

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JUNE 13, 2023

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 6:08 PM, June 13, 2023 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; City Attorney, Dixie Powell; Police Department, Chief Popwell; Fire Department, Chief Mayville; Public Works Director, Johnathan Laird; Deputy City Clerk, Wendy Farmer, Deputy City Clerk and Finance Director, Steven Rausch and Director of Technology and Purchasing, Chad Morris. There were approximately 21 visitors in the audience, including other City employees. Mayor Henkel called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM. Reverend Stauffer offered the prayer and Mayor Henkel led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting, May 09, 2023
Planning Commission Meeting, No Meeting Held
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

Councilman Donahoo moved approval and Councilman Williams seconded. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes. Motion passed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENTATIONS:

Ordinance 23-06-01 – An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida, contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to §171.044, Florida Statutes; providing that the property will be zoned R-3, multiple family and have a future land use of MDR; providing for severability; providing for an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court, Okaloosa County and the Department of State. Property location is Andi’s Way Subdivision, 1501 23rd Street. (Final Reading)

Mr. Doucet read ordinance 23-06-01 by title. Councilman Nodjomian moved approval and Councilman Schaetzle seconded. No one spoke for or against.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

Ordinance 23-06-02 – An ordinance annexing property in the city limits of Niceville with a zoning classification of R-2, one or multifamily and a future land use of MU, mixed use. Metes and bounds description. John and Lynette Miesen, 250 White St. (Final Reading)

Mr. Doucet read ordinance 23-06-02 by title. Councilwoman Alley moved approval and Councilman Schaetzle seconded. No one spoke for or against.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

Ordinance 23-06-03 – An ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 13-04-01, the title of which is as follows: An Ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida, contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to Florida Statutes §171.044; providing that the property will be zoned PUD; providing for the severability of this ordinance; providing for an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and the Department of State. Property located on 23rd St. (Final Reading)

Mr. Doucet read ordinance 23-06-03 by title. Councilman Schaetzle moved approval and Councilman Donahoo seconded. Councilwoman Alley questioned why ordinance 13-04-01 was being rescinded. Mrs. Hanson stated it was to correct the ordinance.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

Ordinance 23-06-04 – An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to §171.044 Florida Statutes; providing that the property will be zoned R-1, residential single family and have a future land use of LDR; providing for severability; providing for an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court, Okaloosa County and the Department of State. This property is located as outlined in Section 1 of this ordinance. (Final Reading)

Mr. Doucet read ordinance 23-06-04 by title. Councilman Williams moved approval and Councilman Donahoo seconded. No one spoke for or against.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

Ordinance 23-06-05 – An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida, contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to 171.044, Florida Statutes; providing that the property will be zoned R-1A, residential single family and have a future land use of LDR; providing for severability; providing for an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court, Okaloosa County and the Department of State. This property is located between 1439 and 1449 Bayshore Drive, and is a portion of P.I.N. 05-1S-22-256F-0092-0000. (Final Reading)

Mr. Doucet read ordinance 23-06-05 by title. Councilman Williams moved approval and Councilwoman Alley seconded. No one spoke for or against.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

Ordinance 23-07-01 - An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to §171.044, Florida Statutes; providing that the property will be zoned CON, Conservation and have a future land use of CON; providing for severability; providing for an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court, Okaloosa County and the Department of State. (First Reading)

Mr. Doucet read ordinance 23-07-01 by title. Councilman Nodjomian moved approval and Councilman Schaetzle seconded. No one spoke for or against.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

Ordinance 23-07-02 – An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to §171.044, Florida Statutes; providing that the property will be zoned PCI, Public, Civic, Institutional and have a future land use of PCI; providing for severability; providing for an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court, Okaloosa County and the Department of State. (First Reading)

Mr. Doucet read ordinance 23-07-02 by title. Councilman Schaetzle moved approval and Councilwoman Alley seconded. No one spoke for or against.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

Ordinance 23-07-03 - An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to §171.044, Florida Statutes; providing that the property will be zoned R-1 Residential Single Family and have a future land use of LDR; providing for severability; providing for an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court, Okaloosa County and the Department of State. (First Reading)

Mr. Doucet read ordinance 23-07-03 by title. Councilwoman Alley moved approval and Councilman Donahoo seconded. No one spoke for or against.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

Councilman Nodjomian requested consent agendas be researched as the above ordinances would have been a perfect example of a time for one to be used. Mr. Doucet stated it would be looked into.

Resolution 23-06-01 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a metal building for the City of Niceville.

Mr. Doucet read resolution 23-06-01 by title. Councilman Nodjomian moved approval and Councilman Donahoo seconded. Mr. Morris stated a bid opening was done and there was only one respondent. Discussion followed regarding pricing, construction, and how it was advertised.

Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes.
Motion passed

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Police Department – Update

Chief David Popwell briefed the status of department operations.

During the month of May, the Police Department responded to 3,255 calls for police assistance. There was a total of 51 traffic crash reports written involving 98 vehicles and 2 pedestrians. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$229,276. A total of 109 traffic citations and 206 traffic warnings were issued, 7 misdemeanor and 8 felony arrests were made. Chief Popwell stated he had spoken to Rodney McInnis regarding designs for a new police station. He was able to speak at the

Northwest Florida State College during National Police Week, and he stated that was an honor. Councilman Nodjomian asked about the number of accidents on John Sims Parkway as a result of the new traffic pattern? Chief Popwell stated there had not been any yet and it was sheer luck. Councilman Schaezle asked if any officers had to administer Narcan during the month of May and Chief Popwell stated no.

Fire Department – Update

Chief Tommy Mayville briefed the status of department operations.

During the month of May, the Fire Department ran 215 calls, 6 of them were overdoses. They attended the National Day of Prayer, participated in send off's, attended the Niceville High School graduation, participated in the Billy Bowlegs Parade, and attended STEM Academy Field Day. Inspections of the City's buildings and fire systems were conducted by B & C Fire Safety Inspections. He also stated crew members were starting to attend Florida Urban Search and Rescue (FLUSAR)/confined spaces training.

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects – Update

Johnathan Laird, Public Works Director, briefed the status of current projects.

Water and Sewer:

Work on the force main on Cedar Avenue started Monday. One lane of traffic will be closed until September from 27th Street to John Sims Parkway.

We had a road closure on Hopper Street two weeks ago making two sewer taps. And it is complete.

We have completed all of the maintenance on our 73 lift stations and all of our preventative maintenance on all of our generators.

Calls: 55 water calls and 29 sewer calls; made 4 water taps and 21 sewer taps; 252-line spots. We changed out 30 meters and have completed 564 service orders.

Stormwater:

We are looking into redoing the pond on Gracie Lane, there is 3 feet of muck that needs to be removed. We are working with Construction Services on this project.

We are working with Okaloosa County on a Stormwater issue at 1754 Thomas Street. Okaloosa County has agreed to partner with us.

We have completed the stormwater project on Mullet Creek Run. We had to repair a 15-inch pipe under a driveway.

We will be paving Bayshore Drive from Lanman Road to Valparaiso Boulevard July 17th.

Streets:

Construction Services has started a sidewalk project on Rocky Shore Drive.

We met with Ruckel Properties last week for a location for the public safety building and new water tank in Deer Moss.

On Friday, June 16th the stripping and signs should be complete on John Sims Parkway.

Guard rails are all that remain to be done on the Highway 85 project.

We will be adding a three way stop at the intersection of 27th Street and Pine Avenue at Plew Elementary. Warning signs will go up two weeks prior to construction.

The paving of 27th Street from Phyllis to Cedar Avenue has been completed. The striping crew should be out tonight.

We have started the renovation of Meigs Park.

We have started preparing for the new sidewalks on Marc Smith Boulevard which should be done June 26th.

Parks:

We have partnered with K-Rock Radio Station 100.3 for the 4th of July Celebrations at Lions Park.

Next Wednesday June 21st St. Paul Lutheran's Church will begin community service at Rocky Runway Common Park.

Tomorrow at Northwest Florida State College we will be attending the Hurricane Training class from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Next month Niceville High School football team will begin community service work around the city.

Mayor Henkel asked if lights would be installed at Meigs Park and Mr. Laird stated no.

Discussion followed regarding the new traffic pattern on John Sims Parkway and that the State will not support more signage or lighting.

Councilman Nodjomian asked if there was an update from Eglin Air Force Base on the ability to extend the reclaimed system? Mr. Laird stated no, however the City has purchased the materials needed to do what they can until then.

Senior Center:

Julie Mooney, Senior Center Director, stated they were approaching the less busy season of the year. The center recently hosted a Senior Prom with a 50's theme, which 150 seniors attended. She stated it would be held in April next year as this time of the year is too hot. There were 606 individuals who came in for various functions in the month of May. Councilman Donahoo asked for the membership numbers? Mrs. Mooney stated there are approximately 2400 members with 65% living inside the city limits and 35% living outside.

Mr. Corbin invited the Council to the Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce breakfast that will be held tomorrow in the Community Center at 7:30 AM. This month's breakfast is sponsored by the City of Niceville. Mr. Corbin stated he is now a short timer and he remembered attending his first council meeting as a City Clerk at the old City Hall across from Dairy Queen. Mayor Henkel stated he appreciates the work he has done for the City. Councilman Schaetzle asked for details on the Boston Butt Fundraiser. Mr. Corbin stated tickets were being sold to raise money to light up the bayou this 4th of July and they are looking to sell 600-1000 tickets.

Bills Payable:

Councilman Schaetzle moved approval: Councilman Donahoo seconded. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Alley-yes; Donahoo-yes; Williams-yes. Motion passed

Other Business:

Councilwoman Alley asked when the dedication would be held for Randall Wise Avenue since the signs had been erected? Mayor Henkel stated he knew Mr. Morris and Mr. Corbin were working on it. Mr. Corbin stated he would update them soon.

Attorney Powell stated the water quality lawsuit settlement could potentially net the City 8 figures to correct water quality. He also stated the money would not have to be used exclusively for that purpose.

Mayor Henkel reminded the other council members that the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference was coming up and if they planned to attend, to register soon as the room block was filling up quickly. He also stated the Okaloosa County League of Cities dinner would be held in Destin on the third Thursday of July. Mayor Henkel reminded staff and council that an email had been sent out regarding Dragon Boat Races that would benefit

the Hope Squad program. He is still looking for participants to enter a team in the race. Thursday night the two final candidates for the City Managers position will be interviewed. At 5:30 PM, prior to the interviews, there will be a meeting to discuss ground rules.

Rick LaBoda, 37 Derby Downs Circle, thanked the residents of Niceville and the letter carriers for the assistance and donations for the letter carrier food drive done on May 13th. He stated there was approximately 7,000 pounds of food collected, which gave a much-needed boost to the Sharing & Caring pantry. He also stated they are always looking for volunteers and donations.

Amanda Pettis, 352 Fir Avenue, proposed the possibility of hosting a food truck festival at the Mullet Festival grounds. She stated they would like to have at least 15 food trucks, live music, vendors, and a children's area. They are looking to have it October 14th from 2-8 PM. Councilman Nodjomian asked if the food truck power would be all self-contained? Mrs. Pettis replied yes, they are only looking for a location. This would be a fundraiser for local schools and that would come from the vendor fees. She stated the City of Crestview recently hosted one and it was a success. Councilman Schaetzle asked if the one in Crestview allowed alcohol? Mrs. Pettis stated to her knowledge alcohol was not allowed and they would not allow it at theirs. They are looking to make it a family friendly event. Councilman Nodjomian suggested the Northwest Florida State College since it had the room for parking, music, and a large crowd. She stated she would look into that location as well. Mayor Henkel stated the City would look into the request.

Mr. Corbin acknowledged Michael Panarisi, former Youth Advisory Council member. Mr. Panarisi came forward and thanked the City for the opportunities it had afforded him being on the Youth Council. He stated he had used skills learned here during his first year at the University of Florida. He is studying Civil Engineering.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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