

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2020

Audio recording of full meeting will be available on line on the city's website

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on December 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Niles Senior Center Complex in Niles, Ohio.

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

Lastic- P, McNaughton-P, Profato-P, Cantola-P, Marchese-P, Smith- P, Sollitto-P, Marino-P

It was moved McNaughton seconded by Smith to accept the minutes from the November 18th meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM-Ohio Division of Liquor Control- Notice to Legislative Authority
Giuseppe's Italian Market LLC from DVINO LLC and Shree Jyoti LLC from Adam May Inc.

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by McNaughton to refer these to the Police Chief and Safety Director for their recommendation.

Motion carried.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Public comments began at 1:48 into recording)

NONE

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

President Marino reminded council to submit their committee meeting minutes to the clerk as soon as possible so they can be kept on file.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION
(Legislation began at 2:10 into recording)

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 135-20)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ENGINEERING SERVICES 2021 and 2022; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 135-20.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 135- 20 has been adopted on the 2nd day of December 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 136-20)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK OF WATER AND SEWER LINES FOR 2021 AND 2022; 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 Smith, seconded by Sollitto to adopt this Draft No. 136-20.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 136- 20 has been adopted on the 2nd day of December 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 137-20)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONCRETE RESTORATION WORK OF WATER AND SEWER LINES FOR 2021 and 2022; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 137-20.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 137- 20 has been adopted on the 2nd day of December 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 138-20)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1402.10, "DWELLING PERMIT" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NILES, IN PART, TO INCREASE THE FEES CHARGED FOR INITIAL DWELLING PERMITS AND ADDING OCCUPANCY CHANGE INSPECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Cantola to give a 1st reading to this draft.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 138- 20 has received its first reading on the 2nd day of December 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 139-20)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO RENEW THE AGREEMENTS WITH AETNA TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS AND THE ANNUAL HEALTHCARE CONSULTING SERVICES WITH ZALUSKI INSURANCE INCORPORATED FOR HEALTHCARE CONSULTING FOR THE CITY OF NILES

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Cantola to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Smith to adopt this Draft No. 139-20.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 139- 20 has been adopted on the 2nd day of December 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. _____(Draft No. 140-20)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PERMANENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Smith to give a 1st reading to this draft.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 140- 20 has received its first reading on the 2nd day of December 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. _____(Draft No. 141-20)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND 220 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPLY TO THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND TO PAYROLL FOR EMPLOYEES AFFECTED FROM CORONAVIRUS AND PAYROLL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY EMPLOYEES AS OUTLINED BY THE OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Profato to adopt this Draft No. 141-20.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 141- 20 has been adopted on the 2nd day of December 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 10:32 into recording)

President Marino stated that he did have a conversation with Mayor Mientkiewicz prior to the meeting about concerns associated with our garbage service. Mayor Mientkiewicz is going to set up a meeting to address those concerns and any other issues. They are not picking up everything and they are skipping houses. When they are picking up the garbage, garbage is going all over the ground. Mayor Mientkiewicz has agreed to reach out to his contact there and try to remedy this for the city.

Mayor Mientkiewicz said he will be contacting them tomorrow. He does have a direct contact there and they skipped his house a couple of weeks ago. His secretary and Mr. Crowley do have the contact information for his direct contact at Republic. If council has any concerns, please contact his secretary and she will have it taken care of for them.

Mr. Sollitto did confirm that when they are picking up the garbage, they are just dumping trash everywhere. President Marino said he has had two complaints on the size of boxes that are not being picked up. If there are rules or a size requirement for these items to be picked up, there needs to be communication to the citizens. What do we need to do to have the items picked up properly? Mr. Lastic also mentioned about mattresses. He understands there are certain dates that they do those pick ups and special pick ups will need to be scheduled.

Mayor Mientkiewicz said he is not aware of any COVID concerns they have with the trash pickup. There were restrictions back in March and April but nothing that he is aware of now.

Mayor Mientkiewicz informed council that he will be scheduling special council meetings for next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:00 P.M. These calls will be virtual. The meetings on Thursday and Friday will only happen if the items are not passed under suspension on Wednesday.

Mayor Mientkiewicz also stated that they were informed this morning that the city was awarded the 2021 OPWC grant for street resurfacing for \$225,000.00. The city will have close to \$750,000.00 in street resurfacing next year, and that does not include the West Park project that was pushed to next year. The city will have over a million dollars in street resurfacing. Everyone in the room deserves a pat on the back for keeping their commitment to allocating every dollar of the license plate fee back into the street.

Mr. Crowley told council that he has emailed everyone, and he has information pertaining to the ordinance that was given a first reading tonight if they have any questions to please reach out to him. President Marino said he was the one who asked for the reports. And the reason for that is because of the complaints and concerns around rentals in town and what their department is doing around them. He wanted the reports so that council would have those reports and

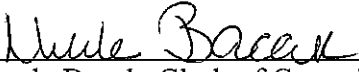
information at their fingertips and tell people what we are doing. Mr. Crowley asked how often they would like a report and President Marino said once a month would be great.

Mr. McNaughton wanted to share his appreciation to the street crew with the way they handled the first snowstorm. He was out and about with his 6-year-old in the middle of it. The street's got a whole lot better once he got to Niles. It was a job well done by the department. He wanted to show his appreciation for the work they do when the weather is awful.

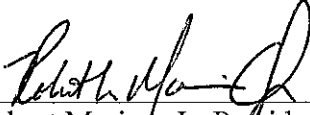
Mr. Cantola wanted to thank everybody with COVID being as bad as it is in our county, we are very fortunate to be able to do these meetings virtually. He appreciates that. It is a big plus for us. He wanted to thank everyone who set up the meeting equipment today so the meeting could happen virtually.

ADJOURN

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



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



Robert Marino, Jr, President of Council