

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 9, 2007

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, October 9, 2007 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members, except for Councilman Tislow, and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Asst City Attorney, Dixie Powell; City Planner, Wanda Cruttenden; Police Department, Chief Cruttenden; Director of Public Works, Bruce Price; members of the press and visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise led the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Thomas offered the prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting September 11, 2007
Special Council Meeting September 11, 2007
Special Council Meeting September 13, 2007
Special Council Meeting September 18, 2007
Special Council Meeting September 20, 2007

Councilman Swihart moved approval. Councilman Smith seconded. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting - October 1, 2007
Local Planning Agency Meeting – No Meeting Held

Councilman Swihart moved approval. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 07-10-01 - 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, Planned Unit Development; providing for the severability of this ordinance; providing an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and Department of State. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 07-10-01 by title. Councilman Smith moved that (1) the annexation request bears the signatures of all owners of the property proposed to be annexed; (2) the notice of annexation was properly published; and (3) the notice of annexation to the Okaloosa County Commissioners was properly accomplished. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes. Mayor Wise asked if anyone ex-parted the property. Councilman Smith acknowledged that he made a site visit. Councilman Smith moved approval to annex the property. Councilman Swihart seconded. Mr Jerry Gordan, 57 Hampton Circle expressed his opposition to the annexation. Discussion followed. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

Resolution 07-10-01 – A resolution granting a special exception to the Land Development Code to allow for a 11' 6" rear setback and a 20' 3" front setback as opposed to the required 25'. Lot 6, Block 3, Palm Estates 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 28, of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida. Michael and Elizabeth Dunn, 109 Perdido Circle.

Mr Doucet read resolution 07-10-01 by title. Councilman Smith moved approval. Councilman Thomas seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

Resolution 07-10-02 - A resolution accepting liability associated with the closing of a state roadway for purposes of a parade.

Mr Doucet read resolution 07-10-02 by title. Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects - Update:

Mr Price briefed the status of ongoing projects.

Regional Sewer System - Update:

Mr Corbin advised that a new contract is now in place regarding the sprayfield operation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE

Chief Mayville briefed the status of current projects.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – UPDATE

Chief Cruttenden briefed the status of current projects.

OTHER:

MAYOR

PLANNING COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT

Mayor Wise stated that Ms Geraldine Burdeshaw has announced her retirement from the Planning Commission. He recommended Ms Christine Bishop, 211 Yacht Club Drive in Niceville be appointed to replace her. Councilman Swihart moved approval. Councilman Smith Seconded. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

JOINT LAND USE STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT

Mayor Wise stated that former Councilman Brewer served on this committee and requested a replacement. Councilman Smith volunteered to serve on the committee. Councilman Swihart moved approval. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

CDGB BLOCK GRANT

Mr Corbin provided an overview regarding the results of a meeting he had with a company that specializes in grant writing to assist the City in obtaining federal funds associated with Community Development Block Grants (CDGB). Mr Corbin explained there is grant money available to the City without matching funds. If approved the money would be used for housing rehabilitation to assist low and moderate income residents with physical improvements that address code, safety and other rehabilitation items. He advised in some cases, severely damaged structures may be demolished and replaced. Wanda Cruttenden provided additional information regarding the grant process and the timeline involved. Mr Corbin recommended that the City consider sending out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to companies who specialize in this area of Grant Writing Services. The council would then rank and select the company based on the merits of their proposal. Councilman Smith moved to advertise the request for proposal. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council vote: Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

BILLS PAYABLE

Councilman Thomas moved approval. Councilman Swihart seconded. Council vote:
Boudreaux-yes; Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK