

MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting of December 17, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in Council Chambers, Safety-Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Marino, Jr. and the Clerk: Linda A. Yuhasz called the roll:

Lastic-P; Papalas-P; Scarnecchia-P; McCormick-P; Stredney-P; Papas-P; Wilkerson-A; Marino-P
A motion was made by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to excuse the absence of Councilman Wilkerson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Scarnecchia, seconded by Papas to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 26 and the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2008 and place them on file. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM Atty. David Kovass

A letter changing the hearing date for the annexation from Weathersfield Township
It was moved by Scarnecchia, seconded by Stredney to accept the letter and place it on file.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman McCormick: We had a Utilities Meeting today and Randy brought us up to date on the proposed improvements at the wastewater plant. He is going to put out a request for qualifications which will be reviewed after the first of the year. We need to get that moving because that design work needs to be done so that we can qualify for this stimulus money.

Councilman McCormick and Randy invited anyone who would like to go the Newton Falls Wastewater Plant on December 22, 2008 at 9:00a.m. to see the improvements that were done there.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 92-08)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT VARIOUS ACCOUNTS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 92-08 has been adopted on the 17th day of December, 2008.

A motion was made by Papalas, seconded by Stredney to add Draft No. 93-08 and 94-08 to the agenda. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. __ (Draft No. 93-08)

A TEMPORARY RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING VARIOUS SUMS OF MONEY FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF NILES, OHIO FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 2009; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilman Papalas: This is a temporary budget that lets us get through January and gives us time to get the details in order so that we can have the entire budget ready.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 93-08 has been adopted on the 17th day of December, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. __ (Draft NO. 94-08)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Councilman Papalas: There were several councilmen present when we decided that this would be appropriate to bring this out tonight, so you can put Council as a Whole on it, if that is okay?

President Marino: The sponsorship on Draft No. 94-08 will be marked Council as a Whole.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 94-08 has been adopted on the 17th day of December, 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

President Marino: From my family to your family I wish you a safe and happy holiday season and let us hope that 2009 will be a more prosperous year than 2008. The calendar will be the same, the first and the third Wednesday of every month until the first week of July and then we will be off until the third Wednesday in August.

Mayor Infante: I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with Chuck and I in dealing with the budgets. All the department heads understand that their department's budgets had to be cut . I think that we cut general fund below \$600,000 because it looks like we are going to be \$500,000 short in income tax. I wish everyone happy holidays.

Auditor Nader: I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Once again thank council for helping us get through the budget.

City Council wished everyone a happy holiday.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by McCormick to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m Motion carried.

Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

Robert Marino, Jr., President of Council