

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2026

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

*A caucus was held @ 5:30 prior to the regular meeting to discuss legislation and livestreaming via Zoom for this meeting and meetings going forward. Chris Hubinsky, who provides the IT service and support for Council meetings, presented the issues he found from the incident at our last council meeting and options for a resolution going forward for stricter security. Chris also made Council aware that while setting up the Zoom for today's meeting, he noticed an individual with the same name as one of the alleged hackers from last meeting who tried joining but was not permitted into the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Doug Sollitto.

The Clerk, Abbey Lavelle called the roll:

Weddell- P, Johnstone-P, Sheely-P, Leskovec-P, Julian-P, Lastic- P, Stredney-P, Sollitto- P

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to accept and place on file the General Consent Agenda.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC REMARKS

(Public comments began at 2:23 into recording)

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

(Legislation began at 2:33 into recording)

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 136-26)

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING THE DEDICATION OF
ILLUMINATION POINT DRIVE AS A PUBLIC STREET OF THE CITY OF NILES,
OHIO, PURSUANT TO SECTION 723.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND
DECLARING SAID STREET TO BE UNDER THE CARE, SUPERVISION, AND
CONTROL OF THE CITY.**

It was moved by Johnstone, seconded by Weddell to give a second reading to Draft No. 136-26.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 136-26 has received its second reading on this 2nd day of September 2026.

The following drafts will be part of the consent agenda passed together with suspension of three readings, and adopted as an emergency as applicable in the corresponding legislation language.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 159-26)
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION BUDGET TRANSFER FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 160-26)
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A CEMETERY GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE CEMETERY GRANT ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 161-26)
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE VEHICLE BY INTERNET AUCTION ON GOV DEALS AS IT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Johnstone, seconded by Weddell to suspend the rule requiring three readings and adopt this consent agenda.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended and the consent agenda has been adopted on the 2nd day of September 2026.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 4:48 into recording)

Mayor Mientkiewicz reminded residents of the annual Touch a Truck event on Saturday September 5th at the Wellness Center at Waddell Park from 10:00 – 12:00. Also on Saturday September 5th is the bi-annual electronics drive located at the Police Station. On Sunday September 6th there will be the third session of Yoga on the Square at Niles Public Square.

James Sheely thanked the safety services for what they do for Niles, especially in light of the house fire on Ann Street. No one was home when the fire started, but the homeowner's pets were rescued from the residence. James Sheely also wanted to thank Jason Cooke and Kimberly Perkins for both their help in rescuing the animals from the house fire.

Doug Sollitto spotlighted the Kimberly Clark project and its projected completion date of December 2026. He is excited for all the jobs this will bring to the area.

ADJOURN

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


Abbey Lavelle, Clerk of Council


Doug Sollitto, President of Council