

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, February 12, 2013 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members were present. The Mayor was ill and unable to attend. Also present were City Manager Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Police Department, Sergeant Macon; Fire Department, Chief Mayville; Public Works Director Bruce Price; a member of the press, and 31 visitors in the audience. Councilman Schaetzle offered the prayer and led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem Henkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting, January 8, 2012
Special Council Meeting, January 17, 2013
Planning Commission Meeting, February 4, 2013
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held

Councilman Rominger moved approval. Councilman Schaetzle seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CDBG Housing Grant Bid – Chad Morris

Mr Morris stated the bid opening was held on February 4, 2013 for one housing unit targeted for rehabilitation. There was only one bid received. He advised that this project will use up the balance of the grant funding.

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Sabrina Stepp 201 Island Lane Niceville, FL 32578	Jason Buck Construction Services	\$37,950

CONTRACTING FOR CONSTRUCTION

Contract signing (pending Award of Bid tonight) has been scheduled for the end of the week.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Recommended Action 1: Council to vote to approve the Award of Bid as recommended above.

Motion: “Move to Award the Bid for Ms. Stepp, as recommended above.”

Recommended Action 2: Council members to disclose business or familial relationships with the homeowner listed on the bid documents.

All council members stated they had no relationship with homeowner.

Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval to award the bid to the successful bidder. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaeztle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Sharing and Caring – Mr . Wes Lassiter – Statistics Update

Mr Lassiter provided an overview of the services they offer to include updated statistical data. He stated that Sharing and Caring is an all-volunteer organization that is funded by area churches, civic organizations, schools and school service clubs, individuals and the United Way. He expressed appreciation to the City Council for the financial assistance received this fiscal year. He stated that Sharing and Caring had a very successful year since we were able to provide \$ 481,800 in food and financial assistance in support of local families. He stated the two main jobs is working in the food pantry and being an interviewer. He stated it’s a humbling experience to sit across from someone who needs food; a basic necessity for life; does not have a home and may live in the woods. Mr Lassiter stated they are always looking for volunteers and asked for any suggestions that may improve their efforts to recruit the help needed. Councilman Nodjomian suggested contacting Eglin Spouses Clubs as a starting point. Discussion followed.

Ordinance 13-02-01 – An ordinance for the rezoning of certain properties in the City of Niceville, Florida; providing zoning for same and an effective date. Lots 4-9, Block 52, Plat of Valparaiso Company’s Pinecrest Addition to Valparaiso Florida, sheet #1, subdivision #2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 48, Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida. HP Rental Properties. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 13-02-01 by title. Councilman Rominger moved approval on third reading. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaeztle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 13-02-02 – An ordinance for the rezoning of certain properties in the City of Niceville, Florida; providing zoning for same and an effective date. That portion of Lots 3-3 Block 14, Valparaiso Realty Company's Pine Crest Addition to Valparaiso Florida, subdivision 5, sheet 7, Plat Book 1, page 54 of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida, lying north of the north right of way line of Florida State Road 20 (John Sims Parkway). Together with the vacated 50 foot wide right of way of Thirty-Third Street adjacent thereto. Okaloosa County School District. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 13-02-02 by title. Councilman Schaetzle moved approval on third reading. Councilman Rominger seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 13-04-01 – 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 and effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and Department of State. Metes and bounds description. John Duhaime, 23rd street. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 13-04-01 by title. Councilman Rominger moved approval on first reading. Councilman Schaetzle seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 13-02-01 – A resolution of the City of Niceville, Florida establishing rates for the collection of residential and commercial garbage, providing for a rate increase and providing for an effective date.

Mr Doucet read Resolution 13-02-01 by title. Councilman Schaetzle moved approval. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Mr Doucet stated that as per our current franchise W/M petitions the City Council for an appropriate increase based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for twelve months ending October 31, 2012 applied to each pricing category. The adjustment proposed is 2.16% based on this calculation for both Residential and Commercial customers. He stated it could go up or down based on the cost of doing business. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION – Waste Management Single Stream Recycling Program
Lynn Yort, and Domenica Farmer

Ms Farmer provided a handout and briefed the council on the benefits of the single stream recycling program. She stated a number of residents have asked if there are any alternatives from having to use the 18 gallon bins for recycling. She advised Waste Management will replace the 18 gallon bin with the appropriate bin size that has a lid if the City chooses to participate in the program. She stated by 2020 the State of Florida's goal is to divert 75% of the solid waste away from our land fields to be recycled. She provided the results of a pilot program that was conducted last year in the Shalimar Paquito Bayou area. She advised that 85% of the residents loved the process, however, the County Commissions did not vote in favor of implementing the program county wide at this time.

She suggested that a pilot program be conducted in an area of Niceville with roughly 40 homes, and recommending the pilot extend from 4 to 6 months. She stated that one area to consider is the swift creek preserves.

The basic idea is for the residents to keep their green 96 gallon container for garbage and to replace the 18 gallon tub/bin with a separate 96 gallon container that has instructions on the lid in English and Spanish explaining items that qualify to be recycled. She stated she has two bins with her tonight with yellow lids; one is a 96 gallon container and a second container which is a 65 gallon container, or there is a smaller 55 gallon container that can be requested.

The basic idea is if you recycle properly you could easily transition to once a week pickup since 80 percent of household waste is actually recyclable. Mrs Farmer stated that Styrofoam, food, zip lock bags, and light plastic shopping bags cannot be recycled. She said the pilot would be no cost to the residents. Mr Corbin asked if a large family needed an additional cart would that be possible? Ms Farmer stated yes, however, they would incur an additional charge. She stated once the pilot period is over a survey will be sent to those participating residents so the City will have the input they need to make an informed decision to consider a City-wide application. Mr Gene Eller, 1004 Regatta Drive who is the president of the Water Oaks Homeowners Association stated he has concerns with the program since covenants require garbage carts to be stored in a single car garage and there is limited space for an additional cart. He suggested that a small recycling dumpster be placed in a common area for use by all residents in the Water Oaks Complex vs. using two carts. He felt that by mandating the use of two larger bins in other similar city complexes would create a space problem for those people as well. Mrs. Debbie Lewis; 2446 Duncan Drive suggested to add a list of allowed items on the lids. Councilman Schaezle recommended the pilot include more than one area of the City. Councilman Nodjomian agreed and recommended the start and ending periods be the same for all areas tested. All council members asked several questions regarding the program. Councilman Rominger moved approval to conduct the pilot program for a

specified time and in multiple neighborhoods as determined by the City Manager and City Clerk. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects - Update

Mr Price briefed the status of current projects.

Water and Sewer Projects

Bayou Plaza Pump Station Replacement: This project is completed and a walk through inspection was done yesterday. Both the water main and the new pump station are fully operational.

Well # 4 Repairs: The well has been repaired and is back in service.

New Water Storage Tank Marisa Drive: Plans and specs for the new 750,000 gallon storage tank are completed. Plans are completed for the demolition of the old existing tank(s). This project will include the installation of larger distribution lines along Rocky Bayou Road and Forest Drive.

Sewer Grinders for Pump stations 9 & 24: The sewer grinders have been ordered and we are expecting delivery of those devices around the end of March. These devices will be installed by O&M and the distributor.

Water Service Outage Notice: City was required to shut water service off for some residents in the Creek Side area today in order to replace a fire hydrant. A boil water notice was issued to the affected residents as required by DEP when water service is interrupted. The work was completed by noon and water service was restored.

Okaloosa County Road Closure: Okaloosa County will be installing a force main pipe across Rocky Bayou Road Wednesday night beginning at 10:00 pm and this work will require intermittent lane closures. The road is scheduled to be reopened by 4:00 am Thursday.

Water Tank Maintenance: The Tank Maintenance contractor has started the wash down of our water storage tanks. Under the terms of the contract these cleanings are done every 2 years.

Storm Water Projects:

Valparaiso Boulevard Drainage Improvements: We are awaiting final written approval from DEP that this project has been accepted into the new facilities plan. The engineering, permitting and the bid award are completed. When the Facilities Plan approval is received, we will be

scheduling a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and notifying the residents of the start date for construction. The total funding for this project is 429,000.00

Facilities Plan Update: Also submitted for approval into the updated facilities plan are the Bayshore Vault Project and the Evans Branch Project. As you know the Vault project is engineered and permitted.

Sidewalk Extension Project: There has been 2880 linear feet of sidewalk installed as of today. The sidewalks on Evans and Early Streets (1165) are completed. The sidewalks on Bayshore Drive from SR 20 to 27th Street (@1700 lf) are 90% installed. The next sidewalk installations will be on the north side of 27th Street from Redwood Avenue to Palm Blvd. (@1400lf) the right of way grading and relocation work is underway. The other remaining concrete sidewalk is Kildare Circle off Ruckel Drive. We are also looking at possibly installing a concrete curb along Spencer Place to alleviate the erosion along that right of way which is compromising the drainage system at the intersection of Government and John Sims Parkway. The contractor plans to begin the asphalt pathways the first week in March. Those sites include Valparaiso Blvd and Rocky Bayou Road. We are also looking at the replacement of the damaged concrete sidewalk with an asphalt path on Bayshore Drive between Dana Pointe and Lanman Road.

Rocky Wood Subdivision Sign Replacement: The R&M Department is completing the new brick entryway sign for the Rocky wood Subdivision. This was a joint participation project with the residents of that subdivision. They raised and provided the funds to buy the materials to have the old wooden sign replaced with a brick sign. (we have adopted a policy of asking developers to install brick entrance signs in place of wood or stucco to reduce maintenance and upkeep. A total of 1725.00 was raised by the residents for materials; concrete, bricks, motor mix and sign materials, and we have spent 1500.00 thus far.

Grease Disposal Agreement: We are in the process of negotiating with a different waste oil hauler that will pick up and dispose cooking oil along with our waste oil. Once we have worked out the details residents will be able to drop off used cooking oil and that will be stored and picked up by the hauler when they pick up our motor oil, oil filters and antifreeze. Under this new agreement the hauler will be paying for the used oil and cooking oil.

Rocky Bayou Road Letter: I would like to update you on the actions that are being taken regarding the concerns letter you received concerning Rocky Bayou Drive.

Traffic volume: We have obtain traffic counts dating back to 2003 and will be looking at those to see what impact the new Mid Bay Bridge connection will have when it opens.

Green Belt: We are making arrangements to transplant some native trees and plants in the green belt along Rocky Bayou drive. We have gotten permission from developer to remove some trees and plants from a right of way scheduled to be cleared and transplant those in the green belt along Rocky Bayou Road. Over the years several of the sand pines in this green belt were removed because they died or were leaning towards the roadway or residents property.

Traffic Congestion: The developer of the commercial property along SR 20 will be installing a round about on Rocky Bayou Road at the entrance to the new boulevard (Publix). This will allow a steady flow of vehicles and serve as a speed calming device on Rocky Bayou Road. We are also working with the developer in determining the best alternative to increase the storage lane on Rocky Bayou Road for vehicles turning east onto SR 20.

Pedestrian safety: We will be installing the asphalt pathway along the south side of Rocky Bayou Road from SR 20 to Rocky Shores Drive. A short segment of this pathway in the vicinity of the new roundabout may be left out until it is installed.

Speed Bumps: I have been contacted by two residents wanting information about the procedures for getting a speed bump installed on their street. The request came for Palm Estates and Dana Pointe.

Request for Assistance: We have received request for assistance from citizen groups:

Emerald Coast Mud Run: This is a charity event to be held at NWFSC. We supported this event last year by helping with building the course and provided manpower the day of the event. They have asked us to make some modifications to the course and provide a tanker truck.

Eagle Ram Tennis Complex: This group headed up by Mr. Reagan Huff has asked the city to participate in the construction of the Eagle Ram Tennis Complex. Plans are to build 8 lighted tennis courts on the Ruckel Middle School grounds adjacent to SR 285. Mr. Huff submitted a written request identifying the scope of work and the materials they would like the city to provide. We have examined that request and determined what work we are capable of providing. Those request included providing and installing the underground conduit for lighting, providing and installing the perimeter erosion controls and removing the asphalt parking areas, basket ball courts and fencing. There were additional request made but the city does not have the equipment needed to perform those tasks. The estimated time to perform the demolition and electrical work using 2 crews is 2 to 3 weeks collectively. The estimated material cost for electrical 1,000.00, Erosion Control materials 350 .00 landfill fees 600 to 1,000 and trencher rental 500.00 to 600.00.

Regional Sewer System – Update

Mr Corbin stated that the system upgrade project is 1/3 completed and briefed the status of current projects. He announced that a new Publics store will be coming to Niceville.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr Corbin welcomed two scouts who were in the audience to come forth and address the council. They introduced themselves and stated that they were working on merit badges and one of the requirements to qualify is to attend a council meeting.

LIBRARY – UPDATE:

Shelia Bishop briefed the status of current projects. She stated the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation are working very hard to raise funds in support of the fireworks program. They plan to have a steak dinner on February the 21st between the hours of 5pm to 7pm. She stated they are receiving numerous comments on how well the library looks with it's newly installed carpet. Ms Bishop expressed her appreciation to the council for approving that expenditure.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE

Chief Mayville stated that during the month of January the fire department responded to a total of 109 calls. There were 108 calls located within the city limits and 1 mutual aid call. Chief Mayville stated his people will travel to South Florida to pick up the rescue boat that will be ready next week. He stated that a Hazmat exercise is scheduled for April 23rd, He stated that planning for that exercise is still in progress with a local emergency planning committee with state resources which will be involving Okaloosa and Bay County resources and Department of Defense personnel. Chief Mayville advised that his people are training the entire week with all departments in the area of East Niceville, Valparaiso, North Bay and Eglin AFB. He gave special thanks to Mr Jimmy Parish for supplying the house for training. He stated they are loading Pre Fire Plan information into tools and hardware for emergency responses. A total of 72 hydrants were tested.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE

Officer Macon stated that during the month of January the Police Department responded to 1909 calls for police assistance. A total of 81 vehicles and 1 pedestrian were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$159,222. A total of 174 Traffic Citations were issued, 17 Misdemeanor, 16 Felony and 2 DUI Arrests were made.

BILL PAYABLE

Councilman Schaetzle moved approval. Councilman Rominger seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK