

CITY OF NILES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 13, 2024

**The meeting will be held in person at 1345 E. Main Street,
Niles, Michigan and streamed
via Zoom
6:00pm**

Any interested person or group may address the City Council on any agenda item when recognized by the presiding officer or upon request of any Council Member. Also, any interested person or group may address the City Council on any matter of City concern not on the Agenda during the agenda item designated Public Comment. The comment of any member of the public or any special interest group may be limited in time.

For individuals who may wish to attend the City Council meeting it will be held at 1345 E. Main Street in the City of Niles, Michigan. You may also view the meeting from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, Android device, or by telephone. Public comment will only be accepted in person.

ZOOM WEBINAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACCESS

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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MEETING PARTICIPATION

At any regular or duly called special meeting of the Niles City Council, other than those meetings not subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, a person desiring to speak on any item(s) on the agenda may do so subject to the following rules:

- Prior to addressing the Council, the person must provide, for the record, his/her name, permanent address.
- The person must be recognized by the Mayor or other presiding officer at the point on the agenda entitled "Citizen Participation."

- The person will be allowed three (3) minutes to present remarks, unless the time restriction is waived by the chair.
- A person wishing to address an agenda item may reserve time to address that item immediately prior to the time that the item is discussed by the Council.
- A person may be expelled from the meeting for a breach of the peace committed at the meeting, and if during his/her presentation to the Council becomes loud or unruly, the chair may rule the person out of order and forfeit the person's opportunity to speak further.

Resolution 92-11/1003 November 23, 1992

If you would like to contact the City Council about any matter, on the agenda or otherwise, please do so via the email addresses below by 4:00 pm prior to the meeting:

- Mayor Nick Shelton: mayor@nilesmi.org
- Mayor Pro Tem & 1st Ward Councilmember Gretchen Bertschy: gbertschy@nilesmi.net
- 1st Ward Councilmember Georgia Boggs: gboggs@nilesmi.net
- 2nd Ward Councilmember Amanda Dunnem: adunnem@nilesmi.net
- 2nd Ward Councilmember Tim Rogers: trogers@nilesmi.net
- 3rd Ward Councilmember William Weimer: wweimer@nilesmi.net
- 3rd Ward Councilmember Charlie McAfee: cmcafee@nilesmi.net
- 4th Ward Councilmember John DiCostanzo: jdicostanzo@nilesmi.net
- 4th Ward Councilmember Michael Thompson: mthompson@nilesmi.net
- City Administrator Richard Huff: cityadministrator@nilesmi.org
- City Clerk Tina Bergman: cityclerk@nilesmi.org

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6:00 P.M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: (If attending remotely announce your location; i.e., state and city.)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

PUBLIC HEARING:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (PUBLIC COMMENTS)

PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of April 22, 2024.
2. Consideration of approving the list of bills dated May 8, 2024.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

3. Consideration of approving payment to the federal government in the amount of \$4030.00 as reimbursement for a public transportation program which was not eligible for CDBG funding due to a missing subrecipient agreement and charge the expense to the General Fund Contingency Fund.
4. Consideration of approving the true up payment to SMCAS in the amount of \$9,171.81 for FY 2022-2023 operational expenses and charge the expense to the General Fund Contingency Fund.
5. Consideration of authorizing payment to the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$18,229.00 for business, economic development and education services and charge the expense equally between the City's General Funds and Utility Funds.
6. Consideration of authorizing payment to enFocus in the amount of \$25,000.00 for management activities associated with the Niles Help for Homes 3rd Street Home Repair Program, said funds having been received from a foundation grant specifically for that program.
7. Consideration authorizing a proxy vote for the proposed slate of Blue Cross Blue Shield directors and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the proxy ballot.
8. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of one Ford Explorer Utility police vehicle from Gorno Ford of Woodhaven, Michigan in the amount of \$49,317.00, allow the Public Safety Director to sign for the quote for purchase and pay for the vehicle with ARPA funds.
9. Consideration of approving the flat annual rate in the amount of \$2851.60 to CivicPlus of Manhattan, Kansas for Ordinance Codification services and charge the expense to the Clerk's budget, Professional Services.
10. Consideration of accepting Contract Modification #9 from Milbocker & Sons, Inc. of Allegan, Michigan for increasing the local match between the City of Niles and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant by \$34,653.76 for the Niles Dam Park Development project and authorize the Utilities Manager to sign the contract modification. The project is capitalized under Land Improvements – Production Plant Electric Division.
11. Consideration of approving the request of the Niles DDA to hold Homegrown Market Day 2024 on Sundays from June 9 thru August 25, 2024, as presented.
12. Consideration of approving the request of Western Michigan University and the Niles History Center to hold the annual Ft. St. Joseph Archaeology Open House on August 3 and 4, 2024 at the Riverfront Park fort site, as presented.

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT:

Councilmember Boggs
Councilmember Bertschy
Councilmember Dunnem
Councilmember Rogers

Councilmember McAfee
Councilmember Weimer
Councilmember DiCostanzo
Councilmember Thompson

MAYOR'S REPORT:

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT