

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rusty Casto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Attending with Mayor Casto were Recorder Rita Cox, Councilmen Jim McKay, Dave Casebolt, Bob Fields, Craig Matthew, and Bill Javins, City Treasurer John Young and City Attorney Richie Robb. Absent were Ward 1 Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla and Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Jim McKay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Leonard Womble.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are July 5 and 19 and August 2 and 16.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THIS AGENDA ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

AUDIT EXIT INTERVIEW INFORMATION: Councilman John Young said the audit that was done recently is now being reviewed and the earliest time frame would be the second meeting in July to schedule the exit interview. He said that he would notify Mayor Casto and Council as soon as he knew when it was to be done.

CITY HALL WAR MEMORIAL REDEDICATION: Mayor Casto said that he would like for the Memorial Fountain in front of City Hall to be repaired and restored. His goal is to get the fountain running. RECORDER COX MOVED THE FOUNTAIN IN FRONT OF CITY HALL BE REFURBISHED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman McKay suggested family members of the names on the fountain be contacted.

PAVING BIDS: Recorder Cox said three bids were received for paving. The bids were WV Paving at \$206,532.00; Paving and Resurfacing Inc. at \$234,779.97 and an incomplete bid by Asphalt Contractors & Site Work, Inc. on six streets only at \$47,831.00. RECORDER COX MOVED THE BID BY WV PAVING FOR \$206,532.00 BE ACCEPTED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

SMITH STREET BOAT LAUNCH UPDATE: Mayor Casto said that a concrete entryway was going to be put down at the entrance to the launch site on Main Avenue and then blacktop. Councilman Javins said he was concerned the section that has been shoved into the river would be repaired instead of replaced. Mayor Casto assured Council that it would be done properly with Ron King and A. J. Hill overseeing the work for the city.

HOUSING CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT ORDINANCE SECOND READING: Richie Robb read by title only the Housing Consortium Agreement Ordinance. Ordinance Committee member John Montgomery said the Housing Consortium Agreement helped cities and towns in Kanawha County to come together for Housing and Urban Development Grants and Loans. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL PASS

ON SECOND READING THE HOUSING CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT ORDINANCES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said he had no formal report but would entertain questions from members of Council.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said that the routing and account numbers on one of the accounts of the City has been used by someone else. It has been taken care of but due to all the added fees he would like to make a change in the fee schedule the city uses. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED WE ADD POSITIVE PAY TO THE CITY BANK ACCOUNTS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT PAID IN FEES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Mayor Casto said the city had arranged to take electronic waste to 600 Slack Street in Charleston. He said Public Works made a sweep through the city and picked up approximately two and one half tons of electronic waste. In the future electronic waste can be taken to the Public Works Garage. Councilman Fields recommended that information be put on the Municipal Services bill. Mayor Casto said the July 20 meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held at 3:00 pm at the waste treatment plant to view how some of the stimulus money was spent. He said everyone was welcome to come to the meeting and tour.

Mayor Casto said Ashok Sangavi was going to send a letter stating the weight limit in tons on Brookhaven Streets. He said core samples had shown that 10 tons was the limit.

Mayor Casto said Nitro Elementary received a \$49,000.00 grant for the playground. He said there is a food giveaway on June 23 at 11:00 am at Cornerstone Church.

Councilman Javins thanked A. J. Hill for finding a solution to the electronic waste. He said he was pleased with the amount of paving to be done and would like in the future to put gravel in the alleys.

Councilman Matthews said he received the litter control grant once again from the DEP. He said he would like to put garbage cans from 8th Street to 41st Street on First Avenue. He would also like to see about partnering with businesses to put business logos on them. He said it was enough for about 15 garbage cans.

Councilman Casebolt said that work on Streetscape was nearly ready to being.

Recorder Cox said that a public hearing of the Firemen's Civil Service Commission will be held on June 22 at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the members of the Commission. She announced a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 10:00 am, June 27 at the pool.

Councilman McKay said the new officers for the NDA are Herchel Facemyre, President; Chuck Boggs, III, Vice President; Susan Graves, Treasurer; and Carmen Kostelansky, Secretary. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE NDA BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet at 7:00 pm in the NDA Boardroom on June 23.

Leonard Womble said the CVB will meet at 6:00 pm in the NDA Boardroom on July 5.

Herchel Facemyre said the NDA meets on the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the NDA Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER