

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2015

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on September 2, 2015 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-P, Giancola-P, McCormick-P, Stredney-P, Merlo-P, Pezzano-P, Marino-P

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to accept the Minutes from the August 26, 2015 meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control
Notice to Legislative Authority for Primanti Corporation, Eastwood Mall, dba Primanti Bros.,
5555 Youngstown Warren Road, Niles, Ohio

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Pezzano to refer the permit request to the police chief and safety director for their report and recommendation.

FROM City of Niles, Auditor's Office

Estimated versus Actual Revenues through August 2015

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

FROM City of Niles, Income Tax Department

Monthly receipt totals through August 2015

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

FROM City of Niles, Auditor's Office

Check Report by Check Number from 01/01/15 to 08/31/15

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

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Georgeanne Balash, 1919 Old Forge Road, Niles. I passed out copies of a resolution that I would like to have brought before council that they will hopefully pass. We have a beautiful neighborhood and a renter who is living next door has a terrible rap sheet, they're very aggressive, they are dealing drugs and they're building fires in the back yard and everything else. They are a nuisance.

Mr. Guarino: Georgeanne, I just received this and I will give it to the law director tomorrow and I will see what we can do.

Georgeanne Balash: It's basically on the same concept as you are supposed to be notified before a pedafile has moved into your neighborhood so at least you're aware of it. That way the police can do their jobs more efficiently. They know where the problems are.

Mr. Guarino: Some of these things that I am reading are already required by the city.

Georgeanne Balash: The lady who is renting the house, she did not comply with the City of Niles.

Mr. Guarino: Well, they should.

Mr. Papalas: We have ordinances in place that mandate that landlords have to have permits.

Georgeanne Balash: There are two houses, one next door and one on the other side of that, they did not comply. (inaudible)

Mr. Papalas: The building inspector is sitting right there. Not to pass the buck, I'll take it if you want, but he's the man who will eventually go.

President Marino: I believe Jeff Crowley has been working on this.

Georgeanne Balash: Yes.

Mr. Papalas: He has?

President Marino: Yes, he has. When she called me I put her in contact with Jeff.

Mr. Papalas: Okay. He'll get on it. I know he will. Will you keep us posted as to what happens?

Georgeanne Balash: Yes. Thank you.

Mr. McCormick: Jim, are you aware of anything out in that area? Anything come to your attention yet?

Lieutenant Villecco: No.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (Draft No. 64-15)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED DRUG LAW FUND TO THE DRUG LAW MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 64-15.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No 64-15 has been adopted on the 2nd day of September 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (Draft No. 65-15)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED WATER FUND TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S WAGES, PENSION AND FICA ACCOUNTS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Stredney: I have a question. Will this be enough to take us through to the end of the year?

Mr. Papalas: I think this will get us through the final quarter.

YEAS: 6 ABSTAIN: 1 (Merlo) NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Giancola, seconded by Papalas to adopt this Draft No. 65-15.

YEAS: 6 ABSTAIN: 1 (Merlo) NAYS: 0

Draft No 65-15 has been adopted on the 2nd day of September 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 66-15)

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

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Giancola, seconded by Papalas to adopt this Draft No. 66-15.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 66-15 has been adopted on the 2nd day of September 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 67-15)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LINE ITEM TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE LIGHT DEPARTMENT'S CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT TO THE LIGHT DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Giancola to adopt this Draft No. 67-15.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No 67-15 has been adopted on the 2nd day of September 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 68-15)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED POLICE AND FIRE 1/2 % TAX FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT ACCOUNT AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Stredney: Did we get a drawdown from the grant?

Mayor Infante: Yes.

Mr. Stredney: All right.

Chief Danielson: We requested \$100,00.00 from the FEMA grant, so when we receive that we (inaudible)

Mr. Merlo: It's just a pass through, correct?

Chief Danielson: Yes.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Giancola, seconded by Papalas to adopt this Draft No. 68-15.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No 68-15 has been adopted on the 2nd day of September 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

Mayor Infante: There will be one more meeting with Nita and Tim to try and see where we stand in the general fund by the end of the year. There are some things that Chuck and I have to do. I have some issues that I need to meet with the unions on. We're looking at pulling out – Chuck's working on it now – pulling out all excess monies in the general fund accounts so we can turn around and transfer it into hospitalization, wages and benefits in the general fund. We're looking at moving three employees out of the park one month earlier than we usually do to save on general fund, and we're looking at our motor fuel gasoline that we bid out every year. We think we have some spare money there that we can move out. So we are going to keep on looking. By the 10th, we'll know exactly where we stand.

Mr. Papalas: This month.

Mayor Infante: Yes. Next week and Tim will be coming down. I'll keep you up to date after the 10th. We want to have this finalized by 15th of September.

Chief Danielson: I want thank the council for passing the ordinance for the fire truck. Thank you.

Mr. McCormick: One thing. Andy is going to be getting an agreement together for Trumbull County similar to what we did with McDonald for the sewage rate and he's going to try to get that out and let people look at it and hopefully it will be on the next agenda and keep things rolling. We'll suspend the rules and pass it on the next one when we get together, so if you get it and have any questions on it, please give Andy a call or me or Mark so that we can try to get that through right away. And you're opening up bids on the 11th for construction. That will be coming up real quick.

Mr. Stredney: Can we make a motion for Georgeanne's phone number to not be made public in our Minutes.

Mr. Papalas: I'll second that.

President Marino: Leave out her personal information. It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papalas.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pezzano: I want to thank Mr. Vigorito and Lieutenant Villecco for doing a great job at my block watch meeting last night. I had a lot of calls. Thanks a lot Mr. Vigorito.

ADJOURN

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



LORI KUSZMAUL, Clerk of Council



ROBERT MARINO, JR., President of Council