

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, September 18, 2007 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members, except for Councilwoman Boudreaux, and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Public Works Director, Bruce Price; a member of the press and visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 07-09-01 - An ordinance amending Section 1, Table 1 of the City of Niceville Florida, municipal waterworks system rate Ordinance No. 06-09-04 dated September 21, 2006, to provide for a rate adjustment and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 07-09-01 by title. Councilman Thomas moved approval on second reading. Councilman Smith seconded. One resident asked several questions regarding the proposed rate change. Mr Doucet explained that water bills for a 7,000 gallon customer (average user) will increase \$.65 a month over last year's rate. Discussion followed. Council vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 07-09-02 - An ordinance amending Section 1, of the City of Niceville Florida, Municipal Sewer System Rate Ordinance No. 06-09-05 dated September 21, 2006, to provide for a rate adjustment and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 07-09-02 by title. Councilman Swihart moved approval on second reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mr Doucet explained that sewer bills for a 7,000 gallon customer (average user) will increase \$.75 a month over last year's rate. Council vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 07-09-03 - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 06-09-06, September 21, 2006 of the City of Niceville, Florida, increasing the Water Impact Fee and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 07-09-03 by title. Councilman Tislow moved approval on second reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mr Doucet explained that the impact fee will be increased from \$1,550 to \$1,628 for one inch meters with corresponding increases for larger meters. He advised that the increase applies only to new construction and helps to defray the cost associated with growth. Council vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 07-09-04 - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 06-09-07, September 21, 2006 of the City of Niceville, Florida increasing the Sewer Impact Fee and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 07-09-04 by title. Councilman Smith moved approval on second reading. Councilman Thomas seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mr Doucet explained that the impact fee will be increased from \$5,830 to \$6,130. He advised that the increase applies only to new construction and helps to defray the cost associated with growth. Council vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 07-09-05 - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 04-09-06, September 23, 2004 of the City of Niceville, Florida, increasing the Stormwater Utility Rates and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 07-09-05 by title. Councilman Tislow moved approval on second reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mr Doucet explained that the rate increase is a 38% increase. Discussion followed. Council vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 07-09-06 - An ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida levying the AD Valorem Property Tax millage rate for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2008 stating the percentage by which the millage to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate; and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 07-09-06 in its entirety and stated the proposed millage rate of 3.2669 is the recommended rate for FY 08. He stated the percentage by which this millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate of 3.2669 (computed pursuant to Florida law) is 00.00%. Mr Doucet advised that the revenues received will be used to defray budgeted General Fund Expense. Councilman Swihart moved approval on second reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mayor Wise asked for a roll call vote. Council vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 07-09-07 - An ordinance adopting the final budget for the City of Niceville for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2007; an ordinance adopting and approving the appropriations set forth in said budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2007; and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 07-09-07 by title and provided an overview of estimated revenues and expenditures as follows:

## General Fund

Total estimated revenues and expenditures: \$10,645,660

## Special Revenue (Franchise and Utility Tax)

Total estimates revenues and expenditures: \$ 2,577,180

## Sanitation:

Total estimated revenues and expenditures: \$ 2,354,900

## Water and Sewer

Total estimated revenues and expenditures \$11,205,000

## Storm Water Management

Total estimated revenues and expenditures \$ 2,117,190

Total Budget is **\$28,899,930**

Councilman Thomas moved approval on second reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes; Thomas-yes.

**SENIOR CITIZEN ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION:**

Mr Doucet advised that he received information from the Property Appraiser=s Office advising that **87** Niceville residents applied for the additional \$50,000 exemption this year. To qualify for the exemption the property owner must be 65 years old and have an annual household income of **\$24,214** for the 2007 tax year. The total property value (amount exempted) for people in this category is **\$3,696,454**. Based on a proposed millage rate of 3.2669 our revenues will be **approximately \$ 12,076 less**. The additional exemption saves them **\$163.35** in property tax.

He advised that the final budget hearing is scheduled for September 20, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK