

**MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on November 19, 2014 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, Lori Kuszmaul, called the roll:

Lastic-P, Papalas-A, Giancola-A, McCormick-P, Stredney-A, Merlo-P, Pezzano, P, Marino-P

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Merlo to excuse members of council. All in favor, say I. Motion carried.

President Marino: Moved by Merlo, seconded by Pezzano to accept the Minutes from November 5, 2014 and place them on file.

Motion carried.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

**MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Mr. Barry Steffey, 511 West Street, Niles: As we head into the holiday season, I just wanted to thank the city officials from the safety forces, Chief Hinton, Chief Danielson, supporting our block watches throughout the year and all the different events that we threw throughout the year including the Harry Stevens' Day and now with the city's cooperation, putting up the digital sign over by Macali's Giant Eagle. We are very thankful and we want to wish all the city officials a Happy Thanksgiving and appreciate their cooperation.

President Marino: Thanks Barry, same to you. Anyone else? In the opinion of the chair, there being none, any Committee reports?

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

There being no committee reports, tonight's legislation will all receive a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading except for Draft 95-14, which is going to need to be tabled due to an abstention on the part of Mr. Merlo. Your rules require four votes in the affirmative to give a draft a reading, so I need a motion to table Draft 95-14.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Pezzano to table Draft No. 95-14 for this evening. All in favor, signify by I. Opposed: Abstention?

Mr. Merlo: Abstention.

President Mariono: Draft No. 95-14 is tabled and it will be on your next council meeting Agenda per council. Will the Clerk please read the next draft?

### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 96-14)**

**AN ORDINANCE FINDING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND THAT SAID PROPERTY HAS NO VALUE THAT CAN BE REALIZED BY THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DONATE SAID PROPERTY TO VARIOUS ENTITIES IN NEED OF SAID EQUIPMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Merlo, seconded by Lastic for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**YEAS: 4      NAYS: 0**

Draft No. 96-14 has received its 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 97-14)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT'S DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT FUND'S CONSULTANT FEES ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Lastic for a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**YEAS: 4      NAYS: 0**

Draft No. 97-14 has received its 1st Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 98-14)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM; APROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED POLICE & FIRE ½% FUND FOR SAID PURCHASE; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Pezzano, seconded by Merlo for a 1st Reading.

Mr. McCormick: Chief, can you expand on this a little bit just so we understand it. You may have to do it again when everybody else it here, but I'm curious.

Chief Danielson: That's the software that's going to be replacing the current software when it expires. Everything needs turned over to the network that's going to start sometime next year. This software will work with that network.

Mr. McCormick: What does this software do? Does it give you information on buildings and things that you may have to go into or what?

Chief Danielson: There are two parts of this. The first part is for record keeping that we use on our main computer, monitor all the calls and all the information and everything like that. Another part is for our inspection department and there is software for that so they can go out in the field and any inspection they do unless it's done on a tablet it automatically downloads into the software. When we do MVT's next year, everything that is put into the computer will –

Mr. McCormick: Will you still be able to retrieve all your old information from the different software so everything is compatible?

Chief Danielson: There will probably be a timeframe that they will need to take all our records now and upload them into the new system.

Mr. McCormick: Ok. Thank you.

**YEAS: 4     NAYS: 0**

Draft No. 98-14 has received its 1st Reading.

**MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS**

President Marino: The next order of business gentlemen is the rescheduling of your December 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting. Due to schedule conflicts with members of council, some being out of town on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we need to reschedule the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in order for council in the city to conduct its ordinary business. A motion would be in order to reschedule the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Niles City Council Chambers for a regular meeting.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by McCormick to move the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Mr. McCormick: The only question is if we check and this isn't going to work, are we going to shoot for another date?

President Marino: As I understand it, everybody is going to make it at 7:30.

Mr. McCormick: There are three councilmen who can't answer today.

President Marino: I talked to Steve. Steve's the one who asked for it to be on Monday and it can only be on Monday. I called Ed Stredney this afternoon because he's at that banquet, that Awards Banquet, he said Monday would be fine and I'm sure the later the better for him because of his job. We're accommodating Councilman Merlo because of a schedule conflict to make it at 7:30 to accommodate him. You're ok Frank?

Mr. Pezzano: Yes.

President Marino: We should be good to go. All in favor, signify by I.  
Motion Carried.

President Marino: Our clerk will provide all notifications. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the public hearing will still take place at 5:45 p.m. Attorney Dull will conduct the hearing for us. If any of you are available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:45, I would encourage you to attend the public hearing, but we can't reschedule that because of notification. Lori will be here to take the Minutes; other than that, Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families.

Mayor Infante: I just want to announce through Ohio Public Works Commission we received a grant for Warren Avenue to repave next year all of Warren Avenue and all of Vienna Road from 46 to 422. Total project is \$665,000.00. \$480,000.00 is public works federal money. Mark turned around and matched it with public works money for the local share so it's only going to cost us about \$35,000.00. So that means next year we'll have the rest of Main Street paved already paid for, 46 from the cemetery to 422, Vienna Road from the cemetery on Vienna to 422 and all of Warren Avenue. Mark did a great job of matching local monies so we only had to come up with our share.

Mr. McCormick: Are we still going to do a few of our own infrastructure and stuff next year?

Mayor Infante: If we can afford to. If we do, I recommend we do one street per ward. Just to keep it up.

Mr. McCormick: I have one in mind for you. But I'm sure everybody does.

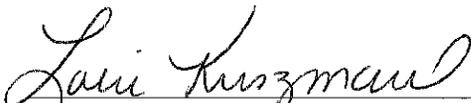
President Marino: Chief Hinton, but the way, congratulations to Shawn Crank from the police department on the Bronze Award that you received from AAA. Fine job by the police department in their efforts and the policemen who were on the news a few days ago.

Mr. Dull: If you're looking for something to do on Saturday after Thanksgiving, McKinley Advisory Memorial Board is having their McKinley Christmas at both the McKinley house and also up at the Memorial. So if you need something to do between 12 and 4, and hopefully the weather is ok, and we'll have the trolley back as well, and I think everybody had a good time last year and I hope you can attend this year.

Mr. Merlo: Just to give everyone an update. From our billing department with CUSI, I just received an e-mail tonight from CUSI, from Peggy. I was down there this afternoon for the majority of the afternoon with them. Just to brief everybody, our last billing out of Cogsdale was on 11/17/14, which was Monday. They filed a comparison to go out on Tuesday to go live 11/19/14. During that final parallel run, there was a lot of stuff that was not extracted that they needed to get extracted causing some delays with the MIU's that were skipped from the Cogsdale and Neptune. So the Cogsdale issue, we are trying to work out, is causing some billing staff to manually input reads from Neptune into our new system. So it is delaying that process. They are now looking at a go live date probably first billing of next week.

**ADJOURN**

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

  
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LORI KUSZMAUL, Clerk of Council

  
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ROBERT MARINO, JR., President of Council