

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 13, 2012

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, November 13, 2012 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members, except for Councilman Henkel, and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager Lannie Corbin; City Clerk Dan Doucet; City Planner Wanda Cruttenden; Police Department, Chief Popwell; Fire Department, Chief Mayville; Public Works Director Bruce Price; Library Director Sheila Bishop; a member of the press, and 41 visitors in the audience. Councilman Rominger offered the prayer and led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting, October 9, 2012
Planning Commission Meeting, No Meeting Held
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PRESENTATIONS

Okaloosa County Library Cooperative (OCLC) Coordinator – Vicky Stever

Sheila Bishop, Library Director introduced Ms Stever to the City Council. Ms Stever provided an overview of the services offered by the library Cooperative. Discussion followed.

Mr Dennis Dingman – Summit Professional Services

Bid Award Recommendation and Status Report

BID AWARD

Mr Dingman advised that sealed bids were received and opened on November 1st for one (1) housing unit targeted for rehabilitation. Summit Professional Services is recommending the Award of the housing unit as follows based on the Bid Tabulation results:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Griselda De Leon	Jason Buck Construction Svcs	\$32,510

CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION

Contract signing (pending Award of Bid tonight) has been scheduled for November 29th.

PROGRESS ON REHABILITATION

Mr Dingman advised that to date there are a total of thirteen (13) housing units complete, including eight (8) rehabilitations and the five (5) demolition/replacements, of which 2 qualify as “very low income” and 2 qualify as “extremely low income”, meeting the requirement of the program.

He stated that the obligation under the grant is to complete 10 housing units by the date of grant expiration, May 18, 2013, which has been exceeded and to keep the average cost per unit under \$59,500. The average cost per unit with the number of units completed to date and the housing unit to be awarded tonight is \$39,097. In addition, there are enough funds to complete one more rehabilitation housing unit.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Recommend Action: Council to vote to approve the Award of Bid as recommended above.

Motion: “ Move to Award the Bid for Ms De Le Leon, as recommended above.”

Councilman Schaetzle moved approval to award the Bid to the successful bidder. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 13-01-01 – An ordinance for the rezoning of certain properties in the City of Niceville, Florida from R-2, one or more multiple family to RNC, Residential/neighborhood commercial; metes and bounds description. Providing zoning for same and an effective date. Property located at 316 Niceville Avenue. Exhibit A. James Finlayson and Warren Cook. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 13-01-01 by title. Councilman Rominger moved approval. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Attorney Bert Moore thanked the council for the motion of approval and the second to the motion. He stated that this issue is in litigation

and is available to answer any questions or concerns. Ms Avery, Executive Director of the Niceville Housing authority stated that she forwarded a letter to the City stating the Board of Commissioners of the Niceville Housing Authority continues to oppose the rezoning of the property located at 316 Niceville Avenue from R-2 to RNC due to (1) The requestors have failed to state to date what exactly they propose to do with property, (2) The list of retail sales and services includes many things that could be used in the capacity that would or could create a lot of traffic in the area where there is a large concentration of children and families and in addition there is an elementary school to which many children walk to and from every day, (3) The property is not now and never has been located “primarily along the City’s major traffic arteries”. Ms Avery stated the Niceville Housing Authority represents 41 homes including 91 people, 66 of whom are under the age of 18 years. That concentration of population surrounds the property in question. It does not include the apartments immediately across the street from the property. She reiterated the Board of Directors maintains their opposition to this change. Mayor Wise asked there was anyone else in the audience who wanted to speak on this matter; and is there any discussion among the council. Mayor Wise then asked for a roll call vote: Schaetzle-no; Boudreaux-no; Rominger-no; Smith-no. Motion failed.

Resolution 12-11-01 – A resolution accepting liability associated with the closing of a state roadway for purposes of a parade.

Mr Doucet read Resolution 12-11-01 by title. Council Rominger moved approval. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects – Update

Mr Bruce Price briefed the status of current projects:

Water & Sewer Projects

Well # 6: Crews are completing the plumbing for the chlorine and fluoride room. Preparations are underway to have the auxiliary generator installed after which the service road and well site will be dressed up and completed.

Bayou Plaza / Spence Circle Water Main Installation: All of the main connections and line clearances are completed. Restoration to the roadways and right of ways is completed. There are some service taps that we will be replacing and that is being scheduled. This project included 1580 feet of 8 inch water main through the Bayou Plaza Parking lot and on Spence Circle and the addition of (3) new fire hydrants.

Partin Drive Sewer Rehab: The relining of the main is completed. The relining of the service taps is scheduled to be completed this week.

Pump Station #1 Bayou Plaza: The pump station is fully operational. The old station is scheduled to be removed when the new sewer service for one of the businesses is re-routed by the contractor.

Sewer Line Realignment Swift Creek: All of the necessary permits and access have been obtained and preliminary work is underway. This project will correct the grade problem with the gravity sewer main line that conveys the sewer through the wet lands from the Swift Creek service area into PS # 69.

Hart Street Water main Extension: Crews are preparing to install @ 800 feet of 8 inch water main on Hart Street.

Storm water Projects

Dana Pointe: This project is underway. The contractor has installed the majority of the out fall pipe and is preparing to begin installing the inlets and a conflict structure this week.

Valparaiso Boulevard Drainage Improvements: We are still awaiting final authorization from DEP to award this project.

Phyllis Avenue Flood Control: City crews have completed about 80% of the work on this flood control project.

Other Projects

Sidewalk & Pathway Projects: The contractor is scheduled to begin the sidewalk and pathway construction next week.

Development Update

Magnolia Woods & Parish Water View: Building permits have been issued for both of these projects.

Publix Project: We are reviewing the final plans submitted with our review comments for the boulevard and roundabout on Rocky Bayou Road. (We are still resolving an issue with existing island on Rocky Bayou Drive)

Rocky Bayou Stables Project: The final comments have been submitted for this project and those changes have been incorporated into the construction plans. This will be a 45 lot development constructed in 2 phases. The first phase will be 21 lots and the remaining 24 lots will be done in the second phase.

South Bayshore Drive: City staff is still reviewing the proposed sewer for this development south of Bayshore Drive along shirks Bayou.

Regional Sewer System – Update

Purchase Agreement – Reclaimed Water Services

Mr Corbin provided an overview of the background leading up to this agreement. He provided historical information regarding the City and the County when they became equal partners back in October 2004. The County and the City have invested over \$5,000,000 in the system. The agreement provides that the City agrees to assume any and all obligations and liabilities arising from the operation of the System from and after the closing date, including but not limited to, all costs related to maintenance, permitting, capital improvements, the assumption of the County's agreement with the Rocky Bayou Country Club, dated January 26, 2000 and all other obligations of the County it may have related to the System, including those contained providing reclaimed water services to Swift Creek Subdivision, Swift Creek Plantation, the Preserve at Swift Creek, the Walmart on Highway 20, the City Softball Complex, the Twin Oaks/Mullet Festival site, Heritage Garden Cemetery and Rocky Bayou Christian School. The City will respond to Sunshine One Call Dig Tickets on the infrastructure listed in this section solely at the City's expense.

Mr Corbin stated the City will be responsible for the establishment of rates effective the date of closing. Once all agreements are satisfied we will start charging for Reclaimed Water sometime in 2014. We'll be bringing that information to the council for approval. Mr Glenn Stephens answered several questions regarding the agreement. Discussion Followed. Councilman Smith moved to approve the agreement. Councilman Rominger seconded. Council Vote: Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT - UPDATE

Chief Mayville advised that during the month of October the Fire Department responded to a total of 132 calls. There were 129 calls located within the city limits and 3 mutual aid calls. He advised a City of Niceville Fire Truck led the American Heart Walk at Northwest Florida State College. He stated that October was Fire Prevention month and the Fire Department visited Rocky Bayou Christian, Plew and Edge Elementary schools as well as many day care centers talking to approximately 2000 children about fire safety.

He advised that Firefighter Kevin MacDonald was honored as Firefighter of the Year by the Rotary Club at a luncheon. He stated that two fire trucks carried the cheerleaders and led the Niceville High School Homecoming Parade. Firefighters tested 49 hydrants during the month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE

Chief Popwell stated that during the month of October the Police Department responded to 1637 calls for police assistance. A total of 91 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$210,577. A total of 176 Traffic Citations were issued, 18 Misdemeanor, 10 Felony and 8 DUI Arrests were made.

STREET NAME CONSIDERATION:

Mr Corbin stated that he was in receipt of a letter from the Principal of Plew Elementary School requesting consideration of naming the street adjacent to school and perpendicular to the entrance to Wal-Mart and Chick Fil-A as “Plew Panther Way”. Discussion followed. Councilman Smith moved approval. Councilman Rominger seconded. Council Vote: Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes; Smith-yes. Motion passed.

WASTE MGT – UPDATE

Ms Lynn Yort – Public Sector Solution – Gulf Coast Area

Ms Yort stated that she is pleased to be a part of the Waste Management Team that services the Niceville Area. Councilman Schaetzle requested information regarding the results of a Pilot Program that was conducted in the Shalimar area earlier in the year. The recycling program replaces the small tub that is used to collect recyclables. She agreed to provide feedback to the City Manager regarding results of the program. Discussion followed.

Ms Debbie Lewis, 2446 Duncan Drive expressed her appreciation for the outstanding service received from Mr Bruce Price, the Director of Public Works. Ms Lewis stated she recently had a sewer backup problem at her residence that was resolved in a very prompt and efficient manner.

CITY PLANNER – RETIREMENT:

Mr Corbin stated that Wanda Cruttenden, our City Planner and Human Resource Director is retiring the end of this month with over 35 years of service to the City of Niceville. He stated that it will be tough to replace her because of her experience and involvement in working to secure grants; processing amendments to the comprehensive plan, to include zoning and annexation issues. Several Council Members echoed similar remarks followed by applause by all in attendance.

BOY SCOUT TROOP # 546

Several members of the troop came before the City Council and asked a variety of questions to fulfill a variety of requirements in order to earn merit badges leading up to becoming an Eagle Scout.

MULLET FESTIVAL:

Councilman Schaetzle praised the efforts of the City Manager, the Police and Fire Departments and all the other city employees who made this year's event such a success. He stated the entertainment and food was outstanding and didn't realize how much work goes into such an event. Councilman Smith also recognized the City Manager's efforts that resulted in a "Great Mullet Festival". He made reference to a recent festival he attended and was charged a \$5.00 entry fee, however, did not compare to the amenities offered by the Mullet Festival.

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P. M.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK