

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2018

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Niles City Council held its regular meeting on February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Safety Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Barry Steffey, and the Clerk, Nicole Bacak, called the roll:

Lastic- P, McNaughton-P, Profato-P, Cantola-P, Marchese-P, Mientkiewicz-P, Kearney-P, Steffey-P

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by McNaughton to accept the Minutes from the February 7th meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Public comments began at 1:13 into the recording)

President Steffey once again reminded everyone that drinks and food are not permitted in council chambers.

Aimee Cantola: 208 Vienna Ave. Mrs. Cantola had a question about the company that is doing the work on the roofs. She inquired if they quit or if they were fired. Service Director Stredney explained that there has been an extension granted to them based upon the weather. Mrs. Cantola

asked if they do not return to do the work, will this job have to be rebid to another company? Service Director Stredney explained that they still have time. Law Director Swauger stated that the company has been here doing work. He explained that their contract has built in clauses for allowing and granting extensions. If they request another extension, it would have to be reviewed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

(Legislation began at 3:58 into recording)

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (Amended Draft No. 08-18)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO PURCHASE A VALVE TURNER FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Marchese to give a 3rd reading to this Draft No. 08-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Mr. Cantola wanted to clarify that he changed his vote because the legislation was amended and this is now going to bid for the valve turner.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 08-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 08-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 09-18)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1402.10(b), "DWELLING PERMIT" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NILES, IN PART, TO INCREASE THE FEES CHARGED FOR DWELLING PERMITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by McNaughton to give a 3rd reading to this Draft No. 09-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 09-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 09-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 13-18)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBPARAGRAPH (C) OF CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 351.19 BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE TO BE ASSESSED FOR VIOLATION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Profato to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Marchese to adopt this Draft No. 13-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 13-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 14-18)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBPARAGRAPH (b) OF CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 351.99 BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE TO BE ASSESSED FOR PARKING IN VIOLATION OF EMERGENCY PARKING BAN AND FOR VIOLATION OF OTHER PARKING REGULATIONS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE SERVICE DIRECTOR; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Profato to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Profato, seconded by Marchese to adopt this Draft No. 14-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 14-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 15-18)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE CARNEGIE HEIGHTS PLAT NO. 3 AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 15-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 15-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 20-18)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED PARK FUND TO THE PARK DEPARTMENT FUND ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by Cantola to amend the draft to back to the original amount of \$20,000.00

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Motion carried.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by Cantola to adopt this Draft No. 20-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 20-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 21-18)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 73-17, KNOWN AS THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Mientkiewicz to adopt this Draft No. 21-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 21-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 23-18)

A RESOLUTION COMBINING THE WELLNESS CENTER BUDGET ITEMS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND INTO THE PARK FUND; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by Profato to give a 2nd reading to this Draft No. 23-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 23-18 has received its second reading on the 20th day of February 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 24-18)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION OF FY 2018 COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT (CBDG); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Profato, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Profato, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 24-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 24-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 25-18)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED WATER FUND AND UNAPPROPRIATED SEWER FUND TO THE WATER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ACCOUNT AND THE SEWER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mientkiewicz explained that this is an appropriation for the water meter project. \$500,000.00 was already appropriated. The Service Director and Neco have been working on the contract and decided that additional appropriations would be needed. Service Director Stredney stated that through meetings with Neco, there are items like a diagnostic tool and contingency money built in here. Mr. Mientkiewicz stated that this money is strictly for this project and if any of this money needs to be used, Neco is to notify the administration and the administration has to sign off on the change order. Any money left would return back to the fund that is was appropriated from. If by chance all of the money is spent and more is needed, Neco will have to explain to council and the administration the justification.

Mr. Cantola did ask if we have a time frame as to when this will be completed. Service Director Stredney said they are shooting for the end of this year, however, they will probably be some that linger into 2019. Neco will send out all of the notices and do all of the scheduling for the appointments. He estimates that there are approximately 5600-5700 meters that need to be installed. President Steffey asked if council will be provided with reports on the progress of the installations. Service Director Stredney did confirm that there will be progress meetings weekly with Neco and information will get to council.

Mr. McNaughton commended Service Director Stredney and the administration for the work they did on this contract.

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by Marchese to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 25-18.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 25-18 has been adopted on the 20th day of February 2018.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 25:00 into recording)

Mayor Scarnecchia informed everyone that the city treasurer resigned last week. He worked diligently on finding a new treasurer. After conducting interviews, Mayor Scarnecchia announced he has hired Mr. Steve Telego. Mr. Telego was a vice president of Cortland Banks for many years. Mayor Scarnecchia also thanked Service Director Stredney for the hard work he into getting the water meter project moving.

Service Director Stredney told council that they are going to asking either utilities or finance for the legislation in regards to the gas aggregate plan so it can be brought to the voters in November.

Chief Holland stated that at in the parking lot of the Wellness Center for the next few days, there will be a brand new \$100,000.00 driving simulator there for training for the officers. He invited council and the administration to go and take a look at the simulator and watch the officers.

Mr. Burke told council that on this Thursday, he is having a softball meeting with teams, and coaches about possibly starting an adult softball league. Also, he let everyone know that the next 5 minutes with the Park Director meeting will be March 1st at 5:00 P.M. at the Wellness Center.

Mr. Lastic stated that he is glad to be back.

Mr. McNaughton congratulated Mr. Burke on the phenomenal job he is doing. He thinks it's fantastic that he is taking the time to meet the members of the community and it's a good model to try and follow. He also reminded everyone that himself and Mr. Profato are taking a bus trip on Wednesday to Columbus to advocate for the project at Eastwood Field. President Steffey pointed out that Mr. McNaughton and Mr. Profato are paying for this trip out of their own pockets because they feel so strongly about it.

Mr. Profato pointed out that the precinct committee still has 45 days to appoint a treasurer. Law Director Swauger stated that as of now the position is an interim treasurer until the final appointment.

Mr. Cantola had two questions. He would like to continue to see the overtime report because he feels they need to follow up on that. He stated that he is getting questions in regards to the GPS systems. He asked for clarification on how the records are being maintained for the GPS systems. Service Director Stredney informed him they are digitally stored by Verizon and we go through they portal. People have put in public record requests for them and as long as is it within the time period that the system will hold, he has given the report.

Mr. Cantola asked how long the time period is and Service Director Stredney stated he believed there was a 5 day window on it, or 7. Mr. Cantola doesn't think that time frame is long enough. Law Director Swauger said the time frame requirements are from Verizon. He offered to check with Verizon and get more information on the retention period is. Mr. Cantola thinks this is an awesome tool because the Service Director should know where his trucks are and how many hours they are on the street. He should be able to pull further back in the system than 5-7 days. Law Director Swauger said that time frame might be all the city has access to but Verizon can

pull reports further back. He will check on this. Mr. Cantola mentioned it would be nice for someone from Verizon to come and give them information on this tool.

Mr. McNaughton did ask Service Director Stredney if he has ever seen a discrepancy while reviewing these reports. Service Director Stredney said there have been complaints where people say trucks are cutting trees on private property or the backhoe was taking down fences on Saturday afternoons. He has been able disprove the allegations by viewing the reports for the GPS.

President Steffey did agree that is a value to have this system and he looks forward to hearing from Law Director Swauger about the time frame.


Mr. Mientkiewicz asked Service Director Stredney about the overtime report. He wanted to make sure that council would still be getting an amended version of the overtime report for the first meeting in March. Service Director Stredney said that would be feasible. He explained the changes to the report and how the report will now show what the budgeted amount for overtime per department would be. For example, if the Light department was budgeted for \$100,000.00 Council would be able to see how much of that \$100,000.00 they used every month. They can monitor how close to their budgeted number they are getting to throughout the year.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by McNaughton to adjourn the meeting.



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



BARRY STEFFEY, JR., President of Council