

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 15, 2021**

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

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on September 15, 2021, 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 Pro Tem Clerk, Lori Shay, called the roll:

Julian- P, Lastic-P, Profato-NP, Cantola-P, Marchese-NP, Smith- P, Sollitto-P, Marino-P

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Lastic to excuse Mr. Profato and Ms. Marchese from the meeting due to illness.

Motion carried.

It was moved Sollitto, seconded by Smith to accept the minutes from the September 1<sup>st</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and September 13<sup>th</sup> meetings and place them on file.

Motion carried.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

From the Auditor's Office Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense for August 2021.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Julian to accept the Auditor's Office Statement of Cash and Expense for August, 2021 and place it on file.

From the Auditor's Office Check Report by Check Number for August, 2021. It was moved by Smith, seconded by Sollitto to accept the Auditor's Office Check Report Number for August, 2021 and place it on file.

Letter from Mrs. Miller to City Council about Flooding. It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Smith to accept the Letter from Mrs. Miller to City Council about Flooding and placed on file.

Comment from the Mayor regarding the letter that after the conversation they had with Mrs. Miller and listening to her concerns after the last meeting, all of the Service Director's information was passed on to her son. The phone call from her son to the Service Director still did not take place.

**MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

NONE

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NONE

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**  
(Legislation began at 03:09 into recording)

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 118-21)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY MANHOLES FOR THE CITY OF NILES AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Smith to give a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to this Draft No. 118-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Julian to adopt this Draft No. 118-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 118-21 has been adopted on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 119-21)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (EASTGATE) FOR THE 2021 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AND AGREEING TO SHARE IN THE COST AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PROGRAM**

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Sollitto to give a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to this Draft No. 119-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 119-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 119-21 has been adopted on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_(Draft No. 120-21)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESIDENTIAL TRASH REMOVAL FOR THE CITY OF NILES AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Smith to give a first reading to this Draft No. 120-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 120-21 has received its 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_(Draft No. 121-21)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A UTILITY RATE STUDY FOR THE CITY OF NILES AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Smith to give a first reading to this Draft No. 121-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 121-21 has received its 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_(Draft No. 122-21)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE CITY FIBER OPTIC NETWORK WITH MEDIA LINK OUTSIDE PLANT MANAGEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Sollitto to give a first reading to this Draft No. 122-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 122-21 has received its 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 123-21)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MONTHLY CASH TRANSFERS; AND,  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Julian to give a first reading to this Draft No. 123-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 123-21 has received its 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 124-21)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE  
UNAPPROPRIATED SEWER FUND TO THE CONSULTANT FEES FUND FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF PREPARING A REPORT FOR UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF  
SANITARY DETENTION PUMP STATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Sollitto to give a first reading to this Draft No. 124-21.

**YEAS: 5      NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 124-21 has received its 1<sup>st</sup> reading on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS**

The Mayor had a quick note on the final breakdown of the Niles Times Building about the financials, approximately \$17,000.00 in invoices was appraised for labor and fuel costs through the engineers office. We received \$5,000.00 approximately in strap bags from Niles Iron and Metal for a total project cost net of \$12,000.00. This is the second major project that was very beneficial to the community and saved the City a ton of money. Participation from the COG for these types of projects are very beneficial.

The Treasurer sent everyone an email today regarding RITA information, he just received some RITA updates from the end of August and if you go through the email and look at some of the

monthly and annual charges, it seems like some of the good news is with the comparisons of other years and months, we may hit the Nine Million Dollar mark this year. That's good news as long as things continue to go in the direction that they are going in. If there are any questions you can email the Treasurer and he will give you a response.

Chief Holland stated that his two new officers are working out well.

Mr. Sollitto was wondering if we had an update yet on the restroom for the park. He knows we were waiting on the grant. The Mayor stated they had some communication with ODNR and they needed the Kennedy Park Deed and we were not able to locate that in the City Building so we had to do a record search. We did locate the deed and we are waiting on the company to send us the deed so we can send it down to the state.

Mr. Cantola would like to call an Executive Meeting this evening, Seconded by Mr. Julian.

Roll Call was made by Lori Shay-Mr. Julian-P, Mr., Lastic-P, Mr. Cantola-P, Ms. Smith-P, Mr. Sollitto-P.


**ADJOURN**

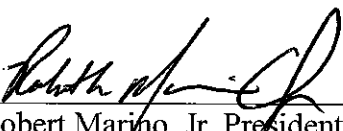
President Marino stated let the record reflect that Council is adjourned and Executive Session is at 6:12 p.m.

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Mr. Julian to adjourn into executive session pursuant to ORC Section 121.22 G1, Compensation for public officials.

**YEAS: 5    NAYS: 0**

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:12 P.M.

  
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Nicole Baack, Clerk of Council

  
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Robert Marino, Jr, President of Council