MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 13, 2013

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, August 13, 2013 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members, except for Council Nodjomian who was out of town, and the Mayor was present. Also present were City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Public Works Director, Bruce Price; Police Department, Chief Popwell; Library Director; Sheila Bishop; a member of the press, and 36 visitors in the audience. Councilman Henkel offered the prayer and members of Boy Scout Troop 71 led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting, July 9, 2013
Special Council Meeting, July 16, 2013
Special Council Meeting, July 25, 2013
Planning Commission Meeting, August 5, 2013
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PRESENTATION:

Lynn Yort – Waste Management, Inc – Streamline Recycling Program – Update

Ms Lynne Yort representing Waste Mgt thanked the City Council for the opportunity to explore the possibility of enhancing recycling efforts within the City of Niceville. She advised beginning April 1, 2013, Ninety homes in the City received a 96 gallon recycling cart. Rather than the two times weekly household garbage service and one time weekly recycling service in a 18 gallon bin, they began to have their household garbage and recycling picked up once weekly in 96 gallon carts. We are still maintaining the level of service provided in the pilot program to each of the ninety participants. She stated since that time, we have completed the 90 day pilot and gathered the data. She advised that Mr Lannie Corbin, City Manager, developed and executed a survey to the participants and we are providing those results for your information. She advised the average number of pounds of recycling weekly from the entire City is 4.43 ponds. During the pilot program, those residents, recycling in 96 gallon carts, averaged 15.67 pounds of recycling material. The survey received 50 responses from the 90 participants. According to Dr. Rod Lewis

with the Haas Center, a twenty-five percent response is average. She stated this response is outstanding. Ms Yort provided an overview of the results of the survey as follows: Prior to pilot, 82% of the respondents set their household garbage out twice weekly; Prior to the pilot, 84% of the respondents set their recycling bin out weekly; 66% of the respondents had an increased knowledge and awareness of recycling as a result of participating in this program; 100% of the respondents agreed once weekly recycling with 96 gallon cart was adequate; 78% of the respondents recognized they increased their recycling and the program should be expanded into a permanent program for the entire City. Ms Yort stated as we work together to meet or exceed the State of Florida goal for 75% waste diversion by the year 2020, it is our hope this information will assist in planning for the forward thinking City of Niceville. Councilman Schaetzle asked if any of the participants were against the new program. Ms Yort recommended reviewing the survey results and sited some examples of why certain people were not in favor of the program such as large families who could receive an additional cart for garbage if desired. Discussion followed. Councilman Rominger asked if the carts were leased or owned by the City. Ms Yort stated that Waste Mgt currently owns the carts used and they provide the necessary maintenance to them. Discussion followed. Councilman Henkel asked what was the Councilman Henkel made a motion for Waste Mgt to work with the City Manager and City Clerk and bring back a proposal to determine if it's feasible to implement a City Wide program. Councilman Schaetzle seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 13-09-01 – An ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida amending the 2035 comprehensive plan future land use map 1 of 4, to include a change in designation of certain real property located on the east side of State Road 285 approximately 0.4 miles south of College Blvd, comprised of 7.74 acres, more or less, from commercial to mixed-use; providing for conflicting provisions; providing for severability; and providing an effective date (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 13-09-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval on second reading. Councilman Rominger seconded. Attorney Jeff McGinnis representing Ruckel Properties provided a handout regarding the design changes made since last month's meeting. He stated changes include: (1) Increase the height of the fence between Parkview Place and Swift Creek from 6' to 8'. (2) Move the row of Parkview Place homes (Lots 9-16) forward toward the park in order to create a 15' buffer between the development fence and the Parkview Place rear lane, consisting of existing trees, vegetation and additional plantings as necessary. This triples the 5' buffer we originally planned. Please keep in mind that city codes include no buffer, requirement when residential backs up to residential. (3) Include wording in Parkview Place convenants that prohibits owners from placing anything in the common area between the development fence and the Parkview Place rear lane. Existing Design Elements: (1)

residential backs up to residential. (3) Include wording in Parkview Place convenants that prohibits owners from placing anything in the common area between the development fence and the Parkview Place rear lane. Existing Design Elements: (1) The design of the fence will be shadow box with a scalloped top edge, to be installed on the development property line between Parkview Place and Swift Creek . (Photos provided) This is consistent with much of Swift Creek fencing. As you can clearly see, the shadow box design offers much more privacy than a picket-style fence. (2) The rear lane is a one-way private access for owners of Parkview Place. The only public street in Parkview Place is the circle around the park, on the front side of the homes. (3) Parkview Place is designed so that the residential portion backs up to Swift Creek residential and the commercial portion fronts North Partin Drive (Highway 285). The rezoning from C-2 to a mixed use PUD prevents Swift Creek residents from backing up to potentially undesirable and disruptive commercial uses. Mr McInnis stated he would like to reiterate our commitment to continue the Ruckel Properties tradition of creating high quality developments that are an asset to the Niceville community. We have every intention of living up to the legacy established by our family. Two residents expressed their concerns regarding the development. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 13-09-02 – An ordinance for the rezoning of certain properties in the City of Niceville, Florida; providing zoning for same and an effective date. Property is located on Hwy 285 N, between Rocky Bayou Christian School and Heritage Gardens, from C-2, General Commercial to PUD, Planned Unit Development. Metes and bounds description. Exhibit "A". Ruckel Properties. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 13-09-02 by title. Councilman Rominger moved approval on second reading. Councilman Henkel seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 13-09-03 – An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044; providing that the property will be zoned R-1B; providing for the severability of this ordinance; providing an effective date and providing for filing with Clerk of Court and Department of State. All of Block 48, Valparaiso Pine Crest 2. Property is located on Fir Avenue. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 13-09-03 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval on second reading. Councilman Schaetzle seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Lots 3,4,5, and the east 62' of lot 6, block 34, Valparaiso Pine Crest 2; providing for the severability of this ordinance; providing and effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and Department of State. Metes and bounds description. Mr. John Duhaime, Fir Ave. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 13-09-04 by title. Councilman Schaetzle moved approval on second reading. Councilman Rominger seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects - Update

Mr Price briefed the status of ongoing projects.

Water & Sewer Projects

Pump Station 33: The station wet well and valve box are in place. The retaining wall and initial site grading are completed. Work is underway to make the necessary line diversions into the new station, complete the control panel installation, connect the power and complete the site work.

Forest Road Water Extension: The pressure testing and water sampling clearances have passed on the new 12 inch line off Forest Road and that line has been tied into the Stables Development.

Myrisa Drive Water Tank: The contractor started the tank removal this morning and it was taken down and removed by 2:30 this afternoon.

Palm Estates Sewer Line Repairs: We have completed 3 point repairs on sewer mains and service lines in the Palm Estates area. During the recent heavy rains a considerable amount of infiltration was experienced was the result of these broken lines.

Misc. Water & Sewer service taps and extensions: Crews have installed a number of additional water and sewer service taps and extensions on Fir Avenue and 23rd Street for new home construction.

Rocky Bayou Golf Course Reclaim Issue: Crews are making the necessary preparations to install the pumps in the existing well house. The next phase of this work will include the installation of the supply line that will enable these pumps to draw water from the ponds and fill the golf course irrigation holding pond. When this alternative water system is operational all of the reclaim that the golf course presently uses will be made available to city reclaim customers.

Well #1 Emergency Repairs: Water Well #1 is located near the intersection of Armstrong Avenue and SR 20 in front of the Discount Auto Parts and Burger King. This well was taken off line last week because of internal problems. It is permitted to pump 800,000 gallons a day. Jerry Regans contacted Poly Engineering and obtained two price quotes from well drilling companies to begin the process of getting this well inspected and repaired. Those estimates include; pulling the pump, disassembling and inspecting it, providing a quote for repairs, replacing the rubber bushings, reinstalling the pump, installing a new air line, pumping off the well and (1) disinfection with chlorine when it is reinstalled. If there are any other issues encountered during this process there could be additional cost. We may experience other problems such as, additional disinfection and pumping off or having to disinfect with stronger more toxic chemical and having to camera the well casing and screen if necessary. Quotes for those services were also obtained. Past experience with other well repairs have revealed when a well remains out of service for a extended period of time it is more probable that additional disinfection will be necessary. This well was budgeted in FY 14 to be pulled and inspected but we are requesting this as an emergency repair because of the premature shut down. The two quotes Jerry obtained came in at:

$34,161.00 from Donald Smith Company Headland Al. &
$ 25,800.00 from Griner Drilling Service Spanish Fort Al.

We are requesting that the low bidder be allow to proceed with pulling the pump and providing a written estimate of the necessary cost to put this well back into service. He advised it would take 6-7 weeks to bid out the necessary repairs. He stated that funds are available to make the necessary repairs. Councilman Henkel moved approval to proceed to expend the funds necessary to make the repairs. Councilman Rominger seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Storm Water Projects

Valparaiso Boulevard: The contractor is continuing with the installation of the drainage improvement on Valparaiso Boulevard. Tomorrow there will be a water main relocated and some residents will be out of water beginning at 8:00 am until this relocation work is completed. All residents affected have been notified.

Palm Estates Emergency Repairs: City crews are preparing to replace approximately 320 linear feet of deteriorated storm pipe in the Palm estates area that has caused some serious standing water issues. The materials are on site and preliminary clearing of the area is underway. We were able to work with Ruckel Properties and obtain permission to install the new line on their property.

Cedar Ridge Drainage Improvements: City crews corrected 2 drainage problems in the Cedar Ridge area.

Rocky Bayou Road Pipe Crossing: Materials have been delivered and we are preparing to replace a drainage line under Rocky Bayou Road. This work will be done when Okaloosa County lowers a force main on the south side of Rocky Bayou Road that conflicts with our proposed line. The City also has a force main that is in conflict with this new line and they are also coordinating that relocation with Okaloosa County. This new drainage installation corrects a grade problem for the storm water that flows onto the right of way from Rocky Bayou Estates.

Juniper Avenue Project Status: We are still awaiting final permit approval from the state. Final design plans include a weir to control the water level and additional armoring of the embankment to prevent scouring and erosion. We have also been looking at possibly building a observation area or platform that would be accessible from the sidewalk.

MS-4 Inspections & Reporting: We are in the process of making city wide drainage inspections as required under our MS-4 permit.

Choctawhatchee Bay Watershed Planning Meeting : I attended the Choctawhatchee Bay Watershed Planning Meeting in Defuniak this morning. The discussion centered on establishing a list of priorities for reviewing the projects that have been submitted to FDEP. Establish the categories that best address these priorities and determine how each submitted project applies to those categories. There was also discussion on using the overall watershed approach.

City Wide Miscellaneous Projects:

Mast Arm Refurbishing: City crews have completed the Mast Arm refurbishing at the intersection of SR 20 and Rocky Bayou Road.

Antenna Installations for New Meter Reading System: Some of our people have been assisting in the installation of the antennas needed to read the new water meter system.

Sign Installation at Triangle: Crews have also been trying to complete the installation of the new sign in the Triangle at SR 20 and SR 85. Weather has not cooperated with that installation.

Mill Creek Bridge Inspection Hit List: We are also completing the minor repairs that resulted from the recent DOT inspection of the Bayshore Drive Bridge at Mill Creek. These are annual bridge inspections reports that identify any structural or marking insufficiencies.

Eagle Rams Tennis Court Project: Crews performed some of the demolition and site preparation for the new Tennis Center at Ruckel Middle School.

FEMA Ivan Audit: We are presently providing information to FEMA regarding the recovery and restoration work that the City did from Hurricane Ivan.

Okaloosa County Storm Debris Contract: We are planning to participate with Okaloosa County Solid Waste in their re-bid of their storm debris contract. We presently have a contract that was renewed for 1 year and the county contract will serve as a back- up if problem arise with our current contractor. After this season we will re-evaluate that contract and determine if it will be extended or we will piggy back on the new county one.

Planning and Development

Final Inspection Stables Project: All of the required clearances have been received and a final walk through was done yesterday. Some additional on site stabilization remains and that is scheduled to be completed this week.

Grant Applications for Land Use and Zoning Mapping: We have been notified by DEO that our grant request for assistance with planning and Zoning Maps was not approved however they did say that the application had merit and they would try and provide assistance.
Meanwhile we have applied for a grant through the **Florida Defense Support Task Force** and are very encouraged that they will approve our request. This will enable us the produce accurate mapping of our Zoning and Land use areas and provide accurate overlays of Military Influence Planning Areas identified in the F-35 Land Use Studies. Once all of this new mapping system and information is updated it will be a year.

Regional Sewer System – Update

Councilman Rominger provided an up-to-date status of the system.

LIBRARY – UPDATE

Shelia Bishop stated that due to a lightning storm the Air Conditioning System malfunctioned resulting in closing the Library for a few days. She stated that it's now at 75% performance and parts are on order. Discussion followed. She announced there will be a Back to School Splash in the Children's Park from 10:00AM, – 12:00 Noon on Saturday. She provided a handout in support of "Project Fireworks" where citizens can drop off their aluminum cans at Niceville City Hall, Valparaiso City Hall and Lewis School. She stated that Library collections include 1,500 e-books and circulation is 9,000+ a month.

POLICE DEPARMENT – UPDATE

Chief Popwell stated that during the month of July the Police Department responded to 1940 calls for police assistance. A total of 88 vehicles were involved in reported crashes and 2 pedestrians. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related

property was $142,308. A total of 306 Traffic Citations were issued, 24 Misdemeanor, 9 Felony and 1 DUI Arrests were made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE

Chief Mayville stated that during the month of July the fire department responded to a total of 133 calls. There were 144 calls located within the city limits and 3 mutual aid calls. Chief Mayville stated they tested 31 hydrants during the month. He stated the Fire Boat was manned and in the water in case of any emergencies for the Fourth of July festivities. He stated that firefighters participated in several public relations activities around the City.

Other Business:

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Randall Weiss
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Daniel J. Doucet
CITY CLERK