

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINIUTES
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCauslin in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., May 23, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McCauslin.

PRESENT: Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, David Mann, Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede (6:07), William Weimer, Mayor McCauslin

ABSENT: None

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Kevin Gillette, candidate for Drain Commissioner introduced himself to the City Council.

PRESENTATION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of May 9, 2016.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated May 17, 2016.
3. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$5,740.00 from Asphalt Kingdom of Auburn Hills, MI for the purchase of asphalt seal coating equipment and supplies for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
4. Consideration of approving the emergency purchase of a remanufactured 1000 KVA Pad Mount Transformer from Solomon Corporation of Solomon, KS at a cost of \$14,050.00 for use by the Electric Division.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Item 1-4 as submitted.

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

5. Consideration of entering into an Administrative Services contract with blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and consideration of authorizing the city administrator to sign the contract.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve entering into an Administrative Services contract with blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and consideration of authorizing the city administrator to sign the contract.

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

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

6. Consideration of accepting the bid of \$281,994.00 from Niblock Excavating to complete the 2016 Major and Local Street Pavement Resurfacing Program and consideration of authorizing the Public Works Director to negotiate for potential additional resurfacing work at a cost of \$109,000.00 and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contract.

Council Member Skalla requested that funds be considered for the west side.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept the bid of \$281,994.00 from Niblock Excavating to complete the 2016 Major and Local Street Pavement Resurfacing Program and consideration of authorizing the Public Works Director to negotiate for potential additional resurfacing work at a cost of \$109,000.00 and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contract.

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

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

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Mann asked that everyone take the time to honor veterans during the Memorial Day weekend.

Council Member Bertschy reported that the first 3rd Thursday downtown event was well received.

Council Member VandenHeede thanked Sanya Phillips and the Planning Commission for well thought out Master Plan meeting.

Council Member DiCostanzo reported that the Planning Commission had their first in of a series of meetings for the preparation of the Master Plan and encouraged everyone to take part in the future of Niles.

Council Member Skalla gave accolades to Neal Mikel and Morgan Frend for placing the decorative rocks along the culvert at Silverbrook Cemetery, which were provided by the Friends of Silverbrook. The Friends of Silverbrook have also committed \$900 to finish the wall at a later date. He also gave kudos to Four Flags Garden Club for donating the plants that were placed on the banks of the columbarium.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Recognized Capt. Wise for his part in rescuing a woman from a house fire. He also echoed the remarks made by Council Member Mann and wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:10pm.

Linda Casperson

Date