

MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting of October 19, 2011 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 A. Yuhasz called the roll:

Lastic-P; Papalas-P; Giancola-A; McCormick-P; Stredney-P; Merlo-P; Wilkerson-P; Marino-P
It was moved by Councilman Lastic, seconded by Councilman Stredney to excuse the absence of Councilman Giancola and Auditor Nader. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wilkerson, seconded by Lastic to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2011 and place them on file. Motion carried.

President Marino welcomed Councilman Giovanna Merlo to the distinguished body where he will serve with honor and dignity.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM The Auditor's Office

The 3rd Quarter Status Reports 2011

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

FROM The Office of the Building Inspector

The Housing Code Monthly Report for September, 2011

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

FROM Mr. Mark Hess, Development Coordinator

A letter to Christina Golias concerning the intersection of Church Street and Arlington Avenue

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

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Barry Steffey, 511 West Third Street Niles, Ohio: I am interested in finding out about the follow up to the letter regarding the owner of Garfield Elementary School. The last I heard was that you were going to send him a ten day letter and I just wanted to find out where we stood with that property.

Mr. Vigorito: That was done right before I left for vacation. The owner said that he was coming to Niles to speak with the realtor. The realtor was going to take care of getting the bushes trimmed and I haven't been by the school today to see if it was taken care of or not. I will give him a call again tomorrow.

Mr. Tom Hardwood, 2671 Oak Forest Drive, Niles spoke to Niles City Council on the Trumbull Transit Levy. He thanked everyone for their support and expects a successful election on the transit levy. He told council that everything they have sacrificed over the years to build and run Niles Trumbull Transit matters and you can take great pride as it transitions to Trumbull Transit. What the mayor and you have envisioned and started you will be able see to it continue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. ___ (Draft No. 52-11)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 1-08 AND 2-11 TO ADJUST THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OHIO CONSTITUTION AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Wilkerson that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 52-11 has been adopted on the 19th day of October, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. ___ (Draft No. 53-11)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE MOTOR FUEL FUND; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 53-11 has been adopted on the 19th day of October, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. ___ (Draft No. 54-11)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFERS OF FUNDS FROM SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS' ACCOUNTS TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR GASOLINE ACCOUNTS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Wilkerson that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 54-11 has been adopted on the 19th day of October, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. __ (Draft No. 55-11)

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

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 55-11 has been adopted on the 19th day of October, 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

The administration, council members and department heads all welcomed the new Councilman Merlo.

Councilman Stredney: This past week I met with Safety Director Guarino, Chief Brown and Hinton and we had a positive discussion on what is ahead of us for Niles and our safety departments. So you might see some different pieces of legislation the next few months as we have been talking about a few different things. To the press I would like something printed reminding the residents that our safety forces need to see the house numbers from the street.

Councilman Merlo: I just wanted to thank everyone for their kind words and I am very excited to serve the residents of Niles, not only in the second ward but as a whole.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Stredney to adjourn the meeting.

Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

Robert Marino Jr., President of Council

