

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2022

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

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on December 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Niles Senior Center in Niles, Ohio.

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

Julian- NP, Lastic-P, Papalas-P, Devorich-P, Marchese-NP, Smith- P, Sollitto-NP, Marino-P

It was moved Lastic, seconded by Papalas to excuse Julian, Marchese and Sollitto from the meeting.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Devorich to accept the minutes from the November 16th meeting and place it on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM- Treasurer's Office

Income tax collections – December 7, 2022

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

Motion Carried.

FROM- Auditor's Office

Statement of cash from revenue and expense – November 2022

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

Motion Carried.

FROM- Auditor's Office

Check report by check number- November 2022

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

Motion Carried.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Public comments began at 2:15 into recording)

James Sheely: Mr. Sheely said the last time he was here he started by saying that Niles was moving in the right direction. He does have some things that concern him. The city lost one manufacturing building that he worked at and now there is an empty building sitting there. He doesn't believe there is anyone looking at the property. Mayor Mientkiewicz said there is a deal in the works. Mr. Sheely said that is good news. Mr. Sheely asked about Cleveland Steel container, and he was told that them leaving was on hold. He is concerned that would be another big concern for the city.

Mr. Sheely wanted to know about the graffiti that is painted on the park equipment at Murphy Park. He was wondering if they could get volunteers to come and clean up the graffiti. He would like to know if there is some sort of clear coat or something that could be put on it so in case people damage it, it can be wiped off. President Marino said that is worth looking into.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

(Legislation began at 5:32 into recording)

Law Director Zuzolo said he needed to have an executive session for pending litigation. They can do it after legislation. President Marino said they will go through this evening's legislation and miscellaneous remarks first and then adjourn into executive session since there will be no council action after.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 187-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNUSED LANDS OWNED BY THE CITY OF NILES TO THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF NILES, OHIO ("CIC")

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to give a second reading to this Draft No. 187-22.

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 187-22 has received its second reading on the 7th day of December 2022.

The following drafts will be part of the consent agenda and passed together with suspension of three readings and as an emergency.

Law Director Zuzolo explained that due to there only being four members present, there the drafts could only pass with a first reading and would not be able to pass under suspension.

It was moved by Papalas, and seconded by Lastic to give these drafts a first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 190-22)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR AND/OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MUTUAL HEALTH SERVICES AND ZALUSKI INSURANCE INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF NILES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 191-22)

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

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 192-22)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PERMANENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 193-22)

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING COMPENSATION SOURCES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF NILES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 194-22)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 104-22, KNOWN AS THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 195-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF A VEHICLE BY INTERNET AUCTION ON GOV DEALS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 196-22)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR REPAIR WORK OF WATER AND SEWER LINES FOR 2023; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 197-22)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2023; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 198-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR AND SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH USI AGENT FOR PEP INSURANCE AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 199-22)

ORDINANCE FOR ILLICIT DISCHARGE & ILLEGAL CONNECTION CONTROL

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 200-22)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH METLIFE INSURANCE TO PROVIDE LIFE INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF NILES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 201-22)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR CITY OF NILES ELECTED OFFICIALS

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 202-22)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POLICE RETENTION FUND 237; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to give a first reading to these Draft No. 190-22 through 202-22.

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 0

These Drafts No. 190-22 through 202-22 have received its first reading on the 7th day of December 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 20:41 into recording)

President Marino wanted to reiterate the special council meetings for the express purpose of agenda items only for Monday, December 12th @ 5:15 P.M. and Wednesday, December 14th @ 5:15 P.M. (if necessary) in the lower-level conference room of the city administration building. He will not be available on Monday, but he will be there on Wednesday if necessary. He will let Ms. Marchese know that she will need to run the meeting on Monday.

Mayor Mientkiewicz stated on December 17th @12:00 P.M. at the Niles City Cemetery, the Mayor's Veterans advisory board will hold a ceremony for wreaths across America. Mayor Mientkiewicz wanted to commend the board and all of the volunteers and everyone who donated toward a wreath. They raised more than a thousand wreaths for all of the veterans' graves in the cemetery. This is the second year in a row that all of the graves will have wreaths. He thinks this is something everyone should be proud of.

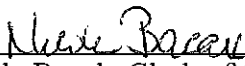
Chief Holland wanted to thank council for passing the legislation for the retention grant. The department worked very hard on the grant, and it will help retain their police officers.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Smith to adjourn into executive session pursuant to ORC for pending litigation.

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:12 P.M.
Council reconvened from executive session at 6:42 P.M.

ADJOURN

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



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



Robert Marino Jr., President of Council