

MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting of March 18, 2009 at 6:00p.m. in Council Chambers, Safety-Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

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

Lastic-P; Papalas-P; Scarnecchia-A; McCormick-P; Stredney-P; Papas-A; Wilkerson-P; Marino-P
It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Wilkerson to excuse the absences of Councilmen Scarnecchia and Papas. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2009 and place them on file. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Brenda Claypool of 135 Lawnview Ave., Niles: During the last big rain storm that we had we are still having problems with the drainage behind Lawnview and Camrose. Whenever it rains we have a half acre lot and we are getting flood waters half way up heading towards the house. I understand that there was a problem with one neighbor not allowing access to that easement so that we can get in there and get that drained and it is becoming a real problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO.__(Draft No. 07-09)

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

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to give Draft No. 07-09 a first reading.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 07-09 has received a first reading.

RESOLUTION NO.__(Draft No. 08-09)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN RESERVE TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF NILES AND THE CITY OF SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA TO SUB-ALLOCATE FTA FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT TO THE YOUNGSTOWN, OH-PA URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Papalás, seconded by Lastic to give Draft No. 08-09 a first reading.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 08-09 has received a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO.__(Draft No. 09-09)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE, AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES 923.05 AND ALL OF CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 923.99

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Stredney to give Draft No. 09-09 a first reading.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 09-09 has received its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO.__(Draft No. 10-09)

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE GENERATION OF LOUD AND RAUCOUS NOISE DURING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Wilkerson to give Draft No. 10-09 a first reading.

Councilman Stredney: Many of you know that we spent the last couple of months meeting with policemen, Mr. Guarino, a couple people out in the audience, city council, law director and the mayor and I would like to thank everyone for their time and input. It has taken a little bit of time to get here with this ordinance and I would like to thank everyone for their help.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 10-09 has received its first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

Fire Chief Brown thanked the Light Department tree trimmers for their help assisting them on a call. A woman was injured when she was cutting her tree down and became trapped with a fallen limb. He said that the tree trimmers did an amazing job and wanted to thank them again.

Law Director Dull asked council if he could bring in the recodification ordinance at the next meeting sponsored as council as a whole.

Mr. Vigorito: I just wanted to let council know that the Royal Mall is finally finished and I am very impressed. They did a lot of nice work and the place has really changed. I am hoping that the new tenants will cause the police less problems. If you ever have a chance to ride down there you will see a big difference.

President Marino: Tony when are they tearing those two houses down at the top of Robbins Avenue?

Mr. Vigorito: They are under an agreement to have one house torn down by the end of the month and the other torn down by the end of April or May. They are supposed to have the whole lot cleaned up by the end of June. He is in the process of emptying the buildings out.

Councilman Papalas: I will bet doughnuts that we will end up in the mayor's office over those two houses that are supposed to be torn down.

President Marino: The reason that I asked is because I was asked if this was going to be a piece by piece taking apart because I noticed and others noticed that he is taking the siding off of it and it is reminiscent of the south side. I trust that you are handling it Tony.

Mr. Vigorito: The only way that we let him do it is that he hired a contractor and we gave him some extra time because he had a lot of storage in it.

Councilman Papalas: He has got thirteen days and he is no where close.

Mr. Vigorito: I know that the contractor is shutting off utilities some time next week.

Councilman Papalas: I will be the first to say that I was wrong if I see that thing torn down. I will very happily stand here and tell everyone I was wrong.

Mayor Infante: Councilman I will say this if it is not down by the end of March we will be tearing it down the day after.

Councilman Papalas: I know, I just want to make sure that everyone is reminded that needs to be reminded. I know where you stand, we have talked about this.

Councilman Papalas welcomed students from Niles McKinley High School that were in the audience. He told the students that this was the best city council that he has worked with in thirty years.

Councilman Papalas: Is anyone getting questions or complaints about bills being larger than normal because they were estimated?

Mayor Infante: We are getting a ton every day. We were a little behind because of the weather that we had there for a week and then we had problems with the software. We got that rectified so that the first batch that goes out is going to tell you what our problems were.

Councilman Papalas: Will all the batches of bills say that?

Mayor Infante: Yes. If anybody has a problem with a bill they can call and we can help them.

Councilman McCormick: At the last council meeting I had mentioned that we got some complaints about dumping along Dragon Drive between Helen and Wilson well the word got back to the local boy scouts. They volunteered to come over and pick up some of the trash and make it look more presentable. I want to thank them in advance and Brenda Claypool. We are scheduled for tomorrow night at five o' clock if anybody else wants to help. The other thing that I want to bring up is what a great facility that we have in Waddell Park, the Wellness Center. If anybody hasn't seen it I encourage you to do so and I think that it will sell it self. Join up and do some walking, exercising it is just a beautiful facility and everyone should be proud of it, I certainly am.

It was moved by Councilman Papalas, seconded by Councilman Lastic to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

Robert Marino Jr., President of Council