

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
JANUARY 8, 2008

The Niceville Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, January 8, 2008 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; Asst City Attorney, Dixie Powell; City Planner Wanda Cruttenden; Police Department, Chief Cruttenden; Director of Public Works; Bruce Price, a member 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 December 18, 2007  
Special Council Meeting January 3, 2008

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting B No Meeting Held  
Local Planning Agency Meeting B No Meeting Held

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Presentation - Waste Management

Mr Rory Cassedy representing Waste Management provided an overview of the garbage franchise services performed by his company for the City of Niceville since 1994. He explained the franchise is up for renewal and requested the City Council extend the franchise. Discussion followed. Mr Ireland, the Assistant City Clerk provided the results of a recent review he conducted of sanitation rates in the surrounding areas as follows:

The City of Crestview opened bids November 27, 2007:

Allied Waste Services                      25.35 One year

Emerald Waste Services      21.95 5yrs 9 mos

Waste Pro of Florida	19.00	5 yrs 9 mos
Waste Management	37.84	5 yrs 9 mos
Alt Bid	25.79	2008
	27.69	2009
	28.69	2010

He advised that in the City of Niceville, we have Waste Management collect the sanitation and we pay for the disposal. Additionally, City personnel collects all other waste such as yard waste and we pay all costs associated with it.

Residential customers pay \$23.25 for all costs involved for both collection, disposal and recycling. Waste Management proposes a rate increase to \$25.90 which is a 11.4% increase.

For the Commercial Sanitation - Crestview received the following bids, and quoting costs involved with a 4 yard dumpster twice a week.

Allied Waste	140.00
Emerald Waste Services	188.07
Waste Pro of Florida	195.00
Waste Management	191.91

Waste Management proposes a rate increase from \$155.02 to 177.82 - which includes their collection and the amount we charge for tipping.

Discussion followed. Councilman Smith moved the franchise be extended. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council Vote: Swihart=yes; Thomas=yes; Smith=yes.

Ordinance 08-02-01 - An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida, contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.04; providing that the property will be zoned R-1, single family residential, West 2 of lots 25 and 26, block 111, Valparaiso Realty Company=s Pine Crest Addition to Valparaiso, Sheet No. 3, Subdivision No. 6, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 56, Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida; providing for severability of this ordinance; providing an effective date and providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and Department of State. Cherie Miller, 13<sup>th</sup> Street. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 08-02-01 by title. Councilman Thomas moved approval on second reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Mayor Wise asked if anyone exparted the property. Councilman Smith advised that he conducted a site visit. Council vote: Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes; Smith-yes.

Ordinance 08-02-02 - An ordinance for the rezoning of certain properties in the City of Niceville, Florida, from R-2, one or multiple family to C-2, general commercial. Metes and bounds description, Exhibit A. Providing zoning for same and an effective date. D & R Development, LLC 380 Iowa Street. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 08-02-02 by title. Councilman Smith moved approval on second reading provided that the zoning be reduced from C-2 to C-1. He advised that the company would then be required to request a height variance thru the Planning Commission. Mr Randall Skinner, 173 Red Maple Way agreed with motion and advised that he will submit the variance request thru the planning commission. Ms Ann Hayes, 814 Spencer agreed with the less restrictive zoning. Council vote: Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes; Smith-yes.

Ordinance 08-02-03 - An ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida amending Ordinance No. 228, July 14, 1970, as amended, to change the name of business license to local business tax. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 08-02-03 by title. Councilman Smith moved approval on second reading. Councilman Swihart seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council vote: Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes; Smith-yes.

Resolution 08-01-01- A resolution of the City Council of Niceville, Florida, supporting the Florida Department of Elder Affairs for a lifetime initiative to make Florida a friendlier place to live for people of all ages, and providing for an effective date.

Mr Doucet read Resolution 08-01-01 by title. Councilman Thomas moved approval. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council vote: Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes; Smith-yes.

Resolution 08-01-02 - A resolution of the City Council of Niceville implementing the provisions of Florida Statute 119.071 (5) pertaining to the collection and use of social security numbers concerning utility service accounts.

Mr Doucet read Resolution 08-01-02 by title. Councilman Swihart moved approval. Councilman Thomas seconded. Discussion followed. No one spoke for or against. Council vote: Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes; Smith-yes.

## CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

### Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects - Update:

Mr Bruce Price briefed the status of current projects.

### Regional Sewer System - Update:

No Report

### LIBRARY - UPDATE

Ms Bishop provided circulation statistical information to the council.

### POLICE DEPT - UPDATE

Lt Sallee briefed the status of current projects in the department.

### FIRE DEPT - UPDATE

Chief Mayville briefed the status of current projects in the department.

### CITY CLERK:

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Mr Doucet advised that good accounting practices dictates that we do not overstate our receivables. As a result, we annually declare our bad debts and remove that amount from our receivables. Mr Doucet advised that we should do this when we feel a debt may not be paid. He advised that we have declared receivables through 2002 as bad debts, however, we need to accelerate the schedule so we are proposing to declare receivables for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2004 and 2005 as uncollectible. He advised the amount for 2004 is \$27,294 and for 2005 it is \$31,951. Declaring these amounts as uncollectible does not indicate that we discontinue our collection efforts. We utilize the services of a collection agency and each customer rejoining our system is screened. Mr Doucet advised that our bad debt percentage rate for 2004 is .0043% and .0047% for 2005. Discussion Followed. Councilman Swihart moved approval. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council vote: Swihart-yes; Thomas-yes; Smith-yes.

### BILLS PAYABLE

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK