

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Savilla and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Matthews.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are May 7, June 7 and June 21.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2011 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. Councilman Matthews said the amount for the St. Francis-Thomas Hospital should be changed to \$3500.00 instead of the amount written, \$5000.00. Recorder Cox said she would make the change. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

SWEARING IN OF THE NEW FIREMAN: Mayor Casto invited the family of Zachary Bonnett to join him for the ceremony as well as members of the Nitro Fire Department. Mayor Casto administered the oath to the newest fireman for the city.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Rusty Casto named Bob Schamber as the Citizen of the Month for all his involvement in the city. Bob Schamber thanked the emergency service workers for the response they showed when his wife recently passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

WIFI SPOTS: Councilman Dave Casebolt said the committee had looked at several places in town to put wifi and were considering four which he will address at the next meeting.

PAVING UPDATES: Councilman Javins said the Paving Committee had spent an evening going around town with A. J. Hill and will put the paving out for bids when the streets are prioritized. They are currently looking at sections of 31st Street East, Blackwood, 32nd Street, Juniper, 39th Street, Wilson and Holly. Councilman Javins thanked A.J. Hill for showing them around the city. Councilman Matthews commented on what a good job Councilman Javins does in organizing the Paving Committee. Councilman Savilla said that A. J. Hill has done a good job in repairing streets in Brookhaven and that A. J. knows the city very well.

LIGHTING SMITH STREET BOAT LAUNCH: Mayor Casto directed Richie Robb to send a letter to the Department of Natural Resources that states the lighting arrangements for the Smith Street Boat Launch should remain as it was in the original plans that were approved and there is to be no reduction in the number of lights.

BROOKHAVEN WEIGHT LIMITS: Mayor Casto said he is waiting to hear from S & S Engineering as to weight limits on the streets in Brookhaven.

40TH STREET FIRE HYDRANT: Mayor Casto said that a letter is to come from the Department of Highways regarding the 40th Street fire hydrant. Councilman Savilla said that it was disconnected when the 40th Street bridge was replaced and that it is important to the safety of that area. He said that it must be connected for that area.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION/JOHN JANEY FAMILY: Councilman Matthews said that the person who murdered John Janey is coming up for parole since he was given a life sentence with mercy. He would like to be proactive in preparing a proclamation for the Janey family in supporting the denial of parole.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL PREPARE A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE JANEY FAMILY IN DENIAL OF PAROLE FOR HIS MURDERER WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

BUDGET REVISION: City Treasurer requested Council approve budget revision increasing the budgeted amount from business and occupation tax from \$1,284,000.00 to \$1,398,905.00. The expenditures will be increasing fire department by \$6794.00, mayor's office by \$25,000.00, swimming pool by \$55,000.00, city council by \$19,000.00, public safety by \$9015.00, streets and highways by \$87,721.00, landfill/incinerator by \$106,000.00, library by \$1198.00, parks and recreation by \$601.00 and police department by \$432.00. The expenditures will decrease public works by \$18,761.00 and city hall by \$11,095.00. **COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE BUDGET REVISION SUBMITTED BY TREASURER JOHN YOUNG BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.**

BAD DEBT WRITE OFF POLICY: John Young presented Council with a copy of CITY OF NITRO POLICY FOR WRITING OFF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES. He said the policy was a requirement of the WV Auditors Department. It contains a policy for business and occupation tax that have not been received, insufficient fund checks and municipal service fee unpaid accounts. **COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED COUNCIL APPROVE THE CITY OF NITRO POLICY FOR WRITING OFF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.**

VALUES OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS: John Young informed Council he is working on assigning values to all the holdings of the City of Nitro. He said that includes buildings and land that the city owns as required by the WV Auditor.

PARKS AND RECREATION ACCOUNT: John Young said it is a problem to track money donated for fairs and festivals and keep it separate from other money. **COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE DONATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION BY PUT IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE RESOLUTION.**

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said the city had received new invoices from Baker Engineering for \$24,000.00 for planning. He suggested that he used money from the Hotel-Motel tax to use to pay for it. Mark Jarrett said he thought the pool pump will be working with a few minor adjustments rather than buying a new pump. A. J. Hill said the milling at Ridenour Dam should cost approximately \$5900.00. Craig Matthews said getting the pool running is a priority, trees were second, the children's

park, building a handicapped accessible fishing pier at Ridenour Lake is next and repairing the road at Ridenour Lake. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE ROAD AT RIDENOUR LAKE BE REPAIRED AT A COST OF \$17,400.00 AND THE PUMP AT THE POOL REPAIRED AT A COST OF \$2000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman Matthews said applications have been made for two grants and a presentation is to be made May 12 at the WV Capitol for one of them. He said Ridenour Lake is to be stocked with catfish in May.

COUNCIL COMMENT

COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE 2007 SENIOR VEHICLE BE SOLD BY BIDDING PROCESS AFTER THE NEW SENIOR VAN IS RECEIVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Mayor Casto said that Nora Helm had resigned from the CVB and his recommendation for a replacement is Councilman Jim McKay. RECORDER COX MOVED COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY BE APPOINTED TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Mayor Casto said that Precision Pump was supposed to send a repairman to look at the fountain in front of city hall.

Councilman Javins said he had nothing new to report on the boat launch. COUNCILMAN JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE CROSS LANES-NITRO LITTLE LEAGUE BE APPROVED FOR A PARADE ON MAY 21 AT 10:00 AM LINING UP ON PICKENS ROAD AND GOING ON 1ST AVENUE TO THE NITRO PARK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED \$3000.00 BE PERMITTED TO USE FOR THE PARTS OF THE BASEBALL FIELD AT NITRO CITY PARK WHERE DRAINAGE IS NEEDED FOR INSTALLING SIDEWALKS AND DRAINS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. Councilman Casebolt said there should be a long term plan in place for the park area. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL APPROVE \$15.00 PER ONE HOUR CLASSES AT TWO TIMES PER WEEK WEATHER PERMITTING TO BE PAID TO LORI HUNTER FOR PROJECTED CLASSES AT NITRO POOL FOR WATER AEROBICS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED THE CITY OF NITRO USE THE DUMPSTER FEES PATTERNED AFTER ST. ALBANS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE TREES BE CUT DOWN BETWEEN 11TH ST AND 19TH ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACK WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Schamber said the new trees planted along First Avenue looked good. He thanked Council for the meal they gave him and for paying for the mirrors in the exercise room.

Ivan Meadows said there was Longaberger Bingo on May 7 at the Moose Lodge at 5:00 pm.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet May 5 at 7:00 pm in the NDA Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER