

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, November 10, 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 64 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, October 13, 2015  
Planning Commission Meeting, No Meeting Held  
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Presentations: Outstanding Student Awards:**

Mayor Wise presented awards for civic excellence to Niceville High School student Sydney Green and Rocky Bayou Christian School Student Seth Kirstein. Collegiate High School student Thomas Anchor, who was not present, was also honored. The awards are given to high school students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, community service and involvement in civic affairs. Discussion followed.

**Waste Management – Solid Waste Diversion Rate – Update Mr Ronnie Bell**

Mr Ronnie Bell, Public Sector Solutions representative from Waste Management, provided a status report of the City's Recycling Program. Mr Bell stated that recycling is no longer as profitable as it may have once been due to declining prices for fuel and for recyclable materials. In addition, he stated that Waste Management's cost for disposing of recyclables has gone up as local processing centers have closed, requiring Waste Management to transport recyclables greater distances. He stated that five years ago Waste Management took recyclables to a processing facility in Pensacola. However, that

facility closed two years ago, requiring us to take the material to a facility in Montgomery, Ala. That facility closed three weeks ago. Mr Bell stated we now take recyclables all the way to Atlanta. Waste Management still recycles as much material as possible, however does not receive enough revenue to pay for the cost of doing so, even though it charges the city for pickups. He stated the market is down for glass and plastic especially since China no longer imports such materials. He further stated that paper, cardboard, and aluminum can still bring in some recycling revenue, but that paper and cardboard are easily contaminated by food waste and other materials that make it unsuitable for recycling which ultimately ends up in landfills. Despite the problems Waste Management continues to recycle as much as possible out of concern for protecting the environment for future generations. Councilman Nodjomian commended Waste Managements' efforts, and said that Niceville is current diverting a full third of its solid waste to recycling rather than landfill disposal

Ordinance 15-12-01 - An ordinance authorizing the City of Niceville to obtain lease/purchase financing from a commercial bank up to the maximum amount of \$852,000 to purchase a Ladder Fire Truck; authorizing the solicitation of sealed proposals from commercial banks; providing for terms and conditions of said lease/purchase financing; providing that interest will be tax exempt to the holder as a "Qualified Tax Exempt Obligation" within the meaning of §265(b)(3) of the internal revenue code; providing for proper advertisement; and providing for an effective date. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 15-12-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval on first reading. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Discussion followed. 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**

**Reclaim By-Pass Connection:** As a result of defective materials the recently completed reclaimed system by-pass connection on College Boulevard failed and had to be replaced twice.

**Reclaim Irrigation Issue:** Next week we will be meeting with a consultant to determine the source and cause of the problems in our reclaim distribution system. This meeting will include a thorough inspection of our treatment facilities, storage reservoir and distribution network. The consultant will be providing treatment alternatives to remove and control the organic buildup in our reclaim system.

We have collected samples from our system and provided them to the consultant. They have determined the presence of an invasive aquatic invertebrate called Plumatella Fungosa which if not controlled can colonize to the point of fouling and compromising components in our distribution system. They appear as a moss or algae and are resilient if not properly treated.

### **Stormwater Project Updates**

**Pine Lake Drainage Improvements:** We are still evaluating alternative pipe routes and outfall designs.

**Palm Boulevard Outfall Pipe Replacement:** Materials are on hand and we are preparing to start this installation.

**NFWF 31<sup>st</sup> & Bayshore Vault:** The funding agreement was approved and redesign is underway.

**NFWF Thomas Branch & Boggy Bayou Headwaters:** The revised funding agreement was submitted and approved. Last week the survey team started work on the headwaters project and they are trying to set up scheduling for the Thomas Branch Project this week. Once this initial survey field work is completed AVCON will begin the preliminary design work for both projects.

### **Other City Wide Projects:**

**Turkey Creek Boardwalk Extension:** We have acquired the necessary permits to proceed with the connection of the Boardwalk on Turkey Creek. We will be establishing the exact routing of the remaining segment of this boardwalk, official notification to start construction and ordering materials.

**Turkey Creek Mini Storage Site:** We have been in contact with the Army Corp, FDEP and the Florida Community's Trust regarding the proposed restoration of the Mini Storage site. These conversations have included the design & permitting requirements necessary to proceed with the FCT

management plan and what modifications to the reforestation may be necessary in some of the remaining jurisdiction property that still exist on the site.

**Senior Center Site Preparations:** The final grading and compaction of the site for the senior center are near completion.

**Fire Department Docking Facility:** Crews are preparing to build the connecting walkway to the new fire boat docking facility.

**Sidewalk Replacement:** We are currently performing sidewalk maintenance in the Creekside and Forest Lake area. This work includes replacing damaged sections, grinding down raised joints and trimming back encroaching shrubbery.

**Christmas Preparations:** Crews are also preparing the Christmas Displays.

### **Planning & Development**

**Ruckel 1100 Acre Phase 1 Technical Review:** The Staff Technical Review for the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the 1100 Acre Development is scheduled for next Tuesday.

**Article 7 Revisions:** We were prepared to have the first reading of the Land Development Code Article 7 this meeting however the newspaper failed to properly advertise the public hearing public notice so we will be rescheduling the first readings next month. We also met with Eglin again to go over the proposed language.

**DEO Grant:** We are waiting to receive the final executed funding agreement for the \$ 25,000.00 DEO Grant. The revised scope of work has been forwarded to DEO and they have indicated that everything appears in order and a final agreement is forthcoming. This grant allows us to move forward with the needed LDC changes necessary to maintain consistency with the latest revisions of the Future Land Use Element in our Comprehensive Plan that were made as a result of the JLUS. This grant will also allow us to address the impacts of the newly established CRA's. The deliverables in this grant will include drafting new codes, scheduling workshops and the final adoption of these revisions.

**Complete Car Wash Site Plan:** We are reviewing the proposed site plan for a Car Wash that would be located on one of the vacant parcels between

**Commercial**

Plew Panther Way and SR 20 across from the entrance to the Walmart shopping center.

**South Cedar Avenue:** We have had some back and forth discussions with a contractor regarding some residentially zoned property along South Cedar Avenue. There are some issues Mr. Powell is looking into regarding development of this site.

**Magnolia Woods Phase III:** We will also be reviewing the proposed Phase III of Magnolia Woods prior to the next meeting

**Active Development Projects**

**CEFCO:** Building plans have been reviewed by BI, NPDES Construction Site Permit has been submitted and equipment is on the site. There is also a FDOT issue with one of the existing easements and that information is being forwarded to Mr. Powell.

**Panera Bread:** Building construction is well underway.

**Huff Office Complex:** Site work & building construction is ongoing.

**Residential Development**

**Stables:** Last available permit has been pulled for this development

**Shirks Cove:** Permits have been pulled

**Magnolia Wood II B:** Half of the available lots have been permitted

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

Shelia Bishop stated that preparations for the holidays are going well. She stated that Opus One, the Niceville High School chorus, will perform at the library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. She advised that the Library's popular 689 gallon salt water aquarium is currently shut down as it is being repaired for a fracture in the bottom of the tank. She said the fish from the aquarium have been relocated pending completion of the repair.

**Fire Department – Update**

Chief Mayville stated that during the month of October the fire department responded to a total of 140 calls, there were 136 calls located within the city limits with 4 mutual aid calls. Crews conducted fire prevention week activities the entire month. We were able to talk to 2,131 students. This month's theme was "hear the beep where you sleep". This stressed having smoke detectors in every bedroom. The Fire Department hosted its annual Halloween party for city employees and their families. It was standing room only and everyone had a great time. New employees were very happy to be able to attend. Chief Mayville stated we had two shifts of firefighters work the mullet festival every day. It was a quiet year with only 8 major medical calls and the rest were minor calls. He advised that fire crews participated in the Niceville High School and Rocky Bayou Christian School homecoming parades.

**Police Dept - Update**

Chief Popwell stated that during the month of October the Police Department responded to 2166 calls for police assistance. There were a total of 43 traffic crash reports written involving 84 vehicles. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$182,146. A total of 155 Traffic Citations were issued, 20 Misdemeanor, 14 Felony and 2 DUI Arrests were made.

**Other Business:**

Mr Corbin stated that he recently met with a representative of the Florida Department of Transportation, and advised that Niceville has been awarded a grant of up to \$200,000 for landscape improvements along the medians of John Sims Park Way. Between Palm Boulevard and Swift Creek. He advised the project is slated to begin in July 2016.

**Senior Center – Update:**

Mr Corbin stated that he has visited several senior centers throughout Northwest Florida looking for ideas and best practices that may be implemented in the senior center planned for Niceville. The City recently obtained a used modular building from the Navy Explosive Ordinance Disposal School, which the City plans to relocate near City Hall for use as a Senior Center. Discussion followed.

**Youth Council – Update:**

Councilman Nodjomian stated that the Youth Advisory Council is planning a community cleanup for November 21<sup>st</sup>. He expects to have a high number of local teens to turn out to collect trash and help clean up the community. He stated that the local Subway and Café Liquid restaurants are helping to sponsor the event. The Youth Council is also planning a mock election and mock trial program for local youths during the upcoming election year.

**Bills Payable:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK