

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2019

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Niles City Council held its regular meeting on January 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Safety Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

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

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

It was moved by Marchese seconded by Lastic to accept the Minutes from the January 9th meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM – Fire Department

Call Summary Report- Year 2018

Mr. McNaughton wanted to publicly thank both chiefs for providing council with their annual reports.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to accept and place it on file.

Motion carried.

FROM – Auditor's Office

Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense- December 2018

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Kearney to accept and place it on file.

Motion carried.

FROM – Auditor's Office

Check Report by Check Number- December 2018

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Smith to accept and place it on file.

Motion carried.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Smith to amend the agenda to allow the Regional Chamber of Commerce to speak to Council and give a presentation.

Motion carried.

Sarah Boyarko from the Chamber presented City Council with a 2018 Annual Contract Report and went through some of the highlights of this report. Ms. Boyarko touched on the empty properties that are available in the city of Niles. Ms. Boyarko spoke about multiple projects that the Chamber was involved throughout the year, such as the Good Morning Niles event in September, the park survey, cleaning up certain corridors and removing trash, blight clean up, submitted Enterprise Park for relocation for potential new businesses, etc.

Mr. Cantola asked what the Chamber is doing to help downtown Niles. Ms. Boyarko said that once they get some packages created, they will have some incentives to offer folks. Mr. Cantola asked if there was any focus being put on downtown. Ms. Boyarko explained they look at things like that. They present based on what meets the needs of the company, not the location of the property.

***Report is on file with Clerk ***

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Public remarks began at 25:00 into recording)

Lois Nickel: 3327 Curtis Ave. Mrs. Nickel asked if she was able to receive a copy the opt out legislation so that she can present it to her attorney. She does not think the cost of \$45.00 a month is reasonable. This is triple what her bill is and she is going to sue. President Steffey suggested that she schedule a meeting with the city's law director and speak to him directly.

Mrs. Nickel also stated that she would like the city purchase new Christmas decorations. She thinks the current ones are old.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

(Legislation began at 26:41 into recording)

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 11-19)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Cantola 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. 11-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 11- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 12-19)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Cantola)

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 12-19.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Cantola)

This Draft No. 12- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 13-19)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE AWARD OF THE S.A.F.E.R. GRANT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE HIRING OF SIX FIREFIGHTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Kearney to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 13-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 13- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 14-19)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED WORK FORCE ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE INCREASE OF THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS FROM TWENTY-ONE TO TWENTY-FOUR UNTIL JUNE, 30, 2020; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Kearney 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. 14-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 14- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 15-19)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR YEARS 2019 AND 2020; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Smith to give a first reading to this Draft No. 15-19.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Cantola)

Ms. Marchese did say that moving forward she would like to see us getting workers in the city educated to do this job so that we do not continue to outsource this. Mr. McNaughton agreed and said that is the end game. However, the training will not be done within a few months. He pointed out that the city of Warren was just fined approximately \$85,000 by the EPA. He does not want that to happen to our city.

Mr. Lastic asked Mr. Robertson how long it would take to become a certified backflow inspector. Mr. Robertson stated the training is a week-long but it is conflict of interest for him to go and do the inspections. Mr. Robertson said you could not bring the physical inspections in house. That portion would have to be contracted out.

Mr. Cantola wanted to point out that this is for a two year contract and we have never had a two year contract. We are giving it to a consulting firm that had it last year with no bids at all to move forward on a two year contract. That's why he voted no.

This Draft No. 15- 19 has received its 1st reading on the 23rd day of January 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 16-19)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6-08, ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES FOR EMPLOYEE GASOLINE ALLOWANCES, INFORMATION SYSTEMS, TELEPHONE USAGE AND VEHICLE AND HAND TOOL USAGE (NILES CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 163.08); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Cantola has a question on this legislation. It says we are changing this due to change frequencies but the old policies he has looked at are from 1992. He doesn't see a lot of repetitive. And if this is something that should be done yearly, he thinks it should come through council yearly rather than the procedures just being done in the city and the communication not given through council or the citizens.

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Cantola)

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 16-19.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Cantola)

This Draft No. 16- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 17-19)

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GASOLINE POLICY FOR THE CITY; AND,
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Kearney, seconded by Smith to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Ms. Marchese had a question on this legislation. She wanted to make sure this was not penalizing our employees. Mayor Mientkiewicz stated it was not. Ms. Marchese just wanted to make sure it was just cleaning up the language.

Mr. Cantola added that the city is in contract negotiations now and he thinks this should sit until those are completed. As he stated earlier, 15 gallons of fuel is 300 miles at 20 miles a gallons in our cars. And they are getting better gas mileage than did in 1992 when this was giving 15 gallons to every employee. That's 60 miles a day a city employee has to drive, not a police officer.

Mr. McNaughton asked if the employee does use 15 gallons of fuel, are they still getting 15 gallons of fuel per week. Service Director Flarey explained they are entitled to draw 15 gallons. He can't tell council if they only use 12 or 11 gallons. If it is a company car, it goes into the company car. If the fuel is for a meter reader, they use their personal cars. That 15 gallons of gas for a meter reader includes their insurance, their maintenance, their fuel, their wear and tear on their vehicles because we do not pay them for that.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Cantola)

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 17-19.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Cantola)

This Draft No. 17- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 18-19)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CELL PHONE / DEVICE POLICY FOR THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Marchese asked how many employees have cell phones and if it is for mainly management. Mayor Mientkiewicz said there are about 20 cell phones and it is for management.

Mr. Cantola did question how this piece of legislation fell under public grounds when it deals with technology. He doesn't know how so much of the legislation is coming out to different people and being sponsored by people who aren't on the committee. Mayor Mientkiewicz explained that the ordinance that was repealed was originally sponsored by public grounds and it was recommended by the previous law director that the new legislation go under public ground.

Mr. Cantola said there have been a lot of issues with selling trucks and trading trucks in, sponsoring legislation. He isn't sure what exactly is going on. President Steffey said we will go through that but we need to stay on track. Mayor Mientkiewicz wanted to go back to truck comment. The trucks to be sold went through the utilities committee so he doesn't understand where the comment came from.

Mr. Cantola explained that the truck the city is selling at the auction, the previous law director, that the Mayor appointed, would not auction off a vehicle because it had a bucket on it. That said vehicle got traded in and that same said vehicle is still in city of Niles. It really doesn't look good for the city of Niles. That's why he is commenting. That's what he is trying to get across without saying everything.

Mayor Mientkiewicz clarified that he did not appoint the previous law director. President Steffey interjected and reminded everyone that this isn't the place to go back and peel the band aid. Mr. Cantola is just commenting on what his concerns are. Why can we know sell a truck with a bucket when 6-8 months ago, we couldn't? President Steffey reminded council that they are to speak with their votes and resolutions.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Kearney to adopt this Draft No. 18-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 18- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 19-19)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 76-16, THE VEHICLE USE POLICY FOR THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Kearney, seconded by Smith to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Kearney, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 19-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 19- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 20-19)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS AND/OR TREATMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Kearney to give a first reading to this Draft No. 20-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 20- 19 has received its 1st reading on the 23rd day of January 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 21-19)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. _____, KNOWN AS THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 3 (McNaughton, Cantola, and Smith)

Rules are not suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Cantola to give a first reading to this Draft No. 21-19.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 2 (McNaughton and Smith)

This Draft No. 21- 19 has received its 1st reading on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 22-19)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND 223 TO THE SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNTS (NILES MUNICIPAL COURT); AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Lastic 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. 22-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 22- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 23-19)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED FIRE LOSS CLAIMS FUND TO THE FIRE LOSS CLAIMS REFUND ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Kearney to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Smith to adopt this Draft No. 23-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 23- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 24-19)

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SMALL CELL DESIGN GUIDELINES ORDINANCE,
ORDINANCE NUMBER 959**

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Smith to give a first reading to this Draft No. 24-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 24- 19 has received its 1st reading on the 23rd day of January 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 25-19)

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT OF A \$45.00 NON-COMPLIANCE
MONTHLY FEE ON THE WATER METER INSTALLATION; AND, DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY**

Mr. Cantola has a comment on this. These meters are meters that the city purchased over 6 years ago and now we are trying to rush them in to be installed. Whereas we have digital meters for electric, people aren't being forced to have that attached to their house. He doesn't agree with charging our citizens \$45.00 a month for not installing a meter. If they want to put it in when a home needs serviced, that is one thing. He doesn't think we should force them on the citizens just because the past administration purchased them and did nothing with them.

Mr. Lastic asked Law Director Zuzolo if he had reached out Neptune about this issue to see what they have to say about this. Maybe they can offer some insight to this issue because he is sure that they have gone through this before. He wants to know when this would come into effect also.

Mayor Mientkiewicz said it wouldn't go into effect until March. The city did reach out to NECO and has done extensive research on this. When you are going through a meter replacement program and you have non-compliance, what they are seeing is either an administrative fee put on the water or electric bill in order to send out a meter reader to manual read that meter at that home. The fee is the cost of the wages, benefits, pension, uniform, gas, wear and tear on the vehicle for that meter reader. It's either you allow them to keep the current meter for nothing, you shut the electric or water off or charge them the administrative fee.

Mayor Mientkiewicz also pointed out that there is no proof that these meters give cancer. It is on the American Cancer Society website. Mr. McNaughton agreed and said he has done his own research. He couldn't find any scholarly reviewed research. Science. He couldn't find one study that substantiates the claims that these cause health issues. You can find a lot of websites that will say it but not peer reviewed and not scholarly. As Mayor Mientkiewicz has already stated, the American Cancer Society has already come out and said these are healthy. He respects how citizens feel and they have asked for a plan B. The administration has worked with the law director and has come up with a plan B.

Mayor Mientkiewicz stated we are more than half way done with the project and we are projecting to have approximately 1000 non-compliant residents in the city for many reasons. The administration felt it was either shutting the water off or keeping the old meter and assessing an administration fee. Ms. Marchese asked what if the resident wins in court because they have medical reason. She also asked if we have enough meters to go around. Mayor Mientkiewicz said yes we do.

Mr. Profato asked if there was a clause in this for people are facing mitigating circumstances such as fixed incomes or health problems. He wants to know if there is language in there specific for those situations, or could a clause like that put in there. Mayor Mientkiewicz explained not all of the people on the list don't want the meters. They have received three letters who are just not scheduling the appointment to have it installed. Service Director Flarey wanted to make sure everyone knew there was no charge to residents to have the meters installed. The administration fee is only assessed to those to elect not to have the new meter installed.

Mr. Cantola is a little confused on the comments about sending out a meter reader to read the meters. He wants to know if the city will need them at all once these are installed. Mayor Mientkiewicz said no that the city will not need the meter readers to read meters for the water meters once they are all installed. The new meters are wireless. Mr. Cantola asked how many people the city is looking to displace or reassigning to new positions.

Mayor Mientkiewicz stated that there are still electric meters that need to be read. He said the plan was to do the water meters and then come around and do the electric meters. He is told that the electric meters won't be as difficult because they are on the outside of the house. We will still have meter readers because the electric meters will need to be read.

Mr. Cantola said that this cost for the meter readers is really just double dipping because they are going out anyhow. You can't really pay them on the city budget for going out and reading just

electric and just water. Those 5 individuals are a cost to the city anyhow. The \$45.00 cost for the meter reader isn't really there because the city has to pay that person to go out anyway.

Mayor Mientkiewicz reminded council that he has been briefing on them on how people are not responding to the three letters since this project started. NECO's practice is to shut the water off if they do not respond after the third letter. Everyone up there on council knew that. The city would run into more problems by doing that with old waterlines, old infrastructure as opposed to putting on an administrative fee and getting people's attention this way. It's his hope that this is an attention getting and people who are non-compliant see this and call and schedule their appointment and get the meter changed out.

Mr. Kearney asked what happens down the line once NECO leaves and people who haven't complied decide to have a meter installed. Will the city charge them a fee to do it? Mayor Mientkiewicz said the city will do the meter installation. Our customer service employees will go and change the meter.

Service Director Flarey pointed out that some individuals might be hesitant to change their meter because they have old valves. They have to pay for the cost of correcting this before the meter can be installed. If they have leaking valves or pipes in the basement, they need to correct this. The new meters can tell them if they have leaks in their house. There are a lot of advantages to the new meters. They give automatic reads and more accurate information. Mayor Mientkiewicz stated that only 2 people have contacted him about health concerns in regards to the new meters. Everyone else is just not doing it.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Profato to give a first reading to this Draft No. 25-19.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 2 (Cantola and Marchese)

This Draft No. 25- 19 has received its 1st reading on the 23rd day of January 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (Draft No. 26-19)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND REFERRING THE PETITION FOR AMENDING ZONING MAP FILED BY HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF NILES, FOR PERMANENT PARCEL NO.: 25-713620 TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Smith to adopt this Draft No. 26-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 26- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

It was moved my McNaughton, seconded by Kearney to amend the agenda to add Draft No. 27-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 27-19)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND MEMBERSHIP IN THE TRUMBULL COUNTY NATURAL GAS PROGRAM; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Marchese said that Niles used to have their own program and would send out letters for people to opt into their program through the electric department. This is coming from Trumbull County and it sounds like the one they tried to bring in before.

Mayor Mientkiewicz said this exact same one that is currently in place now. It has been in place for awhile. The one they tried to bring was from NOPEC at a higher rate. This once through Constellation is at 3.45 and is going down to 3.09. People have to call and in call opt in to the this program if they want it.

Mr. Kearney believed that the NOPEC program was an opt out program. Everyone was put into the program and you had to opt out. Mayor Mientkiewicz agreed. This is why that program was never brought to the floor. Ms. Marchese just wanted to clarify that everyone has the right to opt in and decide if they want to join.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Profato 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. 27-19.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 27- 19 has been adopted on the 23rd day of January 2019.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 1:06:11 into recording)

Mayor Mientkiewicz wanted to recognize the street department for their efforts over the past weekend with the snow storm. The city has 87 miles of roadway to maintain. The department worked the entire weekend and he feels they did a great job keeping the roads clear of snow. They were safe and salted.

Service Director Flarey recognized the water department. With the adverse weather conditions, they had a multitude of breaks that they stayed with and made sure to get them fixed. Ms. Marchese asked if the workers have protective gear that is waterproof. Service Director Flarey said yes and we are purchasing new gear also. They need that gear for the type of environment they operate in. Service Director Flarey commented on the naysayers on how people don't get close enough to see what our workers do. People are quick to say they see people standing around not doing anything, but they don't understand. All of the service departments do a great job. When the work is there, they are on top of it. They do not lollygag around.

Chief Danielson informed council that the fire department was not awarded the grant for the radios that they applied for. They went in with other departments in area and tried to get a regional grant. The State of Ohio did not award anyone in Northeast Ohio. President Steffey asked if they are looking at reapplying later in the year. Chief Danielson said they are looking at their options and will probably apply next year for the same grant.

Mr. McNaughton asked Chief Danielson even without the grant if the radios need to be upgraded. Chief Danielson explained that these are for the Marks radio. All of Trumbull County are going to the Marks radio. They were being cautious in case our 911 goes to the Marks system, we would already have the equipment at a 90% savings.

Mr. Burke updated everyone on some new classes at the Wellness Center. They have added some new Zumba classes that are free.

Mr. McNaughton explained his no vote in regards to the security in the building. This is his opinion and his opinion alone that we are rushing into this. We passed the overtime provision so we have the short term fix. He thinks there could be a little more time finding the two part timers at the increased salary that they talked about. When we get to messing with the authorized strength, he takes that very seriously. He does not want anyone to think that he does not believe in securing our buildings.

President Steffey pointed out how important these votes are. A lot of thought goes into each council member deciding how to vote. He appreciated Mr. McNaughton explaining his vote.

Mr. Profato stated that safety comes first and you cannot put a price on it.

Mr. Cantola agrees with Mr. McNaughton. Everyone has concerns with the safety of the court. We are struggling just looking at the financial benefit to city with the tax dollars to secure this courtroom. By adding on to the authorized strength, it adds on to the city's bottom line budget. That is something that we would have to step back and address with our state officials. We are so close to getting out of fiscal emergency. He doesn't think we really need to take those giant steps. He thinks we need to look at how we manage this on our own without taking a big chunk out of the general fund. The safety is by far first but with the overtime with our officers picking up, we have a little bit of time. We need to do the best we can do.

Ms. Smith concurs with Mr. McNaughton and Mr. Cantola. She cares very deeply for the safety of the citizens and the court but we are stewards of the city's money. It's their job to find the most financial sound way to do that.

Mr. Kearney also congratulated the street department on the work they did. He drove around the first ward and even though some of the roads weren't done, he assured them they were coming. People were happy with the outcome. They did a great job.

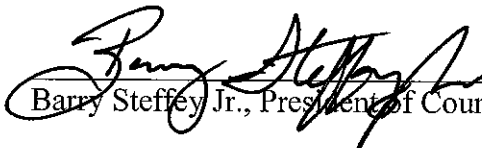
President Steffey wanted to reiterate with council that when department heads reach out to them to sponsor legislation, they should schedule committee meetings. They should give enough time when scheduling to allow people to be there. Allow for it to be at 5:30 P.M. or 6:00 P.M. so that all council members can be there. After you have your meeting and you decide if you are going to sponsor legislation, legislation needs to be turned into the law office by noon on Wednesday. That way the law department can bring it together and send it out by Friday at 4:00 P.M. This will also allow council 4-5 days to review the legislation. Nothing is done as well as it could be if we don't have committee meetings. President Steffey stated he isn't a fan of the walk in legislation. He thinks we need to clean up the beginning of it so we can see it all the way through.

ADJOURN

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



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



Barry Steffey Jr., President of Council