

MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting of November 20, 2013 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-A; Giancola-P; McCormick-P; Stredney-P; Merlo-P; Wilkerson-P; Marino-P
Councilman Papalas arrived later during the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Merlo to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 2013 and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM The Office of the Building Inspector

The Niles Planning Commission unanimously approved Robbins Ave. Dollar General rezoning
It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Giancola to accept the letter and place it on file.

Motion carried.

President Marino asked Auditor Nader when the budget meetings will be scheduled. Auditor Nader is compiling the soft budgets and hopes to begin hearing with the department heads the first week of December. President Marino won't be available until the second week of December for the budget hearings. Auditor Nader will also meet with the Finance Chairman as well.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Jean Waris, 925 Youngstown Warren Road, Niles: Jean thanked Police Chief Hinton and Mr. Barry Steffey for attending the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative Trumbull Standing Together. Jean had Certificates of Appreciation for Law Director Dull and Mayor Infante.

Robyn Morris, 203 Sheridan, Niles: She was unable to attend the hearing concerning the property at 206 Sheridan Avenue and wanted to know what happened at the hearing. Mr. Dull told her at the conclusion of the hearing the board was going to give the property owners thirty days to clean the property up. At the end of the thirty days if the property wasn't cleaned up the end result would be demolition. The bugs, flees and raccoons over on the Sheridan Avenue property were discussed at the hearing. The court hearing on November 27th is for the charges filed by the Health Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 73-13)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 141.11, "ALARM RESPONSE FEE" TO CREATE NEW FEE ASSESSMENTS BEGINNING IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Merlo to give this Draft a second reading.

Councilman Papalas asked the police chief what the policy is concerning a business alarm going off two or three times. Chief Hinton said that businesses are given three free alarm activations in a year. If in the case of a power failure or weather related there is no charge. If the alarm goes off and you can contact the police department before the officers respond to the alarm activation there is no charge. This amendment to the ordinance is to encourage employers to train their employees on their alarm system or to make repairs to their faulty alarm systems.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 73-13 has received a second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Amended Draft No. 74-13)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NILES FOR THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE A MOTOR VEHICLE IS IMPOUNDED OR TOWED AT THE BEHEST OF A NILES CITY POLICE OFFICER; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to give this Draft a second reading.

Councilman Stredney informed council that they changed Section 2 and Councilman Papalas said that he is in support of this ordinance.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 74-13 has received a second reading.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 83-13)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID BISHOFF AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD ESTABLISHED PERSUANT TO CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 501.14

It was moved by Merlo, seconded by Stredney to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Councilman Merlo told council that Mr. Bishoff couldn't attend the meeting tonight but wanted to express his appreciation for his appointment to the Nuisance Board.

President Marino told council that they did an excellent job in selecting Mr. Bishoff for the appointment.

Councilman Papalas also told council that Mr. Bishoff will do a good job on the board.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Merlo, seconded by Stredney to adopt this Draft No. 83-13.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 83-13 has been adopted on the 20th day of November, 2013.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Wilkerson to add Draft No. 70-13 to the agenda.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO.____(Draft No. 70-13)

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG MAHONING AVENUE, CURRENTLY OWNED BY PMRP PARTNERS, FROM INDUSTRIAL TO B-3 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Merlo to give this Draft a first reading.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 70-13 has received a first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

Mayor Infante announced that the city received a \$386,000 grant through the Public Works Commission for North Main Street resurfacing, the work is to be done next year.

Safety Director Guarino thanked council for appointing the new member to the Nuisance Board in a timely manner.

Auditor Nader spoke to council about the transfer of cash to Capitol Projects that was passed at the last council meeting. The \$300,000 was divided between \$200,000 for Brownfield Restoration and \$100,000 was for paving. Auditor Nader reminded council and the Utility Committee again to starting looking at the water and sewer rates.

Councilman Stredney: Chief, did we get that fire truck back yet?

Fire Chief Brown: We do have it back and it is with the mechanics right now. There are a couple little problems, but I think it will be back in service as soon as we get some parts.

Councilman Merlo: I know at the last meeting we tabled the ordinance for the billing software in the Utilities Office. I ask my fellow council members to take a minute to talk to the workers in that department to really see the issues they are having. I know that we are acting on forming a committee and I think that we are heading in the right direction, but you truly need to see the issues that they are having there.

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

Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

Robert Marino Jr., President of Council

