

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 11, 2011

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., October 11, 2011, in the Council Chambers, 208 N. Partin Drive. All Council members and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Attorney, Dixie Powell; City Planner, Wanda Cruttenden; Public Works, Bruce Price; Police Department, David Popwell; Fire Department, Tommy Mayville; a member of the press; and visitors in the audience. Councilman Henkel offered the prayer and Councilman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting, September 13, 2011
Special Council Meeting, September 15, 2011
Special Council Meeting, September 20, 2011
Special Council Meeting, September 22, 2011
Special Council Meeting, September 30, 2011
Planning Commission Meeting, October 3, 2011
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

Councilman Thomas moved approval. Councilman Smith seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOUSING REHABILITATION STATUS REPORT:

Discussion was initiated by Councilman Henkel reference the timeline for submitting applications; and potentially not including applicants who had expressed interest in the program previously.

Motion was made by Councilman Henkel to extend the application period by two weeks. Councilman Smith seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 11-12-01 - An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida, contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044; providing that the property will be zoned R-1B; providing for the severability of this ordinance; providing an effective date; and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and Department of State. Metes and bounds Description. Property located on the north side of Valparaiso Boulevard between Thomas Street and Hopper Street. Mr. Mike Parish. (First Reading)

Wanda Cruttenden read Ordinance 11-12-01 by title. Councilman Smith moved approval. Councilman Rominger seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mayor Wise asked if anyone had Ex-parte the property. Councilman Schaetzle made a site visit. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 11-10-01 – A resolution accepting liability associated with the closing of a State roadway for purposes of a parade.

Wanda Cruttenden read Resolution 11-10-01 by title. Councilman Thomas moved approval. Councilman Henkel seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE:

Tommy Mayville advised that during the month of September the Fire Department responded to a total of 111 calls. There were 105 calls located within the city limits and 6 mutual aid calls. 129 hydrants were tested.

October is Fire Prevention Month and we have talked to several groups about fire prevention already and have a full schedule throughout the month with the elementary schools and day care centers. This is something we really enjoy doing and we feel it makes a big difference in the City by teaching the children about fire safety.

We oversaw Ruckel Middle School's fire drill and evacuation and were honored at their Patriot Day activities.

Firefighters attended and were honored at several 10 year anniversary memorials for the September 11th terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Firefighters completed an emergency drill at Twin Cities Hospital with their staff.

We went over safety, emergency plans for the Mullet Festival with Fire, EMS, and PD.

We continue to go over emergency drills with our local schools and their staff and advise what they need to improve and what is already in place.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE:

David Popwell advised that during the month of September the Police Department responded to 1907 calls for police assistance. A total of one pedestrian and 106 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$209,901. A total of 119 Traffic Citations were issued, 22 Misdemeanor, 10 Felony and 0 DUI Arrests were made.

LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER/CHILDREN’S PARK/IS – UPDATE:

Sheila Bishop briefed the Council on projects within her departments.

The spray park at the Children’s Park closed October 1 for the season.

The library has been very busy; however, circulation numbers have been dropping due to e-readers. We are working on a contract that will allow you to utilize your library card to download books onto your e-reader and use those downloads as part of our circulation numbers.

WATER/SEWER/DRAINAGE PROJECTS – UPDATE:

Bruce Price briefed the status of current projects to include:

City Hall Pump Station Project: The contractor has completed the additional service connections for the areas east of the new pump station. The force main from the pump station to the treatment plant has been pressure tested and is ready to energize. The contractor is in the process of completing the punch list for the electrical installation at the pump station. When the station is operational we can complete the diversion of the sewer flow from the North Cedar service area and make the facility fully operational.

Pump Station #1 Replacement: All the contractor’s submittals have been approved and materials are ordered. There were a few minor design details to be worked out on the control panel but the installation of the new station will commence when materials arrive.

Harding Street Sewer Extension: The contractor has completed the installation of the main line and manholes for the sewer extension project on Harding Road.

Water System Testing: All of the three year water system sampling has been completed and submitted to DEP.

Fire Hydrant Maintenance: We are continuing our fire hydrant maintenance program. The last two months we have installed 5 hydrants, raised 3 hydrants and performed maintenance on 6 hydrants. (Total 14)

Pin Oak & Dana Pointe Entrance Drainage Repairs / Modifications: In conjunction with the repairs to the damaged outfall system between Pin Oak and Dana Pointe we also installed additional pipe and an inlet to pick up the standing water at the entrance to Dana Pointe. We requested that Polyengineering review at options to improve the drainage in the lower southeast quadrant of the Dana Pointe Subdivision between Yacht Club Drive and Dolphin Pointe.

Fairwood Detention Pond Repairs: City crews replaced the damaged outfall structure at a detention pond located in the Fairwood Subdivision.

Palm Boulevard Outfall System Repair: City crews completed repairs to a damaged outfall pipe near Tropipines off Palm Boulevard.

Stormwater System Mapping: City personnel and Polyengineering have started the mapping of the city stormwater system.

NRDA Project Funding: We recently submitted two drainage improvements projects for funding consideration through the NRDA Deep Water Horizon Recovery Program. We received notification that our applications have been accepted and are under review. The projects submitted were the Valparaiso Boulevard Drainage Improvements and the Stormwater Treatment Vault at the Baptist Church.

Lion's Park Bathrooms: The remaining work for this project includes the handicap hand railing and the paving of the parking area.

Tree Removal: City crews and contractors have recently removed several damaged and dead trees. Normally we remove 1 or 2 trees a month from right of ways and green belts but in the last month we have removed more than a dozen trees.

Endicott Village Project: The water, sewer and stormwater installation work is complete and the contractor is preparing the roadways for paving.

Redwood Avenue Turn Lane Improvements: I spoke with Okaloosa County yesterday and they are scheduled to make the turn lane improvements on Redwood Avenue in early spring of next year.

Walmart Crosswalk: I spoke with Pat Byrne regarding the crosswalk on the boulevard between Chick-Fil-A and Walmart and they are still trying to determine a best location for the crosswalk.

Mullet Festival Preparations: City crews are making site preparations for the upcoming Mullet Festival.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fred Jones, 407 Morningbird Court, would like to thank the water department for repairing a leak at his home beneath the driveway. They did an excellent job and they are much appreciated.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM –

Motion made by Councilman Thomas to retain Councilman Henkel as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilman Smith seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

MAYOR

CITY PLANNER