

MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting of November 3, 2010 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-P; McCormick-P; Stredney-P; Papas-P; Wilkerson-P; Marino-P

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM The Auditor's Office

The Estimated Versus Actual Revenues through the end of October 2010

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

Motion carried.

FROM The City Income Tax Office

The Monthly Receipt Totals through October 2010

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

Motion carried.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Cindy Weddell, 884 Nancy Street, Niles addressed City Council on what the Niles Enhancement Committee is working on. Their goal is to build up the quality of downtown Niles. She talked about the wonderful things that Niles has to offer such as the bike trail, McKinley Memorial, Senior Center and the Edison Place. The committee would like to build upon these things and offer more to the community. The committee would like to bring in more small businesses and things for the community such as a farmers market, art festivals and activities for the youth. The Niles Enhancement Committees next meeting is November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Steel Workers Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Mr. Robert Lumley Sr., 106 Neil Street wanted to know if there was an ordinance prohibiting people from walking in the middle of the road. He was worried about the safety of students walking home from school in the middle of the road. He witnessed people walking in the road when a police cruiser was on the road. Police Chief Simeone told Mr. Lumley that if people were obstructing traffic the cruiser would have stopped. Councilman Papalas told Mr. Lumley that if Chief Simeone said he was going to look into the matter then he would. Mr. Lumley was also worried about the onsite retention around Edison Place. When the junior high school was there a railing was around the school. He was worried about someone falling into the ravine. Mr. Hess told him that there was no danger of someone falling into the onsite retention. He also informed Mr. Lumley that it meets all the city's building codes and regulations. Mr. Lumley also had another concern. At 125 N. Arlington he put in new sidewalks and before the cement was dry, someone from the city measured the width of his sidewalk. He questioned why the city didn't measure the width of the sidewalks on Neil Street. He stated that the sidewalks on Neil Street aren't five foot. Mr. Hess told him that the Neil Street sidewalks were put in five to ten years ago and he would have to go back through records and research the reason. He thinks that the Neil Street project called for the sidewalks to be put back to the existing width.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO.__(Draft No. 57-10)

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE INTERMENT OR DISINTERMENT OF BODIES OR CREMAINS IN THE CITY CEMETERY BY INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN EMPLOYEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilman McCormick: What prompted this? Have people been taking ashes and burying them on a grave?

Councilman Lastic: (Inaudible) has the keys to the mausoleum and Monday morning the employees (inaudible).

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Giancola, seconded by Lastic that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 57-10 has been adopted on the 3rd day of November, 2010.

ORDINANCE NO.__(Draft No. 58-10)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAHONING VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT FOR RATES FOR WATER TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE CITY OF NILES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ORDINANCE NO.__(Draft No. 59-10)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES; 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 Stredney that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

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MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

Mr. Carmen Vivolo announced Christmas in the Park 2010 at Stevens Park on December 5, 2010 from 2p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be hayrides and pony rides, food, Santa, Chinese auction, crafts, fireworks and much more. Mr. Vivolo also thanked the citizens of Niles for the renewal of the park levy. He thanked the Youth League baseball teams and parents for their support. He also thanked the summer and fall Youth League soccer parents, Little Red Dragon Football parents and the parents of the Niles McKinley High School teams that use the fields in the parks. Mr. Vivolo also thanked Councilman Wilkerson for the help he does at Kennedy Park.

Mr. Lastic went to the Niles Enhancement Committee meeting held last week and said that it was very positive, organized and productive.

Mr. Papalas: I had complaints about the traffic light on Vienna Avenue and Vienna Road, that the red light is too long. I went over there and it does seem long. Would someone from the city go and check it?

It was moved by Papas, seconded by Giancola to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

Robert Marino Jr., President of Council