

**CITY OF NILES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Durm in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., December 12, 2016.

**PRESENT:** Council Members Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede and William Weimer

**ABSENT:** Mayor Nicholas Shelton

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

**AUDIENCE:** 14

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None

**PRESENTATION:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of November 28, 2016.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated December 7, 2016.
3. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$7,699.00 from Apollo Fire of Romeo, MI for the purchase of an MSA 6000+ Thermal Imaging Camera System for use by the Fire Department with 95% of the cost paid for by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the remaining \$384.95 paid from the Fire Department's Safety Equipment account.

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

**ADDED to November 28, 2016 Minutes:**

**Council Liaison to Committees:**

**Council Member Bertschy** moved, **Council Member VandenHeede** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appoint Council Member DiCostanzo to the Ordinance Committee (replacing Council Member Mann).

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

**Council Member Durm** moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to appoint Council Member McAfee to the Boards and Committees Appointment Board (replacing Council Member Mann).

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0

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

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

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Introduction of Items for Discussion**

**Items for Council Action**

4. Consideration of adopting a resolution to approve an Airport Ground Lease Renewal for Randy Rentz and Larry Verhostra, effective January 1, 2017 with lease expiring on December 31, 2021.

**RESOLUTION #2016/12-2003**

**AIRPORT GROUND LEASE RENEWAL**

**Randy Rentz and Larry Verhostra**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the City of Niles does own and maintain the Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Niles does let and lease portions of said premises in consideration of rents; and

**WHEREAS,** Randy Rentz and Larry Verhostra of Niles, Michigan, desires a Ground Lease for the maintenance and storage of aircraft at said premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niles has drawn up said lease, to be signed by its Mayor and City Clerk, by which the Randy Rentz and Larry Verhostra may occupy said described premises for a period of five (5) years commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2017 with renewal subject to provisions contained in said lease; and

**WHEREAS**, the lessee shall pay all rents and abide by all covenants and conditions of said lease for the prescribed term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Niles shall enter into a Ground Lease with Randy Rentz and Larry Verhostra for a term of five (5) years beginning January 1, 2017; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor Nicholas Shelton and City Clerk Linda Casperson be authorized and directed to execute the lease on behalf of the City of Niles.

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2016/12-2003 ADOPTED**

#### **ADDENDUM**

**4A** Consideration of approving the purchase of a replacement head and controller for E.H. Wachs TM-7 Valve of Harvard, IL at a cost of \$15,740.00.

**Council Member Mann** moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the purchase of a replacement head and controller for E.H. Wachs TM-7 Valve of Harvard, IL at a cost of \$15,740.00.

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

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

#### **APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS:**

None

#### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**CLOSED SESSION:** Consultation with Attorney regarding pending litigation.

**Council Member Mann** moved, **Council Member Weimer** seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to go into a Closed Session to consult with Attorney regarding pending litigation.

at 6:19pm.

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

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

Reconvene at 6:40pm. No action taken.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Council Member Bertschy thanked the downtown businesses for opening extended hours during the holiday.

Council Member McAfee announced that Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 2262 Moulder Drive is having a Community Fellowship on Friday, December 16 at 6pm. They also adopted a room to decorate for holidays at the Chapin Mansion.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM REPORT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Durm mentioned that the City Administrator's evaluation was conducted a few months ago, but the council had not taken any action on a salary increase. There was discussion on the amount of salary increase and benefits. Huff thanked the council and staff for their support.

**Council Member Bertschy**, moved, **Council Member Weimer** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to increase City Administrator Huff's salary 4%, retroactive October 1, 2016.

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

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:46pm.