

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JULY 25, 2013

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, July 25, 2013 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members, except for Councilwoman Boudreaux, 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 the City has received the Certification of Taxable Values from the Property Appraiser which is used to establish our Proposed Millage Rate.

He advised that budget requests for the FY-14 budget include additional expense in the Information Technology Department at an additional cost of **\$215,950** as compared to last year. We are projecting a **10 %** increase in our health insurance expense that totals **\$83,950**; Worker Compensation will increase approximately **\$10,800**; State Retirement will increase approximately **\$180,790** and equipment expense will be approximately **\$574,250**.

Mr Doucet stated the recommended/proposed millage rate be set at **3.75** which is slightly higher than the rolled back rate of **3.6345**. The **3.75** rate will produce \$ **2,903,500** in ad valorem revenue. This rate will provide \$ **169,950** additional ad valorem revenue as compared to our current year as outlined in a tax table provided for information. This amount of additional revenue will help offset the additional expense outlined above.

Mr Doucet advised we are in the process of meeting with department heads to discuss their bottom line needs. Discussion followed.

Mr Doucet stated 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 if the council approves the 3.75 proposed rate it means (in simple terms) that a property owner will pay \$ 3.75 for every \$1,000 dollars of their assessed value after appropriate deductions such as homestead exception, etc are made.

Mr Doucet requested council approval to set the proposed millage rate at 3.75 and the tentative budget hearing to be held on September 12, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Mr Doucet stated this date complies with the Truth in Millage Timetable advising the meeting date and time does not conflict with the County and School Board Tentative hearing schedules. Mr Doucet stated we must report this information on the required forms to the Dept of Revenue no later than August 2, 2013 to meet TRIM requirements.

Councilman Henkel stated that we need to be cognizant of the effects the community will feel from sequestration now underway at local military bases and is not in favor of a tax increase. Councilman Nodjomian stated his not a proponent of increasing the taxes at this time as well. Councilman Rominger stated he is in favor of increasing the proposed rate to 3.75 to help offset the expense in departments that rely on technology to do their jobs such as the Police and Fire Departments. Discussion followed. Councilman Henkel moved to set the proposed millage at 3.70 which is the same as last year and also moved to set the tentative hearing date at September 12, 2013 at 6:00PM. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaeztle-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-no. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK