

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 14, 2014

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, January 14, 2014 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; Public Works Director, Bruce Price; Police Department, Chief Popwell; Fire Department, Chief Mayville; Library Director, Sheila Bishop, a member of the press, and 25 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 December 10, 2013
Planning Commission Meeting, No Meeting Held
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance 14-02-01 – An ordinance for the rezoning of certain properties in the City of Niceville, Florida, from R-2, one or multiple family to R-3, multiple family for the purpose of establishing a professional office; providing zoning for same and an effective date. Shannon Clatchey, 717 Bayshore Drive. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 14-02-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval on second reading. Councilman Rominger seconded. No one spoke for or against. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-no; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 14-01-01 – A resolution of the City of Niceville approving the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization voting membership Reapportionment Plan for the Fort Walton Beach-Navarre-Wright Urbanized Area.

Mr Doucet read resolution 14-01-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilman Rominger seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects – Update

Mr Price briefed the status of current projects.

Water & Sewer Projects

New 750,000 Water Storage Tank: Construction of the new storage tank is well underway, the foundation work is completed and crews are well underway with the tank column construction.

Rocky Bayou Surface Pumping Station: This facility is completed and operational. We are preparing to perform some clean up maintenance to the storage reservoir after which the facility will be turned over to the owner and reclaim service will be discontinued.

Rocky Bayou Road Force Main and Water Main Borings: The directional bores for the new water main and sewer force main have been installed on Rocky Bayou Road under Turkey Hen Creek near the Huntington Subdivision. The line clearance samples were obtained and city crews completed the abandonment of the old lines and tie ends to the new lines today. The relocation of these lines was necessary to allow adequate room to remove the existing culvert road crossing and replace that with a bridge as part of the Mid-Bay Bridge mitigation work. Both of these lines were upsized to meet future growth needs.

Reclaim Water Main SR 285: We have provided the additional information requested by the NFWFMD for the matching grant application to upgrade the capacity of the reclaim water main on SR 285 and install additional control vales that enables us to isolate and control the distribution of reclaim water to our customers. The Water Management District is saying that they have received a higher than expected number of applicants for the available grants funding and we may only get some of the amount requested.

South Bayshore Drive Pump Station: Mr. Corbin, myself, Jerry Regans and Chad Morris attended a meeting with Polyengineering, Valparaiso Realty, GC&T and CSC regarding the new Bayshore Drive Pump Station and Force Main. A final agreement was made and preparations are underway to order materials and begin construction. This project includes the construction of a new pump station and force main that will meet the present and future capacity needs of this service area. It will also provide an alternative pumping route for this entire service area should the need ever arise.

Storm Water Projects:

Valparaiso Boulevard Drainage Improvements: The installation of this project is complete with the exception of installing additional sod on the right of way. That is scheduled to be done this week.

Rocky Bayou Road Pipe Replacement: The removal and replacement of the pipe crossing under Rocky Bayou Road is completed along with the temporary right of way restoration. Permanent connections will be completed when all of the future water and sewer line installations are installed through this segment of the right of way.

Storm Water Vault at Bayshore Drive & 31st Street: We have met with representatives of the church to discuss the installation of the vault. The original design for the vault has it placed on city property located directly across from the church. That property is presently under lease to the church for parking and they have approached us asking if the vault location could be move to an adjoining lot owned by the church. They are willing to give the city an easement on their property for the vault and in exchange the city would grant the church a long term easement for the use of the city property. The church's future building plan includes constructing a water front dock or walkway that would provide water access and a facility to conduct other outdoor church activities. Our engineers have completed some preliminary design work for relocating the vault and there are no problems with the relocation. We have also talked to the church representatives about locating some of the new drainage collection system on their property in order to preserve some trees on the right of way and avoid traffic problems during construction. When we have nailed down the final location for the vault and routes of the underground pipe this project will be ready for bid. I have discussed this lease and easement issue with the city attorney and he can explain how this can be done.

Juniper Avenue Impoundment: A few final adjustments to the design are complete and we are assessing what materials and equipment will be needed to perform the work. Our engineer has notified the permitting agencies of these changes and plans are to order materials for this project.

City Wide Projects:

Tennis Center: City crews have completed the installation of the perimeter erosion controls, the parking lot demolition and the rough grading of the site. The electrical materials for the lighting is on order and that will be installed when the contractor has completed the final grading for the court areas. The construction of the retention areas will be accomplished by the city at the close of the project.

Fire Department Upstairs: City crews have resumed some work on the upstairs area at the fire department and plan to concentrate on completing the framing of the interior walls. That will be followed by the electrical and mechanical work and drywall installation.

Storm Water Inlet Markers: City crews have also been installing and replacing storm inlet markers. Last month we installed 149 new markers. These no dumping inlet markers are part of our MS-4 permitting.

Development & Planning

Publix: The majority of the site work is completed. Publix officials will be inspecting the progress of construction on Wednesday to determine an opening date for the store. There are 13 additional retail shops within the complex and water and sewer taps have been purchased for 8 of those so far.

The contractor has constructed a temporary additional lane along Rocky Bayou Road that will allow for the traffic to be shifted over to complete the traffic circle approaches. Once these connections are built and all the necessary striping and signage is installed the traffic will be shifted back to the round-about. We have been working with Gulf Power on the lighting which will include additional lights and brighter fixtures on existing poles approaching the traffic circle. In conjunction with the striping of the new service road some re-striping of the Walmart area will also be done. The contractor is also installing an additional driveway connection from the service road to SR 20.

The bridge contractor has started the construction of the new bridge over Swift Creek and that will be followed by the completion of the service road that will connect the Publix site with the Walmart entrance at Revell Drive allowing motorists to access both of these shopping centers without having to use SR 20.

The new service road will also include a paved pedestrian path that will start at Oak Creek Shopping Center and go to the new asphalt path along Rocky Bayou Road. When the traffic circle is completed the pathway on Rocky Bayou Road will be extended to the intersection at SR 20. We also met with a company that looks to install a convenience store at the corner of SR 20 and Rocky Bayou Road. We plan to coordinate the additional sidewalk extension on Rocky with that proposed development. In the DOT five year plan a new sidewalk is also scheduled to be installed along Rocky Bayou Road from Forrest Road to the Huntington Subdivision.

Final Review O'Reilly Auto Parts: We conducted a final site review of the proposed O'Reilly Auto Parts Store.

Parkview Place: The stake out for this 24 lot subdivision on SR 285 should be started in the near future

Magnolia Woods Phase II: The utility work is well underway for this 39 lot development.

Wright Bayshore Subdivision: The final plans and development application has been received and is under review for this 16 lot R-1 development on Bayshore Drive in the 1400 blk.

VRC Bayshore 17 Lot: The initial roadway clearing has been done but no additional site work has started.

Stables Subdivision: There have been 10 building permits pulled for this (45) lot subdivision so far.

LIBRARY – UPDATE

Sheila Bishop briefed the status of current projects; the results of fund raising activities; and provided an update regarding upcoming events.

POLICE DEPT – UPDATE

Chief Popwell stated that during the month of December the Police Department responded to 1758 calls for police assistance. A total of 48 traffic crash reports were written involving 99 vehicles and 1 pedestrians. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$154,801. A total of 149 traffic citations were issued, 22 misdemeanor, 12 felony and 1 DUI arrests was made. Mr Corbin requested that a periodic traffic count be reported to determine the impact of the by-pass opening and the affect it has on the traffic going through Niceville. Discussion followed.

FIRE DEPT – UPDATE

Chief Mayville stated that during the month of December the fire department responded to a total of 136 calls. There were 134 calls located within the city limits and 2 mutual aid calls. Chief Mayville stated that the Fire Boat carried Santa in the annual Christmas Parade and also led the boat parade in the bayou. He stated Firefighters with the Fire Truck attended the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Chief Mayville stated that fire crews with the two engines gave the High School Football Team a royal send off for the play off in South Florida. He stated Firefighters attended several public relations activities within the city and at the station. A scout troop working toward a safety badge visited the Fire Station and received information on CPR, life safety and health. Chief Mayville stated his people participated in the opening of the new By Pass. He stated that signs of the flu is sporadic throughout the area.

Other Business:

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Aid to Organizations:

Mr Doucet advised that the City Council received briefings from non-profit agencies during our budget workshop meetings held in August of last year. He advised the total amount requested was \$23,000, however, the total approved

budget was \$15,000 to fund Aid to Organizations. He in coordination with the City Manager recommended the following funding which is slightly over the budgeted amount.

Aid to Organizations

\$ 4,000 Chamber of Commerce
\$ 3,000 Economic Development Council
\$ 1,500 Bridgeway Center
\$ 1,000 Okaloosa-Walton Child Care Svcs
\$ 500 Shelter House
\$ 500 Northwest Fla Symphony Orchestra – NWFSC
\$ 1,500 Children’s Advocacy Center
\$ 2,000 Sharing and Caring
\$ 1,500 Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start- Child Development, Inc.
\$15,500 Total

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

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK