

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 13, 2015

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, October 13, 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; Public Works Director, Bruce Price; Police Department, Chief Popwell; Fire Department, Chief Mayville; a member of the press, and 35 visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise 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. Mr Earnest Johnson, a local pastor offered a prayer followed by Councilman Henkel who offered the traditional prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting, September 8, 2015
Planning Commission Meeting, No Meeting Held
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held
Special Council Meeting, September 10, 2015
Special Council Meeting, September 15, 2015
Special Council Meeting, September 17, 2015

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PRESENTATION: Outstanding Student Award:

Mayor Wise requested that Ms Abigail Alldredge come forward and be recognized. The Mayor stated that Ms Alldredge attends Rocky Bayou Christian School. He stated she was chosen to receive this award for Civic Excellence. She expressed her appreciation for being recognized and thanked her parents Carla and Brian Alldredge for their support.

YOUTH COUNCIL – UPDATE

Jason Nodjomian stated that the Youth Council is moving ahead with a student Tutoring Program. He stated that our next cleanup day in the City is scheduled for November 21st. In addition, they are looking at setting up a mock trial in the Jan/Feb timeframe to include a candidate platform that will coincide with the Presidential Election in 2016. Discussion

followed. Councilman Nodjomian stated that the Youth Council membership has increased from 5 to 15 members.

Resolution 15-10-01 - A resolution accepting liability associated with the closing of a state roadway for purposes of a parade.

Mr Doucet read Resolution 15-01-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilman Rominger seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects – Update

Mr Price briefed the status of current projects.

Water & Sewer Projects

Inline Valves Installations:

Water System: Crews have completed the installation of 5 new inline water main valves allowing us to better isolate certain service areas for line breaks and maintenance. These installations were done on Edgewater Drive, Niceville Avenue, Kelly Road, Nathey Street and Bullock Avenue.

Sewer Force Main: Crews also installed a new valve on the existing Sewer Force Main at Palm Boulevard and Valparaiso Boulevard enabling us to eventually complete a cross connection with the new force main on Fink Ave. This connection will provide alternative pumping routes should one of these lines be damaged or have to be taken out of service.

Reclaim System Projects:

Meter Vault at Twin Oaks: The meter vault has been installed for the Twin Oaks reclaim Irrigation system.

Reclaim Cross Connection: The by-pass valve assembly and cross connection between the reclaim irrigation main line and the effluent main line to the sprayfield has been

installed. This tie in will enable us to divert flows from the reclaim storage basin to the spray field if a problem occurs.

Stormwater Projects

Pine Lake Drainage Improvements: 30% Plans have been submitted for review and we are working with Lee Smith to finalize the routing of the new drainage system that will replace deteriorated pipes and address capacity issues.

NFWF 31st & Bayshore Vault: The NFWF funding agreement has been finalized and Baskerville Donovan will be making the necessary design changes for the Vault Project. We are also determining if the vault and main trunk line on Bayshore Drive can be upsized to accommodate the additional flow from the outfall located at the entrance of Grand Oaks. If these capacity improvements do not exceed the Vault project budget the stormwater from the Grand Oaks Outfall could be diverted into the new treatment vault. Currently the stormwater from this outfall system discharges into the bayou untreated. This diversion could be done after the vault project is completed as an in-house project.

NFWF Thomas Branch & Boggy Bayou Headwaters: AVCON has revised and resubmitted the NFWF funding agreement for approval and we are awaiting their response.

Turkey Creek Plan: We are working to finalize the overall concept plan for the 8 acre site across east of Evan Street.

Planning & Development

Commercial

Huff Office Complex: Site work building construction is ongoing.

Panera Bread: Building Construction underway.

New Restaurant in Publix Complex: we held a meeting for a proposed restaurant in one of the out parcels in front of the Publix.

CEFCO: We have reviewed and approved the site plan for a CEFCO Convenience Store at SR 85 & College Boulevard contingent upon final remarks.

Residential:

Shirks Cove: There are 11 remaining vacant lots in this 17 Lot development.

Tidwell 7 Lot: Two (2) Building Permits have been issued for this 7 lot development.

Parkview: 4 Building Permits have been issued for this development containing 24 lots.

Magnolia Woods PH II B: There are 7 remaining unpermitted lots in 17 lot phase.

Stables: All 45 lots in this subdivision have homes completed or under construction.

Preliminary Review of Magnolia Woods Phase III: We have reviewed and provided our comments for the preliminary review of Magnolia Woods Phase III.

1100 Acres Site Plans: We are in the process of reviewing the first phase of the 1100 acres. There are 98 lots in this phase.

Article 7 LDC Revisions: The proposed revisions to Article 7 of the Land Development Code will be brought before the Planning Board and City Council at the November meetings. We are in the process of preparing copies of the existing code with strike outs and highlighted changes from the planning workshop along with a clean version of the new code. Our plan is to have copies of these documents by Friday. Those copies will be emailed to you and we can also provide you with hard copies if you prefer.

Other: The repairs to the road hazard at the approach to Turkey Creek Bridge on John Sims Parkway are completed.

Mr Roger Bloor, 111 Maggie Valley Cove, Swift Creek Plantation expressed concern over a sidewalk issue along Highway 285. He stated that kids are crossing the road to the east side where a sidewalk is located. He feels that a sidewalk should be on the west side as well. Discussion followed. Mr Neuland, 409 Mulcahy Circle stated that an 18” pipe running thru his property needs to be replaced by a 24” pipe to improve stormwater runoff. Discussion followed.

Regional Sewer System – Update

Mr Corbin stated the removal of nitrates is moving along real well. He stated that plans include scheduled testing during the upcoming winter months. He advised that determining a cost for re-use water will be a challenge in the near future.

Fire Dept. – Update

Chief Mayville stated that during the month of September the Fire Department responded to a total of 134 calls, there were 130 calls located within the city limits with 4 mutual aid

calls. He stated a breakdown of these calls is as follows: Structure Fire 1; Cooking Fire 1; Medical/Rescue Call 79; Vehicle Crash 9, Lock in 1; Gas Spill 1; Gas Leak 3; Arcing Electrical 1; Power Line Down 1; Service Call 16; Good Intent Call 20; and Alarm Activation 2. He stated that Fire Prevention week started October 6th. The theme this year is: "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep, Every Bedroom Needs a Smoke Detector". This year fire firefighters are scheduled to talk to approximately 2131 kids. Rocky Bayou Christian School was honoring First Responders for "Hero Day and the department has started scheduling the elementary schools and childcare centers to talk to the kids about Fire Prevention. Firefighters were also honored at Generations United for a Bar-B-Que. The fire crew with both engines attended Niceville High School Homecoming Parade with the cheerleaders riding on the engines. The ISO (Insurance Services Organization) inspector was here. We haven't received our results as of yet but he said everything looked very good. Firefighters designed and are wearing special Breast Cancer shirts in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He stated we continue to monitor construction in the City and crews are consistently updating/changing businesses and emergency contacts. Chief Mayville praised the contributions made by Mr Rick Van Dyke who is retiring effective 1 November. He worked in a variety of key positions during his tenure and will be sorely missed by the Fire Department for his leadership and dedication.

Police Dept - Update

Chief Popwell stated that during the month of September the Police Department responded to 2100 calls for police assistance. There were a total of 38 traffic crash reports written involving 72 vehicles. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$145,003. A total of 146 Traffic Citations were issued, 18 Misdemeanor, 16 Felony and 2 DUI Arrests were made.

Library, Community Center, and Children's Park – Update

Sheila Bishop stated that everyone is very busy working on current projects. She stated the Friends of the Library had a very successful Book Sale.

Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative Agreement – Approval

She explained that it is time to renew the agreement and asked for Council approval. Councilman Schaetzle stated that there are 6 libraries in the County that make up the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative. He stated that

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

Technology – Update

Chad Morris stated it was a very busy month taking care of routine maintenance. He advised they are looking at a “Help Desk” software to improve their service.

Other Business:

Senior Center – Update

Mr Corbin stated that we were able to have dirt donated as a foundation for the modular building to serve as our proposed senior center and city offices. He stated the new building could be in place by early December, but probably won't open as a senior center until the spring of 2016 at the earliest. Discussion followed.

City Clerk

Appointment of a Mayor Pro-tem

Mr Doucet stated that our charter states we must appoint a Mayor Pro-tem during the month of October. Councilman Henkel moved to appoint Councilman Rominger to serve as Mayor Pro-tem. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

Aid to Organizations

Mr Doucet stated that The City Council listened to presentations from the organizations who requested funding for FY-16 during our special Council Meeting on September 3, 2016. He stated that these organizations provide a great service to the City. We could never afford to fund the services they provide if the City was responsible for these services. Several of these organizations receive matching funds making our contribution more valuable to them. He stated we typically wait until the following January to fund this program, however there was a recent recommendation to add this item to our October 13, 2015 council meeting agenda to make a decision on the program earlier vs waiting until later. We have come up with 6 recommendations for your consideration which are enclosed for your review. He stated the recommendations ranged from \$ 19,000 to fully

funding their total requests of \$ 25,500. Councilwoman Boudreaux stated it was important to stay within our budget and recommended option one to fund the program at the budgeted amount of \$ 19,000. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Mr Doucet read aloud the funding distribution that totals \$ 19,000. Chamber of Commerce \$5,000; Economic Development Council \$5,000; Bridgeway Center \$1,300; Okaloosa-Walton Early Learning Coalition \$ 900; Shelter House, Inc. \$500; Northwest Fla Symphony Orchestra-NWFSC \$ 500; Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. \$1,500; Sharing & Caring \$2,500; Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start-Child Development, Inc. \$900; and NW FL Guardian Ad Litem \$900. Mr Charles Schuster, president of the Northwest Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, which provides volunteers to advocate for children in the court system who are there primarily as a result of alleged abuse or neglect, spoke before the council regarding the number of children from Niceville whom the foundation serves. Mr Schuster stated 61 children were served from Niceville last year and 31 advocate volunteers were also from Niceville. Jennifer Boxen representing Sharing and Caring stated that they provide food for the needy as well as help with utility bills and rent. She stated they need cash inflow because certain expenses need to be paid and cannot be paid with donations of food. She also stated that the population of Niceville has been growing and as a result more people need services. Councilman Nodjomian further explained the rationale for individual funding allocations. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

Bills Payable:

Councilman Nodjomian moved approval. Councilman Rominger 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 8:10 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK