

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2023

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

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on January 4, 2023, 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- P, Lastic-P, Papalas-NP, Devorich-P, Marchese-NP, Smith- NP, Sollitto-P, Marino-P

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Julian to accept the minutes from the December 21st meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM- Niles Police Department

Annual Report for 2022

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Lastic to accept, and place them on file.

Motion Carried.

FROM- Planning and Permitting Department

Update through December 14, 2022

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Sollitto to accept, and place them on file.

Motion Carried.

FROM- Treasurer's Office

Year end report for revenue collected and interested earned for 2022

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Lastic to accept, and place them on file.

Motion Carried.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Public comments began at 2:25 into recording)

Amy Jo Giovannone: Ms. Giovannone wanted to come to council this evening to introduce herself and make an announcement. She is running for third ward council. She is an open book and if anyone has any questions, please direct them to her and you will get the truth from her. Ms. Giovannone has 15 plus years working for the City of Warren in various departments. She was also a paid part time firefighter for Howland Township. Ms. Giovannone did, however, break her back, but was able to go back to school and finish her master's degree and began teaching at YSU. She ended up getting into the oil and gas industry. There is nothing personal, this is strictly professional. She knows she has a lot a new energy and she is aware of how operations work, and she can help the city.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance meeting minutes- November 29, 2022

Executive session meeting minutes- November 29, 2022

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Lastic to accept, and place them on file.
Motion Carried.

Due to the attendance this evening, President Marino pointed out the legislation will not be able to be suspended. The legislation will have to go through readings.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

(Legislation began at 4:42 into recording)

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 205-22)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RETIRE/REHIRE EMPLOYMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Julian, seconded by no one to give a second reading to this Draft No. 205-22. Since there was no second, the draft dies.

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

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 01-23)

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

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 02-23)

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND/OR NILES CODIFIED ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 03-23)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 04-23)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NILES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 05-23)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR RENOVATIONS AT THE NILES SENIOR CENTER AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 06-23)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH NECO TO REPLACE RF OUTSIDE TRANSMITTERS AND PROCODER REGISTERS AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 07-23)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND CONTRACT FOR THE LEASE AND/OR PURCHASE OF A HEAVY-DUTY TRUCK WITH SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 08-23)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CAT 920 COMPACT WHEEL LOADER THROUGH SOURCEWELL (COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM) FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Julian to give a first reading to the consent agenda

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These Drafts No. 01-23 through 08-23 have received their first reading on the 4th day of January 2023.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 7:42 into recording)

President Marino gave kudos to the fire department for what took place on Robbins Ave. It was a very dangerous situation, and it does not go unrecognized. It is appreciated the dangers they face on occasion and thankfully no one was seriously injured.

Mayor Mientkiewicz gave a quick update about the pump station project. The bid opening is Friday so they should have a hard number moving into 2023. He would like to get this project moving and to council and on the agenda as soon as possible. They will discuss more at the roundtable next week. Lastly, he did receive a call from the state today. Unofficially, Trumbull county's demolition project will be funded. He is waiting to see what the exact dollar amount is, and to have an official announcement from the governor within a week or so. The city did commit to a 20% match for this project so as soon as they get the final word, it will be coming back to council to move forward with this project.

Chief Stevens wanted to touch on the house fire that was on Robbins. He wanted to give kudos to all of the other departments in the city that assisted the fire department. The police department provided scene security and dispatch. The street department also assisted with directing people and keeping people safe. One of the first people on scene was Mr. Ward, the head of the street department. The street department cleaned up the debris from the road. The light department was also on scene to cut the power. He wanted to thank all of the departments and everyone who helped.


Service Director Flarey pointed out that the water department was also on site to assist. President Marino said the house was smoldering for a few days. Chief Stevens confirmed it is still as of today.

Mr. Sollitto said last week there were conversations about the property that was going to the CIC and that would go up after there was a plan in place from the comprehensive plan. Everyone agreed with that. He had a resolution to put that in writing, but it did not pass. He received calls after the meeting about this. So it was one of two things: either we weren't being true to our word, which he doesn't think is the case, or Mr. Julian got his feelings hurt that he did not go through him.

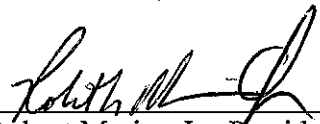
How this is going to work in the future, Mr. Sollitto said Mr. Julian is going to call a call a meeting within the next ten days about economic development, or Mrs. Devorich and himself will call the meeting and will change the process. Mr. Sollitto said if they don't put it in writing, he doesn't agree with it. Mr. Lastic asked who was not putting anything in writing and Mr. Sollitto said council voted it down. Mr. Lastic wanted to know who called him about this and Mr. Sollitto said it was a very reputable political person.

ADJOURN

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



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



Robert Marino Jr., President of Council