

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 10, 2012

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., January 10, 2012 in the Council Chambers, 208 N. Partin Drive. All Council members and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Attorney, Dixie Powell; City Planner, Wanda Cruttenden; Police Department, Chief Popwell; Fire Department, Chief Mayville; a member of the press; and visitors in the audience. Councilman Henkel offered the prayer and Mayor Wise led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting, December 13, 2011
Planning Commission Meeting, No Meeting Held
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance 12-03-01 – A ordinance renewing and extending an exclusive franchise to Waste Management, Inc., of Florida for the purpose of Residential Garbage Collection; and providing an effective date. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 12-03-01 by title. Councilman Thomas moved approval on first reading. Councilman Rominger seconded. Mr Tye Wade, 908 48th Street stated he has lived in Niceville for 9 years and advised that he was extremely pleased with the services provided by Waste Management over the years. Ms Margarete Osborn, 517 Oak Ave praised the services provided by Waste Management stating she is not in favor of one a week pickup. Ms Robin Olmstead, 924 Rue De Palm stated she is a teacher at Plew Elementary and praised the recycling program that Waste Management has provided for her students at the school. She urged the council to extend the franchise. Mr David Encardes 608 Kilkullen stated that is getting excellent service from Waste Management with twice a week pickup and wants that service to remain in place. Mr Rory Cassidy, Republic/Allied Waste stated that Waste Management is an excellent company providing great service to the citizens of Niceville. He highly recommended that steps be taken to take advantage of the benefits offered by using Streamline Recycling. There are cost savings to be realized in both collection and disposal fees. Mr Cassidy answered several questions asked by the public and council members. He advised his company is currently in discussions with West Florida Recycling to convert a portion of his facility on Ready Avenue in Fort Walton Beach into a facility that will facilitate transporting the recycling material back to Pensacola for processing, allowing for additional savings for the City of

Niceville. Discussion followed. Mr. Larry Jones, Government Affairs Manager, Waste Management, Inc. 108 Hill Avenue, Fort Walton Beach, FL expressed appreciation to the Council for the confidence they have expressed in his company regarding the service provided to Niceville residents.

He stated he would be pleased to share the results of the pilot program being conducted in the Shalimar area. He should have good data to share in approximately 6 months. Mr Jones felt that data will help the City of Niceville to determine if they want to move forward with a local program. Discussion followed. Councilman Schaetzle stated the ordinance being discussed includes a senior discount provision and wanted to cover that aspect of the ordinance. Mr. Doucet stated the ordinance is currently written to include only those seniors who qualify for the additional homestead exemption which is income based, however, the council can choose either option. Mr. Schaetzle stated after careful consideration he felt the discount should apply to all seniors who are 65 or older regardless of income. Discussion followed. Mr Larry Jones, Waste Management, Inc. stated his company can support a discount for all seniors regardless of income if they agree to the program criteria which is (a) residents must reside in their homesteaded property, (b) no more than two people residing in the household, (c) one of the residents must be 65 years old or older, (d) agree to once a week pickup (pickup on first day of scheduled weekly collection), (e) and application to be made at the City of Niceville Utility Billing Office. Councilman Thomas moved to amend his original motion to include giving the senior discount to all seniors meeting the criteria. Councilman Rominger seconded. Mr Doucet stated the ordinance will be amended prior to the next reading to include the new verbiage. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 12-03-02 – A ordinance renewing and extending an exclusive franchise to Waste Management, Inc., of Florida for the purpose of Commercial Garbage Collection; and providing an effective date. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 12-03-02 by title. Councilman Smith moved approval on first reading. Councilman Thomas seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 12-01-01 – A resolution of the City of Niceville, Florida supporting Police Officer and Firefighter disability presumption reforms to make the Pension Plan and Workers' Compensation benefits sustainable for current and future Police Officers and Firefighters.

Mr Doucet read Resolution 12-01-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilman Thomas seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Thomas-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 12-01-02 - A resolution of the City of Niceville, Florida opposing Florida House Bill 4025 and Florida Senate Bill 760 to repeal Chapter 205 of the Florida

Statutes, which would eliminate the Local Business Tax Act resulting in a loss of revenue to the City of Niceville and providing an effective date. Mr Doucet read Resolution 12-01-02 by title. Councilman Schaetzle 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:

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects – Update

Mr Corbin briefed the status of current projects.

Regional Sewer System – Update

Mr Corbin stated that board members are in the process of reviewing the specifications to bid out the project to reduce the nitrogen levels in the effluent waters. Councilman Rominger stated they are also working on the language for the Request for Proposal (RFP) scheduled to be sent out the end of the month. Discussion followed.

LIBRARY- UPDATE

Ms Sheila Bishop briefed the status of current projects.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE:

Chief Popwell advised that during year 2011 Department responded to 19,691 calls for police assistance. A total of 482 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. Accidents with related fatalities were a total of 3. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$ 1,649,172. A total of 1,766 Traffic Citations were issued, 293 Misdemeanor, 158 Felony and 29 DUI Arrests were made.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITY CLERK

Aid to Organizations

Mr Doucet advised that the City budgeted \$15,000 in fiscal year 2012 to fund Aid to Organizations. He recommended the following funding as discussed with the City Manager.

- \$ 4,500 Chamber of Commerce
- \$ 3,000 Economic Development Council
- \$1,500 Bridgeway Center

- \$ 500 Okaloosa – Walton Child Care Svcs
- \$ 500 Shelter House
- \$ 500 Northwest Fl Symphony Orchestra - NWF
- \$ 2,000 Children’s Advocacy Center
- \$ 2,000 Sharing and Caring
- \$ 500 Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start – Child Development, Inc.
- \$ 15,000 Total

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

Mr Ronald Swafford, 506 Matthew Street stated that the bathroom recently flooded at residence at 3:15 AM. He called the City and Earnie Howell responded and made a temporary repair. Earnie Howell, Robbie McCormick, Steve Early and Bryant Eubanks returned and replaced the sewer line that connects to the main. Mr Swafford expressed his appreciation for a job well done and requested that Mr Price the Public Works Director be advised of the great work done by his personnel.

Ms Mary Thomas, Director of the Dental Assistance Program for Northwest Florida State College briefed the council regarding an Annual Community Service called “Give Kids a Smile Day” She advised they are gearing up for the event which is held on the first Friday in February. All children in Okaloosa County Schools who do not have dental insurance/care can be screened at the College regarding their dental care needs. Ms Thomas stated they have volunteers available/in place to assist with this program. She wanted to insure the words gets out regarding this community service program.

BILLS PAYABLE

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK