MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JULY 23, 2020

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, July 23, 2020 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members were present except for Councilman Nodjomian who was out of town on business. He joined the meeting by phone, and the Mayor was present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet and the Finance Director, Steven Rausch; a member of the press and two visitors in the audience. Mayor Henkel 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 provided a brief overview and provided a tax table for the Council’s information. He stated that State Retirement will increase approximately $118,400; and the budget for Worker’s Compensation Insurance will increase approximately $35,000. He stated that equipment expense currently totals $2,618,710 as compared to last year the amount was $1,794,540, an increase of $824,170.

Mr Doucet, in coordination with the City Manager, recommended the proposed millage rate be set at 3.7000 which is higher than the rolled back rate of 3.6341. The 3.7000 rate will produce $4,405,158 in ad valorem revenue. This rate will provide $274,990 in additional ad valorem revenue as compared to our current year as indicated in the proposed tax table. This amount of additional revenue will help offset the additional expense outlined above which totals $977,570.

Mr Doucet advised that the ad valorem revenue represents 27.23% of the total General Fund projected revenues.

Mr Doucet advised that we must report this information on the required forms to the Dept of Revenue no later than August 4, 2020 to meet TRIM requirements. Mr Doucet advised it is very important to meet this deadline. He further stated that once the proposed rate is set, we cannot increase it unless a first-class mailing to each property owner is made advising them of the increase, which would be very expensive. He also recommended that the tentative budget hearing be scheduled for 6:00 PM, September 10, 2020. All council members asked several questions regarding the process. Councilman Schaetzle moved approval for discussion. Councilwoman Alley seconded the motion. Councilman Nodjomian stated that he did not see it in the briefing packet, however, we
normally receive a consolidated list of what other Cities are doing in regards to their millage rates. Mr Doucet stated that the Property Appraiser’s office provides that information when all the Cities set their proposed rates which cannot be later than August 4, 2020. He stated that he will contact the Property Appraiser’s Office to obtain the consolidated listing and provide it to the Council. Mr Doucet recommended in coordination with the City Manager to set the proposed millage rate at 3.7000 mills and to set the tentative budget hearing date for 6:00 PM, September 10, 2020. Council Vote:
Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Williams-yes. Motion passed

Appointment of Mayor Pro tem:

Mayor Henkel recommended that we appoint a Mayor Pro tem now vs waiting until October since he will be traveling on business in the near future. Councilman Schaetzle stated he would volunteer to serve. Councilman Nodjomian moved approval to appoint Councilman Schaetzle as the Mayor Pro tem. Councilwoman Alley seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Nodjomian-yes; and Williams-yes. Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Daniel J. Doucet
CITY CLERK

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July 22, 2020

Mayor: Henkel

Councilperson: Schaetzle
Nodjomian
Alley
Williams

Attorney: Powell

There will be a Special Council meeting at 6:00 PM, July 23, 2020 in the Council chambers at 208 N. Partin Drive.

Purpose of Meeting:

Set a tentative millage rate.

Appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.

Social distancing and mask-wearing is strongly recommended. Please plan to attend.

Sincerely,

D. J. Doucet
City Clerk

cc: City Manager
News Media