

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JULY 28, 2015

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 7:00 PM, July 28, 2015 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members were present except for Council Rominger and the Mayor was out of town on business. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Public Works Director, Bruce Price and a member of the press. Mayor Pro-tem Schaetzle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Millage Rate

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 our current year taxable value has increased 7.08% as compared to our final assessment for this fiscal year. He provided a brief overview and a tax table for the council's information. He advised because of the increased property values the City will receive approximately \$ 216,433 more in 2015 as compared to the 3.70 millage rate for 2014. He stated that department budget requests for the FY-15 budget include additional expense in the Information Technology Department at an additional cost of **\$159,160** as compared to last year. We are projecting an increase in our health insurance expense that totals **\$344,930**, state retirement will increase approximately **\$53,210** and equipment expense will be approximately **\$ 1,139,720**.

Mr Doucet in coordination with the City Manager recommended the proposed millage rate be set at **3.75** which is higher than the rolled back rate of **3.5714**. The **3.75** rate will produce \$ **3,313,751** in ad valorem revenue. This rate will provide \$ **260,616** additional ad valorem revenue as compared to our current year. He advised this additional amount of revenue will help offset the additional expense outlined above which totals **\$1,697,020**.

Mr Doucet recommended to set the proposed millage rate at 3.75 and advised we must report this information on the required forms to the Dept of Revenue no later than August 3, 2015 to meet TRIM requirements. Mr Doucet advised it is very important to meet this deadline. He advised the proposed rate can be subsequently reduced during budget workshops or hearings however, if we desire to raise the millage rate from the proposed rate, it will require a first class postal mailing to each property owner. He also recommended that the tentative budget hearing be scheduled for 6:00 PM, September 10, 2015 stating we are not allowed to set the tentative hearing on the same date and time as the School Board and the County hearing.

Mr Doucet pointed out that if you approve 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. Discussion followed. Mr Corbin added support to set the proposed rate at 3.75 saying that after public input we can always roll it back. Councilman Nodjomian asked several questions regarding the increase in Health Insurance and other increases as compared to last year's data. Discussion followed. Councilman Schaetzle moved to set the proposed millage at 3.75. Councilman Nodjomian seconded for discussion. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-no Schaetzle-yes Boudreaux-no; Nodjomian-no. Motion failed Councilman Nodjomian then moved to set the proposed millage at 3.70 which is the same as the current year millage rate and also recommended the tentative budget hearing be scheduled for 6:00 PM, September 10, 2015. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-no; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes. Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR