

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, September 8, 2015 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members were present. The Mayor was not able to attend. 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 28 visitors in the audience. Mayor Pro-tem Schaetzle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked if anyone in the audience would like to offer a prayer to come forward. Mrs. Brenda Cook, 106 Wind Lake Ct in Niceville offered a prayer followed by Councilman Henkel who offered the traditional prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Council Meeting, August 11, 2015  
Planning Commission Meeting, No Meeting Held  
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held  
Special Council Meeting, August 11, 2015  
Special Council Meeting, August 18, 2015  
Special Council Meeting, August 20, 2015  
Special Council Meeting, August 27, 2015  
Special Council Meeting, September 3, 2015

Councilman Nodjomian moved approval. Councilman Henkel seconded. Mr Mike Behr, 432 Bally Way suggested to the Council that he felt a better job could be done on posting meeting minutes on the web site. It would be helpful for citizens to have the opportunity to read what's being approved prior to a vote by the Council. Mr Doucet stated that it was his responsibility and further stated that in the future they would be posted in a timelier manner. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes Motion passed

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**PRESENTATION:**

**Outstanding Student Awards:**

Councilman Nodjomian stated that Ft Walton Beach (one of our sister cities) has a program to recognize outstanding students from Choctawhatchee and Ft Walton Beach

High Schools. He stated that once a month during their regular council meetings they recognize a student from each school who have excelled in civics and governmental affairs. He stated that he brought the idea back to our council in the spring to consider such a program for Niceville since we have 3 outstanding academies in Niceville, Niceville High School, Rocky Bayou Christian School, and Collegiate. Councilman Schaetzle stated that since the Mayor was unable to attend tonight he would come down the podium and make the presentations allowing time for photos if desired. Awards were presented to Ryen Goebel, Collegiate for Civic Excellence; Mimi Taylor, Niceville High School for Civic Excellence; Abigail Alldredge, Rocky Bayou Christian School was unable to attend. Councilman Nodjomian asked the award recipients to come forth and state what it met to them to be recognized for this award. Both recipients responded in a positive manner and were very appreciative for being recognized. Councilman Nodjomian asked if we could contact Abigail Alldredge to attend next month's council meeting. Mr Doucet stated that he will contact the school.

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

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

Mr Price briefed the status of current projects.

##### **Water & Sewer**

**Edgewater Drive Water Main Extension:** Crews have completed the installation of a 6 inch water main along Edgewater Drive south of Rocky Bayou Drive. This line capacity upgrade will improve distribution & fire protection for that service area.

**Sewer Manhole & Sewer Line Re-lining:** The contractor has completed the relining of 26 sanitary sewer manholes along the Bayshore south service area. This work also included the re-lining of a gravity sewer main on Duncan Drive.

**Tank Washout:** The contractor has completed the washout of the water storage tank on Kilcullen Drive in the Rocky Bayou service area.

##### **Stormwater**

**Coral Drive & Bayou Lane:** Crews replaced a section of pipe in an outfall system located near the intersection of Coral Drive and Bayou Lane in the Palm Estates area that was obstructed by roots. There were also three damaged curb inlets near that location,

two of those have been repaired and the third will be prefabricated and installed next week.

**Linden Avenue:** Crews also modified an inlet and segment of the right of way to improve the drainage and alleviate standing water at the 900 block of Linden Avenue.

**Palm Blvd. Outfall Replacement Project:** The materials have arrived and we plan to start this project next week. We will be replacing 220 LF of 36 inch metal pipe in the city easement adjacent to the Nursery along the 1400 Block of South Palm Blvd.

**CRS Annual Reporting:** We are preparing our annual ISO Community Rating System Report. This report identifies all the accredited activities we perform regarding improvements and maintenance to our stormwater system along with our public outreach & awareness programs regarding flood hazards and Flood Insurance. The CRS program rates participating communities on how effectively they address issues related to flooding and the final overall rating determines the discount residents receive when they purchase flood insurance.

**The Stormwater Capital Improvements Plan:** We are putting together the final cost estimates for all major stormwater improvements city wide that are not identified in our stormwater facilities plan. Once those projects are assigned costs, we will combine those projects with the projects already listed in our Stormwater Facilities Plan and going forward this will be our Capital Improvements Plan for Stormwater.

## **NFWF PROJECTS**

**31<sup>st</sup> Street Vault:** We received our NFWF Funding Agreement today and Lee Smith with Baskerville Donovan has provided a task order to begin the design modifications for that project. Once the contract has been signed we will be in a position to incur cost that are reimbursable for the Vault project on Bayshore Drive.

**Thomas Branch & Boggy Bayou Headwaters:** We have had two face to face meetings with NFWF representatives regarding the Thomas Branch and Boggy Bayou Headwaters Projects. As a result of those meetings and subsequent conversations with NFWF, city staff and our consultant, AVCON has provided the city revised proposals with reorganized layouts of the scope and fees. We are prepared to enter into a contract authorizing the AVCON Team to submit the funding agreement to NFWF for approval so we can begin to incur cost for the design of these projects. The revisions to the NFWF funding application will allow us much more flexibility in determining the best alternatives for both of these projects and it will also enable us to reallocate funds

between the two projects if a less expensive alternative is used on one or the other. NFWF has also agreed to allow us to include a more comprehensive approach in the 10% design phase that encompasses other water quality improvement needs outside the limits of these two project sites. This approach allows us to identify additional project sites in other drainage basins that address the overall water quality of Boggy Bayou. Mr Price stated that AVCON has been awarded the contract and stated that Mr Lee Lewis from AVCON is here tonight in case there are any questions. Mr Lewis congratulated the council for going after the grant with NFWF since the grant pays 100% of the project funding. Discussion followed regarding the planning steps and the council asked several questions regarding the contract. Mr Price asked for a motion to approve the contract. No one from the public spoke for or against. Councilman Rominger moved approval. Councilman Henkel seconded. Council Vote: Nodjomian-abstained; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

### **Other Public Works**

**Turkey Creek:** Crews have started some of the preliminary work at all of the Turkey Creek Sites. Those activities include site work at the Neal House, selective brush removal at the adjacent 8.6 acre site and the installation of the required signage at all three sites. Turkey Creek North, the Neal House Site & the 8.6 Acre Mini Storage Site. The architect and engineer are presently working on the plans for the Neal House. We have also been in contact with the FDEP, the Army Corps of Engineers and our engineers to finalize the overall concept plan for the 8.6 acres and the Neal House. All of these activities are part of the improvements identified in the Turkey Creek Management Plan.

**Cedar Avenue Trail:** We are ordering the drainage pipe that we plan to install along Cedar Avenue prior to the trail construction. That pipe will be put in prior to the trail installation and we will start that installation immediately after the Palm Blvd. Outfall Pipe replacement is completed.

**Twin Oak Fence:** The installation of the 2500 LF Twin Oaks Perimeter Fencing is completed.

**City Wide Striping and Street Sign upgrades:** We are continuing with our street sign upgrades and restriping programs. Thus far we have re-striped 39,000 LF of center lines on nine streets.

**State Road 85 Turkey Creek Bridge Road Hazzard:** The city was notified last week by Transfield Services that September 17<sup>th</sup> is the date the roadway repairs will be made on John Sims Parkway west of Turkey Creek Bridge. C W Roberts will be performing the work.

## **Planning & Development**

### **Commercial**

**Huff Office Complex:** Site work is still underway at this office complex.

**Panera Bread:** Site work is underway.

**CEFCO Convenience Store at SR 85 & College:** Site Plan review is underway

### **Residential**

**Madi Way:** The new 7 lot development at Palm & Valparaiso Blvd. has been issued 1 building permit.

**Other major developments:** Active building permits have been issued for: Parkview Place, Shirks Cove & Magnolia Woods Phase II.

**Edgewater Drive Development (county development):** Final Water & Sewer comments have been provided to the developer by Mr. Regans & Poly Engineering

**DEO Grant Application:** We have submitted our revised scope of work and schedule to DEO for approval to receive the \$25,000.00 grant to continue with the revisions to the Land Development Code. Deliverables will include a draft matrix of proposed changes, a series of public meetings, workshops and adoption of the Land Development Code changes. These changes will address conflicting and outdated ordinances mainly centered on military compatibility, new development and redevelopment especially in the new CRA and the Military overlay districts.

### **Regional Sewer System – Update**

Councilman Rominger provided a brief update of ongoing projects at the plant. He stated that the employees are doing a great job of meeting their permitting levels especially noted in the readings for last two months. He stated that plans include scheduled testing during the upcoming winter months.

### **Police Dept - Update**

Chief Popwell stated that during the month of August the Police Department responded to 2676 calls for police assistance. There were a total of 34 traffic crash reports written involving 69 vehicles. The estimated amount of damage to these

vehicles and related property was \$106,112. A total of 175 Traffic Citations were issued, 27 Misdemeanor, 12 Felony and 0 DUI Arrests were made.

### **Fire Dept. – Update**

Chief Mayville stated that during the month of August the Fire Department responded to a total of 155 calls, there were 154 calls located within the city limits with 1 mutual aid call. He stated a breakdown of these calls is as follows: Structure Fire 2; Cooking Fire 1; Water Vehicle Fire 1; Medical/Rescue Call 102; Vehicle Crash 7, Lock in 2; Gas Spill 1; Power Line Down 1; Service Call 8; Good Intent Call 23; and Alarm Activation 6. He stated that a fire crew with the fire boat participated in Poker Run on Boggy Bayou on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that Fire Prevention week is October 4-10 and the department has started scheduling the elementary schools and childcare centers to talk to the kids about Fire Prevention. The Insurance Services Organization (ISO) will be here tomorrow for several days to evaluate the Fire Department. This inspection is accomplished every 5 years. Discussion followed. Fire fighters will standby at all the home football games for the safety of the players and the audience. Firefighters will be participating in numerous upcoming 911 ceremonies. Councilman Nodjomian asked if there were other 911 events scheduled. Mr Corbin stated that the “Field of Valor” sponsored by the Exchange Club will be held from the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> of September at the Mullet Site. Mr Corbin stated that Senator Don Gates will be a guest speaker and asked if someone on the council would be willing to speak as well. Councilman Schaetzle volunteered to speak. Discussion followed. Chief Mayville stated that fire crews are consistently updating/changing businesses and emergency contacts.

Other Business:

### **HEALTH INSURANCE - UPDATE**

Mr Corbin stated that we heard from Kevin Locke regarding our health insurance options. He is offering an option that would go down to a 5% increase vs the 15% increase that’s in the FY-16 Budget. This option would place more responsibility on the employee for dependent health coverage. Mr Corbin stated we are offering an alternate/buy up plan if an employee wanted to keep the same coverage they can pay approximately an additional \$10 or \$15 dollars a week and keep the same plan with a higher deductible. Discussion followed. Mr Corbin stated he needed council direction on how to proceed and if necessary we could hold another public hearing if the Council chose to do so. Councilman Nodjomian stated that he was comfortable with the information presented

meeting. Discussion followed. Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaeztle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

#### Planning Commission Appointments/Re-appointments

Mr Doucet stated that the Mayor is recommending the council re-appoint Judy Byrne Riley and Cris Mcleish to the Planning Commission. Councilman Nodjomian recommends the re-appointment of Mr Fred Jones. Councilwoman Boudreaux recommends the appointment of Mr Pat Ritchie, 505 Wexford to replace Mr Thomas Churan; and Councilman Rominger recommends the appointment of Ms Rachelle Waltz, 205 Honeysuckle Way to replace Ms Theresa Johnson. Councilman Nodjomian moved approval. Councilman Rominger seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaeztle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

#### Waste Management - Update

Mr Doug Beacon, 311 Grove Park Drive stated that he is still unhappy with once a week garbage and recycling service. He stated that he keeps his garbage and recycling cart in his garage. He has not room in is back yard for the carts and doesn't want to disrupt the operation of his timed sprinkler system. He suggested that the Council consider not renewing the franchise when it comes up for renewal. Mr Doucet stated that we basically have not received many complaints from our customers and when we do, we take action to work with the customer and Waste Management to resolve the issue (s) at hand. He stated that most customers are happy with the service they receive from Waste Management. The City is in a much better position to divert 75% of the waste stream away from the landfills by 2022. In addition, as the tipping fee expense goes down because of customer participation in the recycling program we are passing on that savings to our residential customers since there is no tipping fee paid on recycled materials. The problem with storing garbage containers in garages is there is no ventilation. Councilwoman Boudreaux and Councilman Nodjomian provided positive comments that support Waste Management and the services they provide. Mrs Margaret Phelps, 1015 S. Cedar Ave stated she agrees with Mr Beacon in that during the summer months the garbage smells and causes flies. Discussion followed.

Mr Michael Behr, 423 Bally Way asked several questions about advertising requirements for ordinances for public hearing and finding pertinent budget information on the Web Site. Discussion followed.

YOUTH COUNCIL – UPDATE

Jason Nodjomian stated that the Youth Council plans to resurrect the Tutoring Program; November 21 is the day set aside of another cleanup day; and they are looking at setting up a mock trial in the Jan/Feb timeframe to include Candidate platforms that will coincide with the Presidential Election in 2016. Discussion followed.

Bills Payable:

Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilman Schaetzle seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK