

CITY OF NILES
RESCHEDULED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015, 6:00PM
(Previously scheduled for December 28, 2015)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael McCauslin in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., December 21, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Michael McCauslin.

PRESENT: Georgia Boggs (6:15pm), Robert Durm, David Mann, Tim Skalla, William Weimer, Mayor Michael McCauslin

ABSENT: Gretchen Bertschy, Daniel VandenHeede

OPEN SEAT: 4th Ward/Precinct 4 (TBA)

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

AUDIENCE: 12

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Jan Personette encouraged the city council to vote in favor of Item 5. As an election inspector, she witnessed the displacement of the children during elections while the gymnasiums were being used at Eastside Connection School and Niles High School for voting purposes. She also mentioned that the security of the premise was being breached while voters were entering and leaving the campus. The facilities chosen have ample room for voters and election inspectors.

PRESENTATION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of November 23, 2015 regular council meetings.
2. *No bi-weekly List of Bills for approval as this meeting is off schedule with the two-week billing cycle.*
3. Consideration of approving a request from the Niles Downtown Development Authority to hold the 12th Annual Hunter Ice Festival throughout the downtown area from January 22nd thru January 24th, 2016 and consideration of approving various other requests in conjunction with the festival including the use of Riverfront Park, unloading of ice, assistance with removing snow and ice, blocking of streets, use of parking lots, use of electricity and/or water, hanging a street banner over Main Street, etc.
4. Consideration of approving a request from Dream Paws Animal Rescue of Niles to conduct a Dream Spay 5K Run on Saturday, May 21, 2016 in Riverfront Park and along the Riverfront Park Trail beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 2:00 pm and consideration of approving the use of water and electric service for the event.
Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1, 3 and 4 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Durm, Mann, Skalla, Weimer

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

5. Consideration of approving the relocation of polling places for First Precinct (1st Ward) from the Niles High School to St. Paul's Lutheran Church located at 1340 Sycamore Street and the relocation of the Second Precinct (2nd Ward) polling location from Eastside Connection School also to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the relocation of the Fourth

Precinct (4th Ward) from the Niles Schools Administration Building to the Fraternal Order of Police Facility located at 531 East North State Street in Niles.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the relocation of polling places for First Precinct (1st Ward) from the Niles High School to St. Paul's Lutheran Church located at 1340 Sycamore Street and the relocation of the Second Precinct (2nd Ward) polling location from Eastside Connection School also to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the relocation of the Fourth Precinct (4th Ward) from the Niles Schools Administration Building to the Fraternal Order of Police Facility located at 531 North State Street in Niles and authorize the Clerk to sign the agreements.

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

6. Consideration of accepting a quote not to exceed \$3,000.00 from Michigan Election Resource of Kalamazoo, MI to provide printing and mailing of Voter ID cards to notify voters affected by relocation of polling precincts.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept a quote not to exceed \$3,000.00 from Michigan Election Resource of Kalamazoo, MI to provide printing and mailing of Voter ID cards to notify voters affected by relocation of polling precincts.

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

7. Consideration of approving the Annual Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the Annual Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

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

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS:

8. Consideration of approving the re-appointment of Serita Mason to a two-year term on the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission's NATS Policy Committee, effective January 1, 2016 and expiring on December 31, 2017.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the re-appointment of Serita Mason to a two-year term on the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission's NATS Policy Committee, effective January 1, 2016 and expiring on December 31, 2017. AYES: 4; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 3

9. Consideration of approving the re-appointment of Brian Thomas to a three-year term on the Niles Planning Commission, effective January 1, 2016 and expiring on December 31, 2018.

Council Member Durm moved, **Council Member Mann** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the re-appointment of Brian Thomas to a three-year term on the Niles Planning Commission, effective January 1, 2016 and expiring on December 31, 2018. AYES: 4; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 3

10. Consideration of approving the re-appointment of Kathleen Alton, Betty Knoll and Patricia Young to one-year terms on the Niles Public Arts Commission, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and re-appointing John Lidecker, Candace Skalla, Jeanne Watson and Fredda Zeiter to two-year terms on the Niles Public Arts Commission beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Durm** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the re-appointment of Kathleen Alton, Betty Knoll and Patricia Young to one-year terms on the Niles Public Arts Commission, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and re-appointing John Lidecker, Candace Skalla, Jeanne Watson and Fredda Zeiter to two-year terms on the Niles Public Arts Commission beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017. AYES: 4; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 3

11. Consideration of approving the appointment of Christina Arseneau & Mollie Kruck and the re-appointments of Michael Nassaney, Candace Skalla, Kristie Erickson, Mary Ellen Drolet and Larry Sehy to two-year terms on the Fort St. Joseph Archeology Committee, effective January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the appointment of Christina Arseneau & Mollie Kruck and the re-appointments of Michael Nassaney, Candace Skalla, Kristie Erickson, Mary Ellen Drolet and Larry Sehy to two-year terms on the Fort St. Joseph Archeology Committee, effective January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017. (Council Member Boggs arrived at 6:15pm) AYES: 5; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2

12. Consideration of approving the appointment of Larry Pickles and the re-appointments of Katie Furner and Lacey Peters to four-year terms on the Parks & Recreation Board, effective January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019.

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member Durm** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the appointment of Larry Pickles and the re-appointments of Katie Furner and Lacey Peters to four-year terms on the Parks & Recreation Board, effective January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

13. **Second Reading and Enactment** of a proposed ordinance to adopt the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices of buildings and premises in the City of Niles; providing for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations; repealing the earlier ordinance that adopted the 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Council Member Durm moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices of buildings and premises in the City of Niles; providing for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations; repealing the earlier ordinance that adopted the 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

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

ORDINANCE 472 ADOPTED

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT:

All Council Members wished everyone Happy Holidays.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and have a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

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

Linda Casperson
Niles City Clerk

Date