

## CITY OF NILES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 23, 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, Lamb, Landgraf, Millin, Ray, Wise

**MEDIA:** Niles Daily Star

**AUDIENCE:** 10

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Mrs. Charlie McAfee thanked the Department of Public Works for their work at keeping the streets cleared of snow during the harsh winter months.

**PRESENTATION:** None

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 9, 2015.
2. Approval of the Bills.
3. Consideration of approving a request from the Pregnancy Care Center to hold the annual LifeWalk in the City from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 20, 2015 and consideration of approving various other requests.
4. Consideration of approving a request from the Riverfront Optimist Club to hold the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Niles Family Carnival & Bluegrass Festival beginning Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday May 31, 2015 and consideration of various other requests including street closures, waiving of fees, an outdoor Bingo and the Skerbeck Carnival Rides.
5. Consideration of approving a request from the Utilities Department to pay the annual dues to the American Public Power Association (APPA) in the amount of \$7,221.75.
6. Consideration of accepting a quote of \$9,875.00 from Solomon Corporation of Solomon, KS for the purchase of a reconditioned 750kVA Pad Mounted Transformer.
7. Consideration of accepting the quotes of \$30,600.00 from Campbell Ford of Niles for the purchase of a 2015 Ford Transit Van and the quote of \$5,207.35 from Conversion Components of Elkhart, IN for "up fitting" of the van for a total cost of \$35,807.35.
8. Consideration of approving a commitment to order 1,000 tons of bulk rock salt through the MiDEAL program, at a price per ton which is unknown at this time, and consideration of authorizing the Public Works Director to sign the commitment.
9. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$95,969.00 from Cannon Truck Equipment of Shelby Township, MI to equip a 2002 F650 Utilities Department truck with a service body and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the quote and consideration of reassigning the service truck to the Wastewater Treatment Plant in exchange for a 1995 International Dump truck at the service center.

#### CORRECTION: Item 9

Consideration of accepting the quote of \$93,969.00 from Cannon Truck Equipment of Shelby Township, MI to equip a 2002 F650

Utilities Department truck with a service body and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the quote and consideration of reassigning the service truck to the Wastewater Treatment Plant in exchange for a 1995 International Dump truck at the service center. Remove the quote of \$2,000 to paint the chassis.

**Council Member Weimer** moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-9 as submitted with the correction to item 9.

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

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

**ADDENDUMS:**

1. Consideration of purchasing Human Resources software module from Civic Systems, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$7,200.00.

**Council Member Durm** moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the purchase of Human Resource software module from Civic Systems, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$7,200.00.

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

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

2. Consideration of purchasing one Chevrolet Tahoe Special Services Vehicle from Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids, Michigan for the Fleet/Non-Retail price of \$32,753.00. The purchase money would come from drug forfeiture funds that were awarded to the City.

**Council Member Bertschy** moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the purchase of one Chevrolet Tahoe Special Services Vehicle from Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids, Michigan for the Fleet/Non-Retail price of \$32,753.00.

**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**

None

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS:**

10. Consideration of appointing Melissa Smith to the Downtown Development Authority to complete the term of former member Al Casperson, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2016.

**Council Member Durm** moved, **Council Member Clark** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the appointment of Melissa Smith to the Downtown Development Authority to complete the term of former member Al Casperson, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2016. AYES: 8 NAYS: 0.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

11. **First Reading and Introduction** of a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 90 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances to allow for future rate adjustments and terms and conditions of utility services.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Thanked Mrs. McAfee for recognizing and supporting city services.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:15pm.

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Linda Casperson, Niles City Clerk

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Date Approved