

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00PM, September 20, 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, the Director of Public Works Bruce Price; a member of the press, and 5 visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 12-09-02 - An ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida levying the Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013 stating the percentage by which the millage to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate; and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 12-09-02 in it's entirety and stated the proposed millage rate of 3.70 is the recommended rate for FY-13. He stated the percentage by which this millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate of 3.6278 (computed pursuant to Florida law) is 1.99%. Mr Doucet advised that the revenues received will be used to defray budgeted General Fund Expense. Councilman Smith moved approval on third reading. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Councilman Henkel explained his opposition to the proposed millage rate. Discussion followed. Mayor Wise asked for a roll call vote: Council Vote: Henkel-No; Schaeztle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 12-09-03 - An ordinance adopting the final budget for the City of Niceville for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2012; an ordinance adopting and approving the appropriations set forth in said budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2012; and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 12-09-03 by title. Councilman Smith moved approval on third reading. Councilman Schaeztle seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-no; Schaeztle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 12-09-11 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase services for the Storm Drain for the Yacht Club Drive Extension Project.

Mr Doucet read Resolution 12-09-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-Yes; Schaeztle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

SENIOR CITIZEN ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION:

Mr Doucet stated the Niceville City Council adopted an ordinance to allow an additional homestead exemption of up to the \$50,000 for any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age **65**, and whose household income does not exceed the current adjusted income limitation of **\$27,030** for 2012. As of today, there are **102** Niceville residents who have applied for the additional senior's exemption. The additional senior exemption could potentially save a property owner up to **\$ 182.50**. Thus, it was a good decision by the council to approve this provision for our lower income seniors.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK