 1, 2023.
4. ~~Consideration of approving the requests, as submitted subject to staff recommendations, by the Riverfront Optimist Club to conduct Riverfest 2023 from August 3 through August 6, 2023.~~
Moved to 11a.
5. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on ~~August 7, 2023~~ August 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm to receive public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 City of Niles Budget.

Councilmember Bertschy moved, **Councilmember Rogers** seconded to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

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

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

6. Consideration of accepting the bid from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Dutton, Michigan in the amount of \$15,819.00 for the purchase and installation of a new 10' Dump Body for the 2004 International dump truck, with costs charged to the Department of Public Works/Street Division.

Councilmember DiCostanzo moved, **Councilmember Boggs** seconded to accept the bid from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Dutton, Michigan in the amount of \$15,819.00 for the purchase and installation of a new 10' Dump Body for the 2004 International dump truck, with costs charged to the Department of Public Works/Street Division.

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

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

7. Consideration of accepting the bid from Ferguson Equipment, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana in the amount of \$11,235.00 for purchase and installation of a used 10' Dump Body for the 2002 International dump truck, with costs charged to the Department of Public Works/Street Division.

Councilmember DiCostanzo moved, **Councilmember Bertschy** seconded to accept the bid from Ferguson Equipment, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana in the amount of \$11,235.00 for purchase and installation of a used 10' Dump Body for the 2002 International dump truck, with costs charged to the Department of Public Works/Street Division.

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

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

8. Consideration of approving current and future renewals of ArcGIS software licenses, and support, in the amount of \$3,410.00 annually from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. of Redlands, California, with costs being charged to the Utilities Department, Electric, Water and Wastewater Divisions.

Councilmember DiCostanzo moved, **Councilmember Rogers** seconded to approve current and future renewals of ArcGIS software licenses, and support, in the amount of \$3,410.00 annually from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. of Redlands, California, with costs being charged to the Utilities Department, Electric, Water and Wastewater Divisions.

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

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

9. Consideration of approving the purchase of three computers from Dell Marketing, LP of Round Rock, Texas, in the amount of \$2,923.54, with costs being charged to Utilities Department, Wastewater Division.

Councilmember Bertschy moved, **Councilmember Boggs** seconded to approve the purchase of three computers from Dell Marketing, LP of Round Rock, Texas, in the amount of \$2,923.54, with costs being charged to Utilities Department, Wastewater Division.

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

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

10. Consideration of approving the proposed resolution to change the boundaries of the Commons Area within Social District #1.

Councilmember DiCostanzo moved, **Councilmember Weimer** seconded to approve the proposed resolution to change the boundaries of the Commons Area within Social District #1.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2023-07/2187 DECLARED ADOPTED

11. Consideration of accepting the bid of \$9,929.31 from Garage Doors Plus More, of Dowagiac, Michigan for the installation of an overhead door at the Fire Department.

Councilmember Rogers moved, **Councilmember Bertschy** seconded to accept the bid of \$9,929.31 from Garage Doors Plus More, of Dowagiac, Michigan for the installation of an overhead door at the Fire Department.

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

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

11a. Consideration of approving the requests, as submitted subject to staff recommendations, by the Riverfront Optimist Club to conduct Riverfest 2023 from August 3 through August 6, 2023.

Councilmember Rogers moved, **Councilmember Thompson** seconded to approve the requests, as submitted subject to staff recommendations, by the Riverfront Optimist Club to conduct Riverfest 2023 from August 3 through August 6, 2023.

Councilmember Rogers moved, **Councilmember Thompson** seconded to approve the requests, as submitted subject to staff recommendations, by the Riverfront Optimist Club to conduct Riverfest 2023 from August 3 through August 6, 2023 with the removal of kayak rentals by Dow Wah Jack's Canoe Rental.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Weimer, DiCostanzo, Bertschy, Rogers

NAY: Thompson, Boggs **ABSENT:** Dunnem, McAfee **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT:

Councilmember Rogers moved, **Councilmember DiCostanzo** seconded to excuse Councilmember Bertschy from the July 10, 2023 meeting.

Councilmember DiCostanzo asked for continued prayers for Councilmember McAfee.

Councilmember Thompson stated that he appreciated the details included in the agenda items. He explained the current situation of federal tax receipts and budget receipts. He added that things are going to continue to get worse.

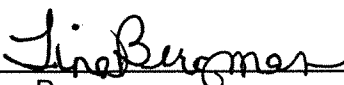
Councilmember Boggs asked for prayers for Councilmember McAfee on the loss of her daughter.

MAYORS REPORT:

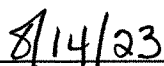
CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.



Tina Bergman
Niles City Clerk



Date