

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINTUES
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rusty Casto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Attending along with Mayor Casto were Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer, Ward 3 Councilman Craig Matthews, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Javins, Councilman at Large Dave Casebolt, Councilman at Large Bob Fields, and Councilman at Large Jim McKay, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young. Absent was Ward 1 Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Jim McKay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Luke Miller.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are August 2 and 16, and September 6 and 20.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2011 BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT. Councilman Javins requested a correction be made under the Treasurer Report. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE RECORDER COX, COUNCILMEN CASEBOLT, MCKAY, JAVINS, RACER, AND MATTHEWS WITH COUNCILMAN FIELDS ABSTAINING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LUKE MILLER EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Mayor Casto introduced Nitro resident Luke Miller, son of Nitro residents David and Maureen Miller. Luke explained that as his Eagle Scout project he wants to update and improve the Ridenour Lake trail. He proposed cutting back and replacing steps with treated lumber. Councilman Matthews suggested that steps be eliminated because in trying to obtain grants in the past the steps were considered a hindrance to making the trail handicapped accessible. Councilman McKay asked if the city would assume liability and Mayor Casto and Treasurer Young both agreed the city would not. Councilman Matthews asked how the bridges would be addressed. Luke said the bridges were not in good shape and possibly should be replaced with culverts. RECORDER COX MOVED COUNCIL APPROVE LUKE MILLER'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AND THE FINANCING THEREOF WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP: COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF \$1841.00 FOR NITRO MEMBERSHIP IN THE REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

SENIOR VAN: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE BILL OF SALE AND TITLE OF THE NEW SENIOR VAN BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION: John Young presented Council with budget revision (attached). RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE BUDGET REVISIONS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said that the Warner property on Kanawha Avenue South that was recently abandoned by Council will have to be done in the form of an ordinance which he is preparing.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor Casto presented Council with a Resolution supporting the rebuilding of the Nitro-St. Albans Bridge. COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS MOVED THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REBUILDING OF THE NITRO-ST. ALBANS BRIDGE BE PASSED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED THE HIRING OF ANOTHER FIREMAN BE MOVED TO THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Bill Javins said he is trying to get an update on the Smith St. Boat Launch but has not been able to talk with Bret Preston. He said he hoped to have more information by the next meeting.

COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED THE BUDGET PROJECTIONS PRESENTED FOR BOOMTOWN DAYS BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. The budget projections contain \$2500.00 for advertising, \$1175.00 for the race, \$500.00 for a dj, \$3500.00 for four live bands and sound equipment, \$3700.00 for gospel sing (four groups and one soloist), \$1000.00 for cornhole, \$4400.00 for fireworks, \$1850.00 for four inflatable games for five hours, \$100.00 for cotton candy, \$150 canopy rental, \$400.00 table and chair rental, \$600.00 for watermelons, \$3000.00 for concessions, \$140.00 for lemons, \$400.00 for novelties (glow jewelry). Projected credit amount are \$10,000.00 from Mardi Gras, \$10,000.00 from Nitro CVB, \$2500.00 from Walmart and \$1000.00 from Nitro Moose.

Mayor Casto said street paving is to begin this week.

Recorder Rita Cox said that the city should consider purchasing the Moody property on 21st St. and 2nd Avenue.

Councilman Dave Casebolt said M. Dougherty will be in Council Chambers on Thursday at 11:00 am. The Streetscape Contractors meeting is at 1:00 pm, July 26 in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER