

**CITY OF NILES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nicholas Shelton in the City Council Chambers, 1345 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., February 27, 2017.

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

ABSENT: None

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

AUDIENCE: 12

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the City Council Minutes of February 13, 2017.
2. Consideration of approving the Bills dated February 21, 2017.
3. Consideration of approving a request from the Pregnancy Care Center of Niles to conduct a Super-Hero 10K/5K on April 8, 2017 from 6 am to noon in the downtown area and consideration of approving the annual Life Walk to be held in Riverfront Park on June 17, 2017 from 7 am to 1:00 pm and consideration of approving various requests for both events, including the waiver of all fees.
4. Consideration of approving a request from Information Systems to accept the quote of \$2,844.24 for the purchase of Autodesk Software Licenses from DLT Solutions, LLC of Atlanta GA to facilitate the renewal and upgrade of AutoCAD Software.
5. Consideration of approving the purchase of a MSA 6000+ Thermal Imaging Camera System from Apollo Fire of Romeo, MI at a cost of \$7,699.00 with \$4,896.00 of the cost paid by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and \$2,803.00 paid from the Fire Department's Safety Equipment account.
6. Consideration of accepting the quote of \$7,823.00 from Peerless Midwest of Mishawaka, IN for the purchase of materials and labor for the installation of a brass pressure sustaining pilot valve and for water main valve repair.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve Items 1-6 on the Consent Agenda as submitted.

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Introduction of Items for Discussion

Items for Council Action

7. Consideration of adopting a Resolution of Intent to participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

Resolution of Intent

Michigan Economic Development Corporation's

Redevelopment Ready Communities Program

RESOLUTION #2017-02/2009

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

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

WHEREAS, The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is offering technical support and certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) for the purposes of economic and development and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, The City of Niles, wishes to partner with Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, for the promotion of economic development and redevelopment opportunities in the City; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that this resolution of intent will be used to prove that the City of Niles' is committed to adhering to the MEDC RRC Best Practices through the completion and submission of the MEDC RRC City of Niles' Self-Evaluation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Niles supports the intent to apply to become a MEDC RRC through the submission of the MEDC RRC City of Niles' Self-Evaluation.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Gretchen Bertschy, Georgia Boggs, John DiCostanzo, Robert Durm, Charlie McAfee, Wm. Tim Skalla, Daniel VandenHeede, William Weimer

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

RESOLUTION #2017-02/2009 **DECLARED ADOPTED.**

8. Consideration of approving a request from the Utilities Manager to switch natural gas services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Center Point Energy Services to Semco Energy of Detroit, MI.

Council Member Skalla moved, **Council Member DiCostanzo** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve a request from the Utilities Manager to switch natural gas services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Center Point Energy Services to Semco Energy of Detroit, MI.

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

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

9. Consideration of accepting the bid and entering into contracts with Selge Construction of Niles, MI to complete construction services for water main replacement in 2017 at a cost of \$299,747.08; for water main replacement in 2018 at a cost of 258,731.25; and for water main replacement in 2019 at a cost of \$315,122.05 and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contracts.

VandenHeede questioned why the contract was for three years. J. Ray explained that the costs would be locked for the duration of the contact making it more economical. Selge Construction has been doing business with city for several years and responsive to the city's needs. Selge Construction did soil b

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept the bid and entering into contracts with Selge Construction of Niles, MI to complete construction services for water main replacement in 2017 at a cost of \$299,747.08; for water main replacement in 2018 at a cost of 258,731.25; and for water main replacement in 2019 at a cost of \$315,122.05 and consideration of authorizing the mayor to sign the contracts.

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

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

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Council Member Bertschy reported that the DDA has received the application from the car club for the downtown car shows. She has also requested that the ordinance committee look at reducing the number of members on the park board.

Council Member McAfee thanked everyone in the community that participated in the Black History Month event at the Mr. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Council Member Weimer moved, **Council Member Skalla** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Council Member DiCostanzo from the February 13, 2017 council meeting.

Council Member VandenHeede moved, **Council Member Bertschy** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Council Member Durm from the January 23, 2017 council meeting.

Council Member DiCostanzo thanked Mayor Shelton for a well ran meeting at the medical marijuana public forum. He would like to same type of forum for the solid waste ordinance.

Council Member Durm moved, **Council Member VandenHeede** supported, **MOTION CARRIED**, to excuse Mayor Shelton from the December 12, 2016 council meeting.

Council Member Skalla was extremely pleased with the turnout of the medical marijuana public forum.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shelton congratulated the Downtown Development Authority for their recognition in the Michigan Main Street accreditation program.

He was also thrilled with how smooth the medical marijuana forum went. The next Medical Marijuana Act public forum is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00pm** at the Fire Station Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Weimer moved to adjourn at 6:32pm.

Linda Casperson, Niles City Clerk

Date Approved