

## MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting of February 18, 2009 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; Scarnecchia-P; McCormick-A; Stredney-P; Papas-P; Wilkerson-P; Marino-P  
A motion was made by Stredney, seconded by Papas to excuse the absence of Councilman McCormick. Motion carried.

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

## REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

From The Dog Warden  
The 2008 Yearly Log

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

## MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Robert Faith, 1411 Difford Drive, Niles, Ohio: I am a member of Local 2155. I am here to speak about the America Free Choice. This is about the economy and we have a lot of our steel mills shut down. Anything that the government is buying to build bridges, buildings, and schools is to buy American products. This is not any way violating any trade laws. This will help create jobs, will help our steel mills going, taxes paid to the cities and towns, sales tax will buy stuff. This is a win-win situation. With the stimulus package that just passed there was a thing in there that was put in by the U.S. Congress to buy American. If there is any questions or anything that I can help you with I will try to answer any question.

Councilman Scarnecchia: Three years ago from a local G. M. Dealer I leased a Pontiac Torrance. I found out afterward that the whole thing was made in Canada. Am I buying American or am I buying Canadian?

Mr. Faith: This is just going into effect now, I have a Torrance. The parts were made some where else, but it was assembled in one of the U.S. plants. That was kind of a way that they said it was American, but a lot of the parts came from Canada. This is something that we are trying to change, that the parts be made in the United States. Everybody knows that the auto industry is in the tank, this would help. The suppliers will hopefully rebuild the car industry. There is nothing that can go wrong, this will help the country. It will help pay the city tax because when you have the clients working you get revenue from them.

President Marino: We also in the resolution we supported encourages we as a government body to purchase products made in the United States whether we receive those monies or not. In particular if we receive those stimulus dollars we purchase American made goods.

Mr. Todd Weddell of 884 Nancy Street, Niles, Ohio: I am president of Local 2155. What we want to do is have our city, our community right around here to buy American. That is basically what

the whole package is and what Bob is trying to talk about. It does talk about the fact that our steel mills are closing. As you know every day our steel mills are closing, WCI is probably working at three hundred out of fourteen hundred. I feel as part of this community as part of this state that it is our responsibility to endorse this.

Councilman Scarnecchia: To finish up my remark first thing I agree with you one hundred percent. It would be a perfect world if everybody would buy American. About fifteen years ago, our congressman from this district was very strong on the buy American. Because of the greed of companies and officials but, they will find a way to turn it around. We have to stay positive because we know what has happened in the past.

Councilman Papalas: We have shown support for you tonight by already passing what we just did. We will do anything that we can for you and I know all of us feel that way. In adding to what Tom just said I really do believe that our government needs to revisit all those NAFTA agreements and reconstruct that plan because I don't think it has helped us as we thought it would.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Stredney scheduled a Safety Committee meeting on February 25, 2009 at 3:45 p.m. in the mayor's office at City Hall.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO.\_\_(Draft No. 05-09)**

#### **2009 RESOLUTION ON THE SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS TO THE CITY OF NILES, OHIO**

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 Stredney, seconded by Wilkerson that this Draft be adopted.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 05-09 has been adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

#### **ORDINANCE NO.\_\_(Draft No. 06-09)**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION SERVICES WITH RBC, INC; AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF AN "ADD-ON " FEE; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Papas, seconded by Papalas 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.

Councilman Scarnecchia: Is this new to the department or have we been using this company?

Mayor Infante: No, it is new instead of thirty percent coming off the bill that is out standing the customer will be charged the thirty percent.

Councilman Papalas: The city will realize one hundred percent of the collection.

Councilman Scarnecchia: Where are they out of Mayor.

Mr. Tom Telego: They are out of the Columbus area but they have accounts throughout the state. They are actually one of the oldest collection companies in the state of Ohio.

**YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0**

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**MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS**

Mayor Infante: I handed out the 2008 busing packet. As you review it you will see that we ended the 2008 year in the black with forty four thousand dollars. The ridership was up from thirty seven thousand on 2007 to about forty four thousand in 2008. The ridership was really up big time and next year we are looking at one million five hundred thousand. Most of the money will come from federal dollars and there won't be any local additional monies. We are looking forward to another good year in 2009.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Stredney to adjourn the meeting at 6:20p.m.

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Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

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Robert Marino Jr., President of Council

