

CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, July 13, 2015, 6:00PM

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, Scott Clark, Robert Durm, David Mann, Tim Skalla, William Weimer, Mayor Michael McCauslin

ABSENT: Georgia Boggs and Daniel VandenHeede

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

MEDIA: Niles Daily Star

AUDIENCE: 20

PRESENTATION: Proposed Arts Commission
Fredda Zeiter & Jeanne Watson

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of June 22, 2015.
2. Approval of the Bills.
3. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on August 10, 2015 at 5:50 pm, to receive input from the community regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Niles City Budget.
4. Consideration of authorizing two votes to be cast for the six (6) named candidates to the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Board of Trustees.
5. Consideration of authorizing the Parks & Recreation Board to sponsor the Niles Trails & Ales event throughout Riverfront Park and use of the amphitheater beginning July 31st through August 2nd, 2015 and consideration of approving reserve officers, river rescue, delivery and pickup of barricades, additional portable toilets, electricity, water, waive all fees & costs and various other requests.
6. Consideration of approving a request from the Greater Four Flags Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct a Niles Craft Beer & Wine Festival in conjunction with the Niles Trail and Ales Festival in Riverfront Park on August 1st, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm and consideration of approving various other requests including electricity, water, waiver of all costs and fees, drop off & pick up of barricades for blocking off parking lots, and various other requests.
7. Consideration of approving a request from the Berrien County Cancer Service to hold a 5K Fun Run/Walk on 2nd Street and in Plym Park on Saturday, September 12th beginning at 2:00 p.m. No services are being requested.
8. Consideration of accepting the proposal of \$12,246.00 from Coldspring Memorial of Coldspring, MN to supply a 48 niche columbarium to Silverbrook Cemetery and consideration of allowing for the additional expenditures up to \$7,000.00 for the necessary miscellaneous work needed.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Skalla** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-8 as submitted.

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

NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action

9. Consideration of amending the current Enterprise Licensing Agreement with Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, WA and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the amended agreement.
Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the amending the current Enterprise Licensing Agreement with Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, WA and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the amended agreement.
ROLL CALL: AYES: Bertschy, Clark, Durm, Mann, Skalla, Weimer
NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None
10. Consideration of approving a permanent traffic order change on Broadway Street to eliminate parking between 5th and 7th Street on the north side of the roadway as this parking prohibition is very beneficial to everyday traffic movement and emergency services.
Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve a permanent traffic order change on Broadway Street to eliminate parking between 5th and 7th Street on the north side of the roadway as this parking prohibition is very beneficial to everyday traffic movement and emergency services.
ROLL CALL: AYES: Bertschy, Clark, Durm, Mann, Skalla, Weimer
NAY: None **ABSENT:** Boggs, VandenHeede **ABSTAIN:** None
TRAFFIC ORDER 340 APPROVED

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Bertschy asked about scheduling the softball fields at the former Tyler property. City Administrator Huff responded that he would provide contact information for scheduling the fields.

Council Member Bertschy moved, **Council Member Durm** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Council Member Boggs from the July 13, 2015 meeting.

Council Member Clark commented that a downtown business seems to have an accumulation of items in front of the storefront. He asked if code enforcement could look into it.

Council Member Durm enjoyed the Burn Run.

Council Member Durm moved, **Council Member Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Council Member VandenHeede from the July 13, 2015 meeting and excuse Council Member Bertschy from the June 22, 2015 meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

Linda Casperson, Niles City Clerk

Date