

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 12, 2008

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, August 12, 2008 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members, 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; a member of the press, and visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise led the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Henkel offered the prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting July 8, 2008
Special Council Meeting August 5, 2008

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting - August 1, 2008
Local Planning Agency Meeting - No Meeting Held

Wanda Cruttenden read the minutes of their meeting. Councilman Swihart moved approval. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

Public Hearings:

Presentation - Dr Linda Smith & Deputy Jo Culberson

Dr Linda Smith, Niceville Highschool Principal, and Deputy Jo Culberson representing the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department presented a plaque to Niceville Police Chief Cruttenden and Lt Sallee lauding the outstanding support they provided throughout the school year. Discussion followed.

Ordinance 08-09-01 - An ordinance for the rezoning of certain properties in the City of Niceville, Florida from R-1, Single Family Residential to C-1 Limited Commercial, Metes and bounds description, Property located at 1001 Valparaiso Blvd. Exhibit A. Gustin, Cothorn & Tucker representing Ruckel Properties. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 08-09-01 by title. Councilman Swihart moved approval on second reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 08-10-01 - An ordinance adopting the proposed amendments to the Niceville Comprehensive Plan, to incorporate Public School Facilities Provisions; to repeal conflicting ordinances or provision thereof; and providing for an effective date (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 08-10-01 by title. Councilman Swihart moved approval on first reading. Councilman Henkel seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 08-10-02 - An ordinance vacating all unimproved right-of-ways and other public interests in the property located on John Sims Parkway between Wise Avenue and Pine Avenue; and providing for an effective date. Metes and bounds description. Exhibit A. Gustin, Cothorn & Tucker, representing Ruckel Properties. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 08-10-02 by title. Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval on first reading. Councilman Smith seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 08-10-03 - An ordinance vacating all unimproved right-of-ways and other public interests in the property located on Palm Blvd between the Post Office and the NHS Practice Field; and providing an effective date. Metes and bounds description. Exhibit A. Gustin, Cothorn & Tucker, representing Ruckel Properties. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 08-10-03 by title. Councilman Thomas moved approval on first reading. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Mr Emsing, 113 Friar Tuck, expressed his concerns stating there should be a green belt as a buffer zone. Mr Page, 110 Friar Tuck, expressed his concerns for vacating the property. Attorney Jeff McInnis representing the School Board advised that this request is to clean up the property with no immediate plans for development. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Smith-abstained; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

Ordinance 08-10-04 - An ordinance vacating all unimproved right-of-ways and other public interests in the property occupied by Plew Elementary School; and providing for an effective date. Metes and bounds description. Exhibit A. Okaloosa County School Board. (First Reading)

Mr Doucet read ordinance 08-10-04 by title. Councilman Thomas moved approval on first reading. Councilman Henkel seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Smith-abstained; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

Resolution 08-08-01 - A resolution of the City Council of Niceville, Florida, authorizing the Chief Elected Official to make application to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for approval of the City's Community Development Block Grant, and to adopt the City's Comprehensive Plan as its community Development Plan, providing an effective date, and for other purposes.

Mr Doucet read Resolution 08-08-01 by title. Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval. Councilman Thomas seconded. Mr Dennis Dingman, Summit Professional Services advised this is the second public hearing regarding the grant process. Mr Dingman explained provisions of the grant and the application process. Mr William Schaetzle, 142 Mulry Drive asked if the City received this type of grant in the past. Wanda Cruttenden advised the City has not received a grant in this category. Discussion followed. Mr Dingman requested the council's approval to submit the grant application. Councilman Smith moved to submit the application. Councilman Thomas seconded. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

Resolution 08-08-02 - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Tapping Machine.

Mr Doucet read resolution 08-08-02 by title. Councilman Swihart moved approval. Councilman Thomas seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Swihart-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Thomas-yes.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects - Update:

Mr Jerry Regans, Water and Sewer Superintendent briefed the status of current projects.

Regional Sewer System - Update:

No Report.

FIRE DEPT - UPDATE

Chief Mayville briefed the status of current projects in the department. He provided statistical data and the number of calls responded to regarding medical aid; and automobile accidents. Discussion followed.

TECHNOLOGY- UPDATE

Mr Chad Morris, Information Technology briefed the council regarding recent issues with e-mail and internet service being disrupted as a result of lightning damage to hard drives. Discussion followed.

POLICE DEPT - UPDATE

Chief Cruttenden briefed the status of current projects in the department. He provided statistical data and the number of calls responded to regarding arrests, and citations issued.

Other:

BILLS PAYABLE:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK