

**THE CITY COUNCIL
NILES, MICHIGAN
PUBLIC HEARING
FY2017 BUDGET
Monday, August 22, 2016, 5:55 p.m.**

The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the council on the FY 2017 Budget. Hearing no response, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:59p.m.

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, August 22, 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., August 22, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McCauslin.

PRESENT: Georgia Boggs, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, David Mann, Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, William Weimer, Mayor McCauslin

ABSENT: Gretchen Bertschy

STAFF: Casperson, Huff, Millin, Wise,

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of August 8, 2016.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated August 16, 2016.
3. Consideration of approving the acceptance of a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$12,820.00 for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and consideration of approving the grant's local match of \$610.00.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Boggs** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-3 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Boggs, VandenHeede, Durm, Mann, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Skalla

NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Bertschy **ABSTAIN:** None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

**Introduction of Items for Discussion
Items for Council Action**

4. Consideration of adopting a resolution to approve the proposed City of Niles FY 2017 Budget.

**CITY OF NILES
2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
RESOLUTION #2017-08/1992**

Council Member Mann offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by **Council Member Weimer**.

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has prepared the proposed 2016 Fiscal Year Budget in conformance with the Charter of the City of Niles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and considered the proposed 2016 Fiscal Year Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council set the date of August 8, 2016 for a Public Hearing, which was properly advertised on August 10, 2016 in the *Niles Daily Star*; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2017 Fiscal Year Budget was available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk for at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution #2016-06/1987 on June 13, 2016, establishing various millage rates to be collected for the 2017 Fiscal Year Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose of financing the various operations and services for the 2017 Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016, there is appropriated from taxes, charges for services and other revenue collected, monies for the use of the various funds and departments, including salaries and wages; as prepared and submitted by the City Administrator for the 2017 Fiscal Year Budget is hereby approved and appropriated excluding the narratives in the document.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Boggs, VandenHeede, Durm, Mann, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Skalla

NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Bertschy **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

5. Consideration of adopting a resolution to approve the City's associate membership in the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) and approving the continued annual payment of our membership dues.

**PROPOSED NEW MEMBER TO JOIN MPPA
BETWEEN THE CITY OF NILES AND MICHIGAN PUBLIC POWER AGENCY
RESOLUTION 2016-08/1993**

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

RESOLVED BY: City Council, City of Niles, Michigan,

WHEREAS, the electric department previously determined that additional power supply capacity will be required in order to meet the future needs of its customers; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Power Agency ("MPPA") was established pursuant to Act 488 of Public Acts of 1976 (the Michigan Energy Employment Act) for the purpose of undertaking various projects authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the existence of MPPA and membership in MPPA by the City of Niles, and other municipalities will foster the continuation of joint planning and undertaking of projects, and the resulting economies and efficiencies to be realized thereby will serve the interests of the residents of the City of Niles; and

WHEREAS, Member municipalities may elect to participate in only those MPPA projects from which they determine they will benefit; and

WHEREAS, the electric department has recommended and the City Council determines it to be in the best interest of the City of Niles to become a member of MPPA for the purpose of undertaking and planning, financing, development, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, betterment operation or maintenance of the projects authorized under and pursuant to Act 448;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council hereby ratifies and confirms:
 - a. Staff seeking admission of the City of Niles as an Associate Member of MPPA.
 - b. The City of Niles electing to become an Associate Member of MPPA
 - c. The initial appointment of Jeff Dunlap of the Utilities Department to be its representative on the MPPA's Board of Commissioners, and the appointment of Gregg Watson to be its alternate representative.

2. The City of Niles may at a later date make a request to MPPA's Board that it desires to become a Full Member of MPPA.

3. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Boggs, VandenHeede, Durm, Mann, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Skalla

NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Bertschy **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

6. Consideration of approving entering into a telecommunications consulting agreement with Communications Brokers, Inc. of Wyoming, MI to assist the City in an audit of telecommunication services at a cost of \$2,500.00, including the provision for additional services as approved and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approving entering into a telecommunications consulting agreement with Communications Brokers, Inc. of Wyoming, MI to assist the City in an audit of telecommunication services at a cost of \$2,500.00, including the provision for additional services as approved and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Boggs, VandenHeede, Durm, Mann, Weimer, DiCostanzo, Skalla

NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Bertschy **ABSTAIN:** None

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS:

7. Consideration of approving the appointment of the following individuals to staggered terms on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, effective immediately:

Richard Huff, City Administrator	3 Year Term
Sanya Phillips, Community Development Director	3 Year Term
William Weimer, Council Member	2 Year Term
John DiCostanzo, Council Member	2 Year Term
Michael McCauslin, Mayor	1 Year Term

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Mann** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appointment of the following individuals to staggered terms on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, effective immediately.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

8. **First Reading and Introduction** of a proposed tax exemption ordinance to provide for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) service charge for the development of Berkshire Niles Independent Senior Community.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT:

Council Member DiCostanzo commented that he was disappointed that expenditure had to cut from the Niles City Budget and would like to see more revenues.

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiations

Council Member Mann moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to go into a Closed Session to discuss Union Negotiations at 6:09pm.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Boggs, DiCostanzo, Durm, Mann, Skalla, VandenHeede, Weimer

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

Reconvene at 7:25pm. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 7:26pm.

Linda Casperson, Niles City Clerk

Date