

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 5, 2008

The City of Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, August 5, 2008 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members were present and the Mayor was out of town on business. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; a member of the press and visitors in the audience. Mayor Pro-tem Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Millage Rate:

Mr Doucet advised that the purpose of the meeting was to establish the Proposed Millage Rate for FY-09 and select a date for the Tentative Budget Hearing.

Mr Doucet proposed to set the rate at 3.50 mills for FY-09. He advised the proposed millage rate can be subsequently reduced during budget workshops or hearings however, if we desire to raise the millage rate from the proposed rate, it will require a first class postal mailing to each property owner.

Mr Doucet provided a tax table for review and information. He advised to comply with amendment 1 the maximum millage allowed by a majority vote is 3.0689 mills. He advised the maximum rate allowed for a two thirds vote is 3.7339 mills. Mr Doucet advised that since our rolled back rate is 3.5815 mills, the 3.50 mills is slightly lower than the rolled back rate.

Mr Doucet explained that if we approve a final millage rate that is higher than 3.0689 mills during our final budget hearing we must have a two thirds vote to approve the rate, otherwise, it must be lowered to the 3.0689 millage rate.

Councilman Swihart moved to set the proposed millage rate to 3.50 mills and to set the Tentative Budget hearing date as September 11, 2008 at 6:00 PM. Councilman Thomas seconded. Councilman Henkel expressed his concern for those residents that are in trouble because of the economy and requested we take the necessary steps if at all possible to reduce the proposed millage rate during our budget process. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK