

MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 6:00 p. m. in Council Chambers, Safety-Service Complex, Niles, Ohio. The meeting was called to Order by the President, Robert Marino, and the Clerk, Linda A. Yuhasz, called the roll:

Lastic-P; Papalas-P; Scarnecchia-P; Cox-P; Stredney-P; Papas-P; Fuda-P; Marino-P.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Fuda to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2006 as presented. Motion carried 7-0

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: Mr. Ray Novotny

Mr. Novotny will attend the February, 1, 2006 council meeting to give a brief status report on the Senior Center.

FROM: The Niles Municipal Court

The Annual Report for the year 2005.

It was moved by Scarnecchia, seconded by Lastic to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

MEMBERS OF AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (Draft No.01-06)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-05, THE SALARY ORDINANCE, TO ESTABLISH THE NEW SALARY FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2006; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Fuda, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Fuda, seconded by Papas that this draft be adopted.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft has been adopted this 18th day of January, 2006.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

President Marino: Chief Simeone, Director Guarino, I was with some folks on Monday and they raised the concern about Mason Street and Cedar once again, so for the record would you please look into the corner of Cedar and Mason Street and the extracurricular activities that take place down there. I would appreciate it. Thank you.

Mayor Infante: I just announced that we promoted Jaisan Holland to lieutenant in the Niles Police Department. He was the highest scorer on the lieutenant's test. That was effective Monday. That's all.

Councilman Scarnecchia: I would like to ask the mayor, are we on line yet with Weathersfield and McDonald on our 911?

Mayor Infante: No, not yet. Tom can give you a target date.

Tom Telego: Right now we are looking at McDonald as March 1 and we are looking at Weathersfield approximately the 30th this month.

Councilman Scarnecchia: The 30th of this month?

Tom Telego: Yes.

Councilman Scarnecchia: Okay. How will we collect the billing? How will that be? That will come out of the auditor's office or the police department? We are getting so much a month, aren't we?

Mayor Infante: Yeah.

Councilman Scarnecchia: Who does that come from?

Mayor Infante: We have an agreement with McDonald and Weathersfield.

Councilman Scarnecchia: That pays so much a month?

Mayor Infante: Yes, I think, what was that quarterly, Tom, the agreement that they pay us?

Tom Telego: It was set up quarterly.

Councilman Scarnecchia: Is it going to be so much a call or so much a month?

Tom Telego: It was a yearly amount.

Mayor Infante: No, it was a yearly amount.

Councilman Scarnecchia: A yearly amount regardless of how many calls you get?

Mayor Infante: Right.

Councilman Scarnecchia: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Cox: I got a couple calls; there is a couple lights out on Third Street.

Mayor Infante: That will be taken care of this week. The bulbs were on back order. The bulbs just came in the other day.

Councilman Cox: Thank You.

Councilman Fuda: Just a couple of things. I am getting a lot of complaints. The dog warden is doing a fantastic job and the problem now are the cats. We are getting a lot of cat calls. We had one on Chestnut Street this week, the lady was really upset.

Mayor Infante: Right now I asked Mark to put a thing together on what he thinks we need to update as far as the dog ordinance and licensing of cats. We had this before us once before and if we bring it back again it's going to be in your lap and we hope for your support with these cats also.

Councilman Fuda: Is there any way we can collect these cats and take them somewhere?

Mayor Infante: We do now. He does it now. He's putting a list together, we'll meet with the Safety Committee and we'll bring to full council on what he thinks we need to do to upgrade our laws that we have to enforce.

Councilman Fuda: Yeah, I know that we had that a few years ago when that organization came in and we had some static.

President Marino: There were a lot of people that came in with that organization "Cats Are People Too". I never knew there was such an organization until they came in.

Councilman Fuda: From what I understand, "Cats Are People Too" are interested in a building.

Mayor Infante: I met with them about a year ago.

Councilman Fuda: Why don't we get one of those old houses that we are going to tear down and give it to them? I guess we can't do that. Terry, where are we at with the annexation swap with Weathersfield, with the park and Kerr Cemetery?

Mr. Dull: Since we talked last week I pulled the file out. I have to have a meeting with Attorney Brooks to finalize the paper work. I kind of dropped the ball on this and I'll get it back up to speed and get that thing completed once and for all.

Councilman Fuda: Do you think it should be pretty quick?

Mr. Dull: It shouldn't take too long as far as the paper works goes, then it's just a matter of proceeding through the County Commissioners Office.

Councilman Fuda: Okay. Thanks sir.

It was moved by Fuda, seconded by Papas to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Linda Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Form

Robert Marino, President of Council