

## MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Safety-Service Complex, 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-P; Cox-P; Stredney-P; Papas-P; Wilkerson-P; Marino-P

President Marino announced that Council's designee for training purposes for council members is Linda Yuhasz.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2007 and place them on file. Motion carried.

## REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

FROM: The City Income Tax Office

The receipts for January 2007

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

FROM: The Cemetery Department

The Sales Report for January 2007

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

FROM: The Office of Mayor Ralph Infante

Board Appointments for the year 2007

It was moved by Papas, seconded by Lastic to accept the appointments and place them on file. Motion carried.

FROM: The Building and Zoning Department

The Housing Code Report for January 2007

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

FROM: Pat Rosenthal

A letter concerning the Niles Senior Apartment Corporation locating within a one-half mile radius of the city

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

FROM: Vesta Corporation

A letter apprising The City of Niles that Vesta Equity 2007 will be the Managing Member of a multifamily residential development(15 Royal Mall).

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

Councilman Scarnecchia: I would like to say that the mayor is one step ahead of us. He is already sending a letter to the OHFA in regards to the Royal Mall Apartments. It is a great letter. Do we all have to sign it?

Mayor Infante: Well it is up to you. I took the initiative to write the letter and give you a sample copy, if you want to add anything you have to let me know. If you want to send your own letter, I could take you off of this letter it doesn't matter. If we do it as a whole I will get each signature from all of you.

Councilman Papalas: I think it would be better that way.

President Marino: So do I. The letter is fine, good job Mayor.

Motion carried.

**MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Wilkerson: Just a reminder that we have a Utilities Committee Meeting February 14, at 4:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_ (Draft NO. 4-07)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO SELL USED STREET DEPARTMENT ITEMS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

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

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 4-07 has been adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney to place Draft No. 5-07 on the agenda.  
Motion carried.

Councilman Papalas: This ordinance has just come in. It is important that we pass it. It deals with property that is on Park Drive and is going to be purchased by FEMA at no cost to the city. This property cannot be used as construction again because it is a flood zone.

**RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_ (Draft No.5-07)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilman Papalas: This will be administered by Tom Telego our Emergency Management person.

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

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

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

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 5-07 has been adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

**MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS**

Mr. Carmen Vivolo: For the record you can excuse Superintendent Hillier he is ill and couldn't come tonight. In his absence I just wanted to let Council know about the computerization of the cemetery records. With the help of Mr. Swauger, Mr. Telego, Mr. Hillier, and of course my secretary to this point we purchased software and we have hardware on site, it is not functioning yet but Mr. Telego will take care of that shortly. This will mean that all mapping of every grave in the cemetery will be on our computers shortly. The people working on the software we have a little bit of work to do. This is out at the cemetery but that happen as soon as the weather breaks. This will also mean that we will have the capability to have a GPS system to locate these graves rather quickly so that we don't have to search through books that are sixty or seventy years old. They may be older, Duke Hughes was here a long time and he has been gone a long time. I am happy to report that in little less than a week, Cindy with the help of a part time assistant has every transaction recorded in a book for 2006 and is already in the software package. I just wanted you to understand that the money that you had spent and allocated is helping this department move into the twenty first century. Lastly, I have a trivia question

for anyone. Does any one know the significance of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1982 to the City of Niles? This day twenty five years ago our auditor asked the state auditor to get us out of financial emergency that we went into in 1980. In two years we are out and look where we are today. Which is a credit and I am very happy to say this because this is our community, it is a credit to all of these councilmen , the councilmen that came before, that Mayor and the man sitting next to the Mayor was on that Financial Committee. You did a heck of a job in twenty five short years. You all are to be congratulated and anyone who worked to get this community back to where it is, a vote of thanks.

Councilman Papalas: We had a meeting just a little while ago this afternoon concerning the vacant properties we have as a result of the demolitions. I for one believe that it was a good meeting because we all got an idea of where we are going with this and where we need to go. There are some options and I believe that we need to have further meetings. Mayor, perhaps with Mr. Robertson with the county, maybe which is someone we should think about seeing next before we go any further with this. I agree with you that we definitely need to do something to replace some of our losses with this property (inaudible). Also, I wanted to ask a question, Mr. Guarino or Chief maybe you could answer it, the OBI Task Force Grants are we into those or are we going to be applying for those?

Safety Director Guarino: We did get a grant it was effective October. In fact I am going to ask for a meeting with the Mayor, Chief and I, Friday to discuss (inaudible). We are going to have a meeting Friday. We did get a grant and so far we haven't sent any one out.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Stredney to adjourn this meeting at 6:19 p.m.  
Motion carried.

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**Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council**

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**Robert Marino, President of Council**