

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2025

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Niles City Council held its regular meeting on March 5, 2025, 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:

Weddell- P, Johnstone-P, Sheely-P, Devorich-P, Julian-P, Lastic- P, Sollitto- P, Marino-P

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Weddell to accept the minutes from the February 19th regular meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

(Public comments began at 4:08 into recording)

NONE

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

(Legislation began at 4:22 into recording)

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 31-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES OF AMERICA

(SWLA) TO OFFER THE SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM TO CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NILES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Sollitto to give a third reading to this Draft 31-25.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Sollitto to adopt this Draft 31-25

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft 31-25 has been adopted on the 5th day of March 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 35-25)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143.04 "SECURITY OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NILES, IN PART, TO DEFINE 'OFFICER' AND ADJUST THE APPLICATION FEE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Lastic to give a second reading to this Draft 35-25.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 35-25 has received its second reading on the 5th day of March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 37-25)

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 56

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Weddell to give a second reading to this Draft 37-25.

Mr. Johnstone asked Mayor Mientkiewicz if he has heard any updates on this. Mayor Mientkiewicz said there was an amendment on this in regard to the toxicity levels and the amount of marijuana that a person can grow, but there was nothing about the percentage kickback back to the municipalities. It seems that they are passing that off to the governor to make that decision. He has not heard anything from the governor's office on this yet.

Mr. Sollitto asked if he has had a conversation with Mr. Santucci and Mayor Mientkiewicz said he did express his opposition. He also expressed his opposition with Senator O'Brien. Mr. Sheely said they need to hammer on the doors of the senators. He is going to make calls again and stay on this. He does not think this is right or fair at all.

Mr. Johnstone agreed and said many of the many council members have expressed their concerns and opposition. He encouraged the residents to get involved and call the state representatives on this issue and express their opposition also.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 37-25 has received its second reading on the 5th day of March 2025.

The following drafts will be part of the consent agenda, being brought to the floor for the first time, passed together with suspension of three readings, and as an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 39-25)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A THEN AND NOW PAYMENT REQUEST FOR YORK-MAHONING MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS INC FOR REPAIRING THE HVAC AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 40-25)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A THEN AND NOW PAYMENT REQUEST FOR KV ELECTRIC LLC FOR THE EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL REPAIR AT THE NILES WELLNESS CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 41-25)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF INDUSTRY GRADE GARAGE DOORS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 42-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESTROOMS FOR THE NILES RIVERFRONT LAUNCH; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 43-25)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SLUDGE HAULING AND DISPOSAL FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (Draft No. 44-25)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PLYMER FOR SLUDGE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (Draft No. 45-25)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SPECIFICATIONS FOR SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE, SODIUM BISULFITE, AND ALUM FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (Draft No. 46-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE BROWN STREET PIPE RELINING PROJECT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (Draft No. 47-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NILES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TWO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Lastic to suspend the rule requiring three readings to this consent agenda.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Sollitto to adopt this consent agenda.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This consent agenda has been adopted on the 5th day of March 2025.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL FOR GENERAL PURPOSE

(Public comments began at 12:10 into recording)

NONE

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 12:16 into recording)

Mr. Johnstone reminded everyone of the Community Development and Neighborhood Stabilization Committee Meeting for tomorrow, Thursday, March 6th @ 5:15 P.M. in the lower conference room of the city building.

Mr. Sollitto offered his deepest sympathy to Law Director Zuzolo for the recent passing of his mother and to President Marino for the recent passing of his brother-in-law.

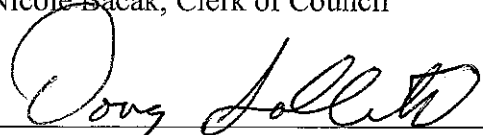
Mr. Sollitto asked for an update on the bollards and playground equipment at Kennedy Park. He wants to make sure they stay on top of the bollards because it is a safety concern. Mayor Mientkiewicz said once the weather clears up and the ground dries up, they will be taking care of those. Once the Waddell Park project is completed, they will begin with moving the equipment. He is hoping for late summer or early fall.

ADJOURN

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



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



Doug Sollitto., Pro Tem President of Council

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