



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M**  
**CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET**  
**NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Pursuant to proper notice a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held September 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance

IN ATTENDANCE:

STAFF:

Mayor Richard A. Brown  
Vice Mayor Harriet Pruette  
Councilor Fred E. Lee  
Councilor Eric Pardee  
Councilor John Weldon  
City Attorney Chris White  
City Manager James Jarboe  
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait, CMC

Director of Finance, Steve Ramsey  
Director of Public Safety, Chief Sembach  
Director of Public Services, Leon Smith

Order Call

Mayor Brown called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and explained the meeting was called in order to meet the requirements for adopting the millage rate and final budget.

Ord. No. 2008-11

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11, ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES, SECOND READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, SETTING FORTH CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING "ROLLED-BACK RATES" DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADJUST THE ADOPTED MILLAGE RATES IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES IN THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TAXABLE VALUE' PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance No. 2008-11 by title only and opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Weldon, seconded by Pruette.

Motion: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11 ON SECOND AND FINAL READ.**

Councilor Lee stated for the record he wanted to make sure the citizens understood in 2005 and 2006 the millage rate was 2.9. In 2007 the Council reduced the millage rate to 2.6. This year the rate was set at 2.715. He explained the extra \$25,000 homestead exemption added another 8% reduction in property taxes. He also pointed out the city reduced the budget by \$140,000 in expenses from the general fund. He explained property tax bills may have increased due to an increase in property values.

## Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Lee, Pardee, Pruette, Weldon, Brown  
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2008-12 ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET, SECOND READ AND PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance No. 2008-12 by title only and opened the public hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Pardee, seconded by Lee.

Councilor Lee explained the enterprise fund was separate from the general fund. The goal of the enterprise fund was to charge citizens for the cost of services. The increases in water rates were due to the Department of Environmental Protection mandating a reduction in nitrogen levels. This mandated requirement was unfunded by the federal government thereby the city had to raise rates.

Motion: **TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12 ON SECOND AND FINAL READ.**

## Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 – Lee, Pardee, Pruette, Weldon, Brown  
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Due to a conflict, Mayor Brown excused himself from the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and turned the gavel over to Vice Mayor Pruette.

Automatic Bar  
Screen

AUTOMATIC BAR SCREEN – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: City Manager Jarboe explained the automatic bar screen was a filter that prevented large items from getting into the water treatment plant and is required on all sewer plants. The current bar screen needed to be replaced. The first request for proposals drew no qualified bidders. One bid for \$91,000 was received on the second request.

Moved by Weldon, seconded by Lee.

Motion: **TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL PRESENTED TO THE CITY FOR THE AUTOMATIC BAR SCREEN SYSTEM FOR THE WATER PLANT.**

Councilor Pardee questioned if the amount was comparable to other similar cities. City Manager Jarboe replied the cost was comparable for a city of our size. The money has been budgeted for this year.

## Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4 – Lee, Pardee, Weldon, Pruette  
Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Richard Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_