

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00PM, September 18, 2014 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members and the Mayor was present. Also present were City Manager Lannie Corbin; City Clerk Dan Doucet, the Director of Public Works Bruce Price; Sheila Bishop Library Director, a member of the press and a visitor in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 14-09-02 - 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, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 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 14-09-02 in it's entirety and stated the proposed millage rate of 3.70 is the recommended rate for FY-15. He stated the percentage by which this millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate of 3.6054 (computed pursuant to Florida law) is 2.62%. Mr Doucet advised that the revenues received will be used to defray budgeted General Fund Expense. Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval on third reading. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mayor Wise asked for a roll call vote: Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes; Motion passed.

Ordinance 14-09-03- An ordinance adopting the final budget for the City of Niceville for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2014 an ordinance adopting and approving the appropriations set forth in said budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2014 and providing for an effective date. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 14-09-03 by title. Councilman Schaetzle moved approval on third reading. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Mr Doucet stated there are two requests to be added to the agenda.

(1) Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department - Mr Mark Wise
- Re-use Water Grant Briefing/Funding

(2) Fire Unionization - Authorization

Council Henkel moved approval to add these items to the agenda. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Mr Mark Wise, Deputy Director of the OCWS introduced himself stating that he is also a City taxpayer and a Water and Sewer customer. He provided an overview of an Eglin /Community Partnership Initiative aimed at getting the federal government, local government, and the community together to find solutions and form partnerships that ultimately save the taxpayer money and are good for the community. He stated they are looking at innovative ways to get out of the box for project ideas that make sense. He has worked with Eglin leaders and your staff: Mr Corbin, Mr Price, Mr Regans, and Mr Matthews. Specifically, water use is very important for us all in Southern Okaloosa County because we are in the water use caution area. Declining aquifers and saltwater intrusion is a real threat, and we can't do business as usual because we have to keep the resource sustainable for the long-term. We need to conserve and reuse water. He advised that City and County have both made strides in this area, but here is another opportunity to look at long-term.

Project overview:

- At the west end, add secondary treatment - filtration, disinfection, and pumping station - to produce public access reuse water.

- 10.1 miles of 20" reclaimed transmission main

- Designed & constructed for 4 MGD - do it right for long-term

- 2 potential connections - City (supplemental water) & Eglin (long-term strategic planning)

Project has 3 partners: County, City and Eglin

- County

- 7 MGD of flow and only covering 1 MGD to reuse water to City of FWB - available resource

- Effluent disposal capacity - offset the need to expand RIBs

- Side note - wastewater pipeline along most of same route -most likely start construction in FY 2016 & finish in FY2017

- City
 - Deficit when 800,000 GPD from County leaves
 - Other developments i.e. Ruckel 1,100 acres
 - Other growth of the system - either residential, commercial, or recreation/common areas
 - RBCC
 - Eglin 2 golf courses
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 - Long-term strategic posturing on Main Base - don't necessarily need it now, but probably will down the road

Funding & Rates

- Could be as much as \$8M for everything - design & construction of both pipelines
- Project not currently funded; go out beat the bushes and apply for grants, appropriations, DoD funding maybe
- 2 connection points would have metered reclaim water - charge per 1,000 rate could range from 20 to 80 cents per 1,000 gallons for Niceville. This would cover the county's O&M costs- power, chlorine, etc.
- The pipeline will have a connection point near the Mullet Festival site and Highway 85. The water would be highly treated effluent that could be used for irrigation purposes. He stated that Eglin was already on board for the route and the easement for the route was already 60 percent complete. He stated the pipeline will be able to carry 4 M gallons of reclaimed water a day. Mr Wise stated he sees this as a way to conserve and reuse water to preserve the Floridian Aquifer which supplies most of the water to the area.
 - Not asking for any flow commitments or rate commitments at this time
 - The rate will be lower the more funding we get and the more flow commitments we receive; in other words, the first gallon could be very expensive
 - Please be thinking about how much reclaimed water you want - commit to 800,000 GPD (to cover the deficit) or commit to more

MWFWMD Grant Application

- To cover all the soft costs (primarily engineering design & environmental) to get project shovel ready
- \$215K from NWFWMMD
- \$130K from City
- \$85K from County + in-house resources to provide surveying, easement preparation, grant management
- The reason the City is paying \$45K more than the County, is because it takes a significant amount of time to manage the Eglin easement process and more so managing a grant - coordinating with all the entities to make it happen (Purchasing, Legal, BCC, County Finance, Clerk of Court Contracts & Grants, NWFWMMD, City design consultants, environmental consultants, FDEP, etc.). All that coordination takes a significant amount of my time and others time.
 - We have a very good shot at getting a grant!

MOA

Mr Mark Wise recommended a motion as follows to:

- Authorize Mayor Wise to execute MOA at the Oct 1 leadership meeting for the CPI.

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

Mr Mark wise recommended a motion by the City Council to consider approving the \$ 130,000 (City cost share). Funds would be due in the August, 2015 time frame. Councilman Nodjomian moved approval. Councilman Henkel seconded. Discussion

followed regarding funds availability for the project. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

(2) Fire Unionization Authorization - Councilman Henkel moved approval to authorize the City Manager, to grant recognition to the union and to sign on behalf of the City of Niceville/Niceville Fire Department and further grant authorization and to recognize union 3505 as the collective bargaining representative of the proposed union members, and as set forth. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK