

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2026

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

*A presentation by MVSD regarding sewer utility rate changes and a roundtable to discuss such proposed changes was held at 5:00 at the Senior Center prior to the regular 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-NP, Lastic- P, Stredney-P, Sollitto- P

It was moved by Weddell, seconded by Leskovec to excuse Julian.

It was moved by Johnstone, seconded by Stredney to amend the General Consent Agenda to accept the amended minutes from the September 2, 2026, regular council meeting.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC REMARKS

(Public comments began at 6:52 into recording)

Tracy Hunsbarger, 23 Wood Avenue, raised an issue with the tree limbs growing around the power lines in front of her property. The Mayor referred Tracy to the Service Director to give her contact info so we can coordinate with the Tree Department to come out and clear the power lines.

Sue Lipkovich, 490 Utah Avenue, McDonald, spoke on the recent issues arising in the Village of McDonald regarding data centers, specifically a data center proposal by Oppidan to be developed in McDonald. Sue wanted to place her concern on record with Niles as the property where the proposed development is directly neighboring Niles. Sue provided a packet of information regarding the Oppidan proposal/purchase agreement, which is on file with the Clerk. Sue commends the City for having a moratorium in place, but comes tonight to warn residents that this data center is coming as a purchase agreement is already in place. Doug Sollitto commented that Niles would have no control over what McDonald does and vice versa but he adds that we are doing what we can to control any issue of a data center coming to Niles. Ed Stredney thanked Sue for coming and speaking on this as he also attended the McDonald Council Meeting that discussed the Oppidan data center plans. Aaron Johnstone added that he also attended the council meeting in McDonald to see how it compares to the one brought before Niles City Council, which is 2-3 times larger than the Bitdeer Data Center proposal. Aaron commends Sue for coming down and bringing awareness to this issue and fully supports what she's doing.

Cody presented a radio prototype that he has created for disaster preparedness for off-grid text messaging. He would like to work with the City or donate some of his prototypes to help spread

word on it. Doug Sollitto directed this to the Law Director who told him to set up a meeting with himself and the Mayor to discuss it further.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION
(Legislation began at 20:21 into recording)

Aaron Johnstone moved to remove Draft 165-26 and Draft 166-26 from the Consent Agenda and give each draft a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 165-26)
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE CITY FUNDED BUSINESS GRANT APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF NILES FOR IMPERIAL GLAZING CONCEPTS INC.; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Johnstone, seconded by Sheely to give a first reading to Draft No. 165-26.

Stredney commented on the CIC grants thanking Council and CIC for this program as this is the 4th and 5th grant approved this year so far.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 165-26 has received its first reading on this 16th day of September 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 166-26)
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE CITY FUNDED BUSINESS GRANT APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF NILES FOR TJAKS HOSPITALITY LLC DBA TOMMY DOGGS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to give a first reading to Draft No. 166-26.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 166-26 has received its first reading on this 16th day of September 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 169-26)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 371.12 “ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NILES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Stredney raised the concerns around this legislation and how he sees more of a problem with residents flying up and down the streets on four-wheelers. Law Director Zuzolo commented that this legislation was put together in collaboration with the Traffic Officer as there has been an increase in e-scooter/e-bike accidents, one where a child was too young to even be operating the electric scooter. Sheely also raised his concerns for mopeds and the speed they can get up to, as

he was involved in an accident with the operator of one. It was suggested to give Draft 169-26 and Draft 170-26 a first reading and have a Safety Committee Meeting to discuss these drafts in more depth.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to give a first reading to Draft No. 169-26.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 169-26 has received its first reading on this 16th day of September 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 170-26)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 373 “BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES”
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NILES; AND, DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to give a first reading to Draft No. 170-26.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 170-26 has received its first reading on this 16th day of September 2026.

**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 Weddell, seconded by Leskovec to give a third reading and adopt Draft No. 136-26.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 136-26 has received its third reading and was adopted on this 16th 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. 162-26)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A REQUEST
FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SCREEN
ENCLOSURE PROJECT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 163-26)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE US-422 WATER MAIN LOOP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 164-26)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 167-26)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 115-26 AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE THROUGH STATE PURCHASING A TRACTOR FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 168-26)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DIRECT HIRE C&K INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF SANITARY SEWER INSPECTION AND CLEANING NEAR SANDALWOOD DRIVE; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended and the consent agenda has been adopted on the 16th day of September 2026.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 30:06 into recording)

Aaron Johnstone commented on the data centers that continue to pop up everywhere and he applauds those that speak out on them and encourages people to speak with their State Representative on regulation especially in smaller communities. He added that it is unclear which direction the regulation of data centers will go but this November election will largely decide that.

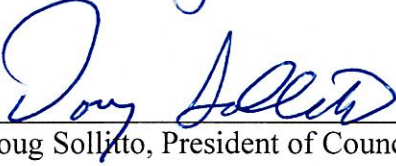
Frank Leskovec encouraged residents to get out and vote for this November election.

Doug Sollitto received a call from Mr. Ragozine regarding the mulch left behind from the tree removal near his house and was wondering the status of when the mulch will be addressed. Mr. Sollitto also raised a concern about potholes that he was also called on. The Mayor addressed this stating that the potholes will be filled by the Street Department.

ADJOURN

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


Abbey Lavelle, Clerk of Council


Doug Sollitto, President of Council