

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
DECEMBER 9, 2014

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, December 9, 2014 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members except for Councilman Nodjomian who was out of town on business, 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; a member of the press, and 17 visitors in the audience. Councilman Schaetzle 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, November 11, 2014  
Planning Commission Meeting, December 1, 2014  
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Presentation

Dr Bill McCartney – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation BP Grant

Mr McCartney stated the overall approved grant funding amount was \$45,000,000 with the City receiving \$4,723,000 which will be used to fund the following prioritized Storm-water projects:

<u>Individual Master Plan Project</u>	<u>Engineering Cost Estimate</u>
31 <sup>st</sup> St./First Baptist Church	\$ 370,000
Thomas Branch @ McEwen	\$ 2,753,000
Restoration Trail	<u>\$ 1,600,000</u>
Total:	\$ 4,723,000

Mr McCartney stated that he will advertise for Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms. He asked for a council motion to appoint a selection committee to review the

Statements of Qualifications. The committee would select the 3 most qualified firms and request they submit a Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr McCartney recommended the council appoint Councilman Henkel, Mr Bruce Prince and himself to serve on the selection committee. Councilman Schaetzle moved approval. Councilman Rominger seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

Ordinance 14-12-01 – 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, Residential Single Family; providing for severability of this ordinance; providing an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and the Department of State. Lots 7, 8, and 9, Davis Clark Subdivision. Chris Carter, 1509, 1513, and 1515 25<sup>th</sup> Street. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 14-12-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval on third reading. Councilman Rominger seconded. No one spoke for or against. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

Ordinance 14-12-02 – An ordinance for the rezoning of certain properties in the City of Niceville, Florida; providing zoning for same and an effective date; from R-1, Single Family Residential to C-1, Limited Commercial; Powell Subdivision, Niceville, West 50' of South ½ lot 20, Block 12 and lots 16 and 21, Block 12. Lev Humphries, 716 Elm Street. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 14-12-02 by title. Councilman Rominger moved approval on third reading. Councilman Henkel seconded. No one spoke for or against. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

Ordinance 15-02-01 – 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 designated municipal usage; providing for the severability of this ordinance; providing an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and Department of State. Metes and bounds description; property known as 4236 Marysa Drive. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 15-02-01 by title. Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval on first reading. Councilman Schaetzle seconded. No one spoke for or against. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

Ordinance 15-03-01 – An ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida, relating to Military Base Compatibility; providing for authority; providing for findings of fact; providing for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan future land use element pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes; amending the future land use map (FLUM) Military Influence Planning Area (MIPA) overlay zone; amending the FLUM to correct inconsistencies found while converting paper map to a GIS-based map; amending the FLUM to include annexations not previously submitted for FLUM amendments; providing for conflicting provisions; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 15-03-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval on first reading. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Mr H. H. Caldwell 1718 20<sup>th</sup> Street requested the City Council consider the economic impact of implementing the Military Influence Planning Area (MIPA) on individuals owning houses in the area. He expressed concern that property values will be reduced. Mr Bruce Price answered several questions regarding the proposed ordinance. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaezle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

#### CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

##### Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects – Update

Mr Bruce Price briefed the status of current projects:

**South Bayshore Pump Station:** Station is operational but the pump manufacturer is working to resolve a vibration problem. Preparations are underway to start the installation of a new line to divert the flow from the older Palm Estates pump station into this new facility. We are also working with the contractor to have a manhole replaced on Hasty Lane which has sunk causing a problem with the grade of that line. Both of these jobs will be started when final prices are approved.

**New 750K Tank:** The tank is on line. The remaining site work is scheduled to be done after the holidays.

**Rocky Bayou Drive W & S lines:** The contractor has completed the extension of both lines and they are scheduled to perform the pressure test of the water line this week along with the sewer line inspection. If all goes well the roadway cuts will be done and final cleanup of the right of way will immediately follow.

**Water Well #2:** The well has been pulled and it is being rebuilt and plans are to have it reinstalled around the end of the month.

**Hickory Avenue Sewer Extension:** The permit for this project was delivered yesterday and we will be preparing to get prices for this work.

**Hasty Lane Man Hole Replacement:** Mr Price stated that the manhole on Hasty Lane requires emergency replacement since it is sinking. He stated the estimated cost to replace the manhole is approximately \$ 20,000 which is not in the budget. Councilman Henkel moved approval to set aside \$20,000 to cover the expense based on the emergency issue. Councilman Schaetzle seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

### **Stormwater**

**NFWF Grant Notification:** The Mayor received official notification of the grant award for the 3 watershed Improvement Projects that were submitted.

**Rocky Bayou Drive Outfall Replacement:** We have completed the installation of all the structures and stabilized the area with sod. Once the contractor has removed the remaining materials and equipment from the right of way the remaining areas will be graded and stabilized.

**Valparaiso Monitoring Wells:** The survey data was received last week and plans are underway to begin sampling with a couple of weeks. This information will be provided to our engineer.

**Pin Oak Avenue & Pine Cone Cove:** Crews started this pipe replacement project this week and plan to complete the Pine Cone segment by the holidays. The deteriorated metal drainage pipes in this system are failing and will be replaced with HDPE polyethylene pipe.

**Palm Plaza Drainage Improvements:** We are exploring options for increasing the capacity of the collection systems along Palm Blvd. This series of inlets and pipes are located along Palm Blvd. south of SR 20. They collect and convey the storm water from Palm Plaza and Palm Blvd. and discharge into Pine Lake north of 27<sup>th</sup> Street which is part of the Hicks Branch Drainage Basin.

**Palm Blvd Drainage System Problems:** We are preparing to order replacement pipes for 2 additional systems along Palm Blvd. These systems are located along the 1400 Block of Palm near Hudson Circle and near the intersection of Palm Blvd. and Bayshore Drive.

### **Other Projects:**

**Upstairs Fire Department:** We are installing the doors and will be starting the final trim out next week.

**Christmas Displays:** Crews have been busy installing the Christmas Displays at City Hall and the triangle area at SR 85 & SR 20. We are also preparing for the upcoming event at Lions Park.

### **Planning:**

**Palm Boulevard 7 Lot Development:** We have been discussing a proposed 7 lot residential development on the 2.3 acre site off Pam Blvd behind the Thom Thumb Store.

**Publix / Walmart Connector Road:** We are working with the developer on the bridge installation needed to cross Swift Creek to complete this walkway system and we are still working out the lighting necessary to properly illuminate this area.

**CEFCO Convenience Store:** There is a utility conflict regarding the vertical clearance between a high pressure gas main and a storm water treatment pond which will require a minor modification of the civil plans, however that redesign will not affect the overall layout of the site plan.

Regional Sewer System – Update

No report.

Other Business:

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE**

Chief Mayville stated that during the month of November the fire department responded to a total of 133 calls, there were 136 calls located within the City limits with 3 mutual aid calls. Chief Mayville stated that we are currently working on a Regional Airport Exercise and have also been working with the Coast Guard on Boat Safety. We are still working on the grant for the boat. Crews are constantly updating emergency contacts for businesses and doing pre fire plans. He stated there was a great showing of participants at the Fire Department Halloween Party and everyone had a good time. He advised we had several groups visit the Fire Station for a tour and to learn about fire prevention.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE**

Chief Popwell stated that during the month of November the Police Department responded to 1753 calls for police assistance. There were a total of 30 traffic crash reports written involving one pedestrian and 54 vehicles. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$144,600. A total of 187 Traffic Citations were issued, 8 Misdemeanors, 4 Felony and 1 DUI arrest was made. Discussion followed.

Other Business:

CITY CLERK

Prompt Payment Act

Mr Doucet advised the Florida Prompt Payment Act provides for an annual requirement to report interest payments concerning city debts paid on time. (FS 218.70) Mr Doucet stated a total of \$11,016,796.11 was paid last year and no interest was paid on those expenses.

#### Accounts Receivable

Mr Doucet advised that good accounting practices dictates that we do not overstate our receivables. As a result we annually declare our bad debts and remove that amount from our receivables. We should do this when we feel a debt may not be paid. He stated we have declared receivables through 2011 as bad debts. He advised we are proposing to declare receivables for the fiscal year ending September 2012 as uncollectible. He stated we billed **\$9,798,447.26** in FY-12 and received **\$9,767,173.98** which leaves **\$31,273.28** uncollectible which represents a **(.003192%)** bad debt rate. Discussion followed. Councilman Rominger moved approval. Councilman Henkel seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes; Motion passed.

#### Employee Bonuses:

Mr Corbin requested the council consider approving Christmas Bonuses for employees based on the criteria used last year. Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Mr Douglas Beacon, 311 Grove Park Drive suggested the council consider installing motorized screens on the left and right sides of the council room in order for the attendees to be in a better position to follow power point and other media type presentations. Discussion followed.

#### 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 7:50 PM.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK