

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JULY 27,2017

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, July 27, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members except for Councilman Nodjomian who was out of town on business, and the Mayor was present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Public Works Director, Bruce Price; Fire Department, Chief Mayville, Technology Department, Chad Morris, and no visitors in the audience. Councilman Nodjomian joined the meeting via telephone and participated in the meeting. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 5.828% 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 stated that department budget requests for the FY-18 budget include additional expense in the Information Technology Department at an additional cost of **\$119,510** as compared to the current year. He stated that State Retirement will increase approximately **\$53,210** and equipment expense will be approximately **\$940,471**. Mr Doucet in coordination with the City Manager recommended the proposed millage rate be set at **3.70** which is higher than the rolled back rate of **3.5846**. The **3.70** rate will produce **\$3,573,660** in ad valorem revenue. This rate will provide **\$130,266** additional ad valorem revenue as compared to our current year. He advised this additional amount of revenue will help offset some of the rising costs as discussed.

Mr Doucet recommended to set the proposed millage rate at 3.70 and advised we must report this information on the required forms to the Dept of Revenue no later than August 4, 2017 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 which is very expensive. He also recommended that the tentative budget hearing be scheduled for 6:00 PM, September 7, 2017. All council members asked several questions regarding the process. Councilman Henkel moved approval to set the proposed millage rate at 3.70 mills and to set the tentative budget hearing date for 6:00 PM, September 7, 2017. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK