

**MINUTES**

Niles City Council held its regular meeting of May 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Safety-Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Marino, and the Clerk; Linda Yuhasz called the roll:

Lastic-P; Papalas-P; Scarnecchia-P; McCormick-P; Stredney-P; Papas-A: Marino-P

A motion was made by Councilman Stredney and seconded by Councilman Lastic to excuse the absence of Councilman Papas. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lastic, seconded by Stredney to excuse the absence of Law Director Dull. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Papalas, seconded by McCormick to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2008 and place them on file. Motion carried.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

FROM Chester Willcox & Saxbe LLP

A letter to Law Director Dull thanking him for his co-operation with the issuance of bonds to finance AMP-Ohio's power transaction

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papalas to accept the letter and place it on file. Motion carried.

FROM The Cemetery Department

The April 2008 Cemetery Sales Report

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Scarnecchia to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

FROM The Office of the Building Inspector

A letter from the Planning Commission recommending the 50 foot setback at 1256 N. Main Street

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to accept the letter and place it on file. Motion carried.

**MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Papalas scheduled a Finance Committee Meeting for Wednesday May 28, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., in the first floor conference room at City Hall.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 28-08)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUARTERLY CASH TRANSFERS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to give this Draft a first reading.

**YEAS 5 NAYS 0**

Draft No. 28-08 has received a first reading.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 29-08)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED FEMA FUND TO THE FEMA CONTRACTED SERVICES ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by McCormick to give this Draft a first reading.

**YEAS 5 NAYS 0**

Draft No. 29-08 has received a first reading.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 30-08)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED WATER FUND TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S CONTRACTED SERVICES ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney to give this Draft a first reading.

**YEAS 5 Nays 0**

Draft No. 30-08 has received a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 31-08)**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney to give this Draft a first reading.

**YEAS 5 NAYS 0**

Draft No. 31-08 has received a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 32-08)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Scarnecchia, seconded by McCormick to give this Draft a first reading.

**YEAS 5 NAYS 0**

Draft No. 32-08 has received a first reading.

## **MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS**

Mayor Infante announced the three hundred seventy thousand dollar grant for the North Rhodes Avenue storm sewer project. This is the second phase. Mr. Mark Hess said that a lot of the engineering is done; we have to apply what we did in the first phase to the phase two drawings and put them out for bids. Mr. Hess said that it will be September or October before we are in that process. Mayor Infante said that the city received a settlement of thirty two thousand dollars from a law suit with an electrical company.

Mr. Mark Hess asked council for sponsorship of two ordinances for the next council meeting, street resurfacing and a busing ordinance. Mr. Hess was going to meet with Mr. Dull and ask him to bring the legislation in As Council as a Whole.

Councilman Scarnecchia welcomed Service Director Neil Buccino back.

Councilman McCormick: I had a couple people ask me about the columbarium that we are planning on building at the cemetery. Are we actively selling those plots now?

Mayor Infante: No, we are waiting for the company that we awarded the contract to make the sign for us. We are going to put the sign out front of the cemetery and put in online and start selling. Once we sell half we will do it.

President Marino: Mayor did Rock of Ages get that contract?

Mr. Hess: Yes.

President Marino: Are they the only ones that bid?

Mr. Hess: No there were actually three bidders. One bidder was thrown out because they didn't have the proper paper work and the other was higher. The Board of Control awarded it to Rock of Ages and again it was one of those situations where the contract was awarded but can't be signed until enough (inaudible) are sold. That was in the specifications so the low bidder knows that.

It was moved by Councilman Papalas, seconded by Councilman Lastic to adjourn the meeting at 6:13p.m. Motion carried.

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Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

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Robert Marino Jr., President of Council

