

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, September 15, 2015 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; Attorney Dixie Powell; Chief Popwell, Police Department; Chief Mayville, Fire Department; Sheila Bishop Library, Community Center and Children's Park; Chad Morris, Technology Department; and two visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 15-09-01 - 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, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016 stating the percentage by which the millage to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate; and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 15-09-01 in its entirety and stated the proposed millage rate of 3.70 is the recommended rate for FY-16. He stated the percentage by which this millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate of 3.5714 (computed pursuant to Florida law) is 3.60%. Mr Doucet advised that the revenues received will be used to defray budgeted General Fund Expense. Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval on second 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 15-09-02- An ordinance adopting the final budget for the City of Niceville for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2015 an ordinance adopting and approving the appropriations set forth in said budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2015 and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 15-09-02 by title: Councilman Nodjomian moved approval on second reading. Councilman Henkel seconded.

Mr Doucet provided an overview of estimated revenues and expenditures as follows:

General Fund

Total estimated revenues and expenditures: \$13,660,540

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

Total estimated revenues and expenditures: \$ 13,490

Sanitation:

Total estimated revenues and expenditures: \$ 3,314,070

Water and Sewer

Total estimated revenues and expenditures \$ 8,876,090

Storm Water Management

Total estimated revenues and expenditures \$5,641,100

Total Budget is \$ **31,505,290**

Mr Mike Behr, 423 Bally Way asked for an explanation regarding revenues and expenses. Mr Doucet stated that all funds within the budget contain the same dollar figure for revenues and expenses this provides for a balanced budget. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes; Motion passed.

SENIOR CITIZEN ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION:

Mr Doucet stated that the Niceville City Council adopted an ordinance to allow an additional homestead exemption of up to \$50,000 for any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age **65**, and whose household income does not exceed the current adjusted income limitation of **\$28,448** for 2015. He stated as of today, there are **106** Niceville residents who have applied for Senior's Exemption. The additional senior exemption could potentially save a property owner up to **\$ 185.00**. Thus, it was a good decision by the council to approve this provision for our lower income seniors.

Mr Doucet advised that the final budget hearing is scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK