

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
JULY 26, 2012

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, July 26, 2012 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members, except for Councilman Rominger, Attorney Dixie Powell, and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager Lannie Corbin and City Clerk Dan Doucet. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING.

Proposed Millage Rate

City Clerk

Mr Doucet advised that we are in receipt of the Certification of Taxable Values from the Property Appraiser which is used to establish our Proposed Millage Rate. Mr Doucet recommended the proposed millage rate be set at **3.70** which is slightly lower than the rolled back rate of **3.7213**. He advised the **3.70** rate will produce \$ **2,733,930** in ad valorem revenue.

Mr Doucet advised that once the proposed rate is set we cannot increase it unless a first class mailing to each property owner is made advising them of the increase which is very expensive.

Mr Doucet stated that if the Council approves the **3.70** proposed rate it means (in simple terms) that a property owner will pay **\$3.70** for every **\$1,000** dollars of their assessed value after appropriate deductions such as homestead exemption, etc are made.

Mr Doucet requested approval to set our tentative budget hearing for **September 13, 2012** at 6:00pm. He stated we are not allowed to set a date that conflicts with Okaloosa County and the school board tentative hearings.

Mr Doucet stated we are in the process of meeting with department heads to determine their needs, therefore, it is too early for us to know what our needs are for FY-13. However, we will work to see if we can lower the proposed millage.

Mr Doucet advised that department budget requests for the FY-13 budget includes additional expense in the Information Technology Department at an additional cost of **\$239,470** as compared to last year. He stated we are projecting a **9 %** increase in our health insurance expense that totals **\$72,500**; Worker Compensation will increase

approximately **\$60,000**; State Retirement will increase approximately **\$52,000** and equipment expense will be approximately **\$206,000**. Councilmen Henkel and Schaetzle asked several questions regarding the proposed rate. Mr Corbin stated there is no guarantee the City will receive budgeted Revenue Sharing funding from the state. Discussion followed. Councilman Henkel moved approval to set the proposed millage rate at 3.70 mills and the tentative budget hearing to be set at 6:00 PM, September 13, 2012. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle- yes; Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes.

Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) - Appointment

Mr Doucet stated that Councilman Thomas served on the TPO as the primary representative of the City and suggested a motion be made to appoint a new representative. Councilman Henkel moved to appoint Councilwoman Boudreaux to serve on the TPO. Councilman Smith seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle- yes; Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK