

CITY OF NILES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael McCauslin in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Michael McCauslin.

PRESENT: Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, Scott Clark Robert Durm David Mann, Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, William Weimer, Mayor Michael McCauslin

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Casperson, Dunlap, Huff, Lamb, Millin, Ray, Wise

MEDIA: Niles Daily Star

AUDIENCE: 15

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:
PRESENTATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of January 26, 2015 (Revised)
2. Approval of the Bills.
3. Consideration of approving a request from the American Legion Larue Messenger Post #26 to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade downtown on Monday, May 25, 2015 from 10:00 am to 11:15 pm.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-3 with the revised minutes.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bertschy, Boggs, Clark, Durm, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer

NAY: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

4. Consideration of adopting a resolution to approve entering into MDOT Contract #14-5587 for the implementation of the Broadway Street Resurfacing Project that will extend from Fifth Street to Tenth Street at an estimated total cost of \$137,994.00; and consideration of approving a local match of \$25,274.00 to be paid from the Major Street Fund and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contract.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

RESOLUTION #2015-02/1952

Councilmember Mann offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, supported, by **Councilmember Weimer**.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Niles does hereby authorize *the Mayor and Clerk* to sign any necessary documents for the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract Number 14-5587 for the purpose of resurfacing work along Broadway from Fifth Street east to Tenth Street; including asphalt curbs, and construction of handicapped ramps, and storm water drainage improvements; and all together with necessary related work on behalf of the City of Niles.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bertschy, Boggs, Clark, Durm, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer
NAY: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION #2015-02/1952 DECLARED ADOPTED.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS:

5. Consideration of approving the re-appointments of Dan Smotherman, Gene Gorton and Bill Messner to three-year terms on the Construction Board of Appeals, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2017.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the re-appointments of Dan Smotherman, Gene Gorton and Bill Messner to three-year terms on the Construction Board of Appeals, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2017. Voice Vote: AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

6. Consideration of approving the re-appointments of Steve Seifer, Phillip Lawson, and Charles Bair to two-year terms on the Construction Board of Appeals, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2016.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the re-appointments of Steve Seifer, Phillip Lawson, and Charles Bair to two-year terms on the Construction Board of Appeals, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2016. Voice Vote: AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

7. Consideration of approving the appointment of Jason Auvil to the Niles Utilities Board, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2019.

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member Clark** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the appointment of Jason Auvil to the Niles Utilities Board, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2019. Voice Vote: AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member VandenHeede announced that the Park Board and Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Riverfest event this year. He also asked for an update on the National Standard building demolition. Administrator Huff replied that there was a dispute with the demolition contractor. They are resolving the setback. Their desire is not to delay the process.

Council Member Skalla the ice rink has been well attended.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Citizen Derrick Lee Clark presented photographs to the Mayor.

CLOSED SESSION: Purchase of Property. Mayor McCauslin stated that the council would be going into closed session to discuss the purchase of property under attorney/client privilege. No action is expected to be taken when the council reconvenes.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to go into closed session to discuss property purchase at 6:18pm.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bertschy, Boggs, Clark, Durm, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer

NAY: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

RECONVENED at 6:54pm. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:57pm.

Linda Casperson, Niles City Clerk

Date Approved