

City of Nitro - Municipal Election Results from 1932 to 2016

Nitro was incorporated 02/20/1932

Thanks to Andy Shamblin, city councilman who helped compile this list

ELECTION		registered voters 4,755 / Voter Turnout 333 (7.00%)					
2016 Mayor 6/7/2016	David Casebolt - incumbent since 07/01/2012	284	97.3%	Ward 1	Donna S. Boggs	56	53.8%
	write-in	8	2.7%		Al Walls - incumbent	47	45.2%
	unopposed	292	100.0%		write-in	1	1.0%
Recorder	Rita Cox - incumbent since 01/17/2006	287	100.0%	Ward 2	Bill Racer - incumbent	48	100.0%
	unopposed				unopposed		
Council-at-Large	Andy Shamblin - incumbent from Ward 4	204	33.3%	Ward 3	Laurie Elkins - incumbent	50	98.0%
	John Montgomery - incumbent	187	30.6%		write-in	1	2.0%
	Bill Javins - incumbent	221	36.1%	Ward 4	unopposed	51	100.0%
	All unopposed	612	100.0%		Michael Hill	40	36%
	Brenda Tyler - incumbent, chose not to run				Kenneth Terry	39	35%
				James (Jim) McKay	33	29%	
					112	100%	
					Andy Shamblin - incumbent, chose to run for Council-at-Large		

ELECTION							
2012 Mayor 6/5/2012	David Casebolt (elected 07/01/2012)	876	57.7%	Ward 1	Al Walls	176	52.2%
	Russell W. "Rusty" Casto (incumbent, served 1996 thru 2012)	643	42.3%		Donna S. Boggs	161	47.8%
		1519	100.0%		Incumbent Joe Savilla did not seek re-election	337	100.0%
Recorder	Rita Cox - incumbent	980	65.8%	Ward 2	Bill Racer - incumbent	262	68.6%
	Jim McKay - council-at-large incumbent	509	34.2%		Corey Fagan	120	31.4%
		1489	100.0%			382	100.0%
Council-at-Large	Craig Mathews - incumbent from Ward 3 (resigned 02/05/2013)	858	26.0%	Ward 3	Laurie Elkins	204	49.3%
	John Montgomery - appointed to replace Craig Mathews 02/19/2013				Hershel Facemyre	131	31.6%
	Bill Javins - incumbent from Ward 4	813	24.6%		Lori Tyler Lane	79	19.1%
	Brenda Tyler - former council member	655	19.8%	Incumbent Craig Mathews ran for Council-at-Large	414	100.0%	
	Shawn Allen Larck	531	16.1%				
	W. Leonard Womble	445	13.5%				
	Jim McKay - incumbent, chose to run for Recorder	3302	100.0%	Ward 4	Andy Shamblin - unopposed	251	100%
				incumbent Bill Javins ran for Council-at-Large			

*** Voters defeated a proposal to create a city "Primary Election" 771 to 569

ELECTION

2008 Mayor

6/3/2008

Russell W. "Rusty" Casto (served 16 years 1996 thru 2012)	703	35.6%
Don Karnes	669	33.9%
John Montgomery	525	26.6%
Gertie Estep - former council member	75	3.8%
	1972	100.0%

Ward 1

A.A. "Joe" Savilla - incumbent	252	52.1%
Laura N. Mallett	232	47.9%
	484	100.0%

Ward 2

Bill Racer - unopposed	394	100%
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Recorder

Rita Cox - incumbent	1222	63.3%
Karen Fritz	710	36.7%
	1932	100.0%

Ward 3

Craig A. Mathews	279	59.4%
Ralph McKinney, Jr.	191	40.6%
	470	100.0%

Council-at-Large

David Casebolt	1059	22.9%
Robert "Bob" Fields	743	16.0%
James "Jim" McKay	668	14.4%
Brenda Tyler (incumbent)	660	14.3%
Shane McComas	573	12.4%
Doug Meadows	532	11.5%
Bill Clark (incumbent)	395	8.5%
incumbent, Gertie Estep choose to run for Mayor	4630	100.0%

Ward 4

Bill Javins - incumbent	193	50.9%
Frank Grover	186	49.1%
	379	100.0%

ELECTION

2004 Mayor

6/1/2004

registered voters 4,243

ballots cast 1,763 = 41.6% turnout

Russell W. "Rusty" Casto (served 16 years 1996 thru 2012)	845	48.7%
Tim Sizemore	516	29.7%
Gary H. Blankenship	363	20.9%
write-ins	12	0.7%
	1736	100.0%

Ward 1

A.A. "Joe" Savilla - unopposed	258	78.2%
write-ins	72	21.8%
	330	100.0%

Ward 2

Bill Racer	299	58.5%
David R. Miller (incumbent)	212	41.5%
	511	100.0%

Recorder

Joan C. McClanahan - incumbent unopposed (retired 12/31/2005)	1237	80.0%
Rita Cox - appointed to replace Joan McClanahan 01/17/2006		
write-ins	310	20.0%
	1547	100.0%

Ward 3

R. Timothy "Tim" Harrison - resigned 02/15/2008	149	36.6%
NO replacement appointed due to election being June 3, 2008		

Council-at-Large

Gertie Estep	910	25.3%
Bill Clark	877	24.4%
Brenda Tyler - incumbent	837	23.3%
Richard Savilla - incumbent	771	21.5%
write-ins	199	5.5%
incumbent, Tim Sizemore choose to run for Mayor	3594	100.0%

Ward 4

Ralph E. McKinney, Jr.	145	35.6%
Bobby Lee Smith (incumbent)	113	27.8%
	407	100.0%

Mark Goodall - resigned 11/01/2005	188	60.5%
Bill Javins - appointed to replace Mark Goodall 12/06/2005		
Harry K. Miller III (incumbent)	123	39.5%
	311	100.0%

ELECTION**2000 Mayor**

6/6/2000

52% turnout

Russell W. "Rusty" Casto (served 16 years 1996 thru 2012)	1364	75.2%
Donald G. "Don" Karnes - incumbent City Recorder & former Mayor	451	24.8%
	<u>1815</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 1

Joe Savilla	258	63.2%
Robert Young	150	36.8%
	<u>408</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Recorder

Joan McClanahan	670	39.0%
Frank E. Grover	619	36.0%
Steve West	431	25.1%
Donald G. "Don" Karnes - incumbent, choose to run for Mayor	1720	100.0%

Ward 2

David Miller	211	41.1%
Bill Clark	200	39.0%
Betty Jo Boggess	102	19.9%
	<u>513</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council-at-Large

Tim Sizemore	933	20.5%
Brenda Tyler	674	14.8%
Richard Savilla	640	14.1%
Robert Mattox	625	13.7%
Mike Shrewsbury	562	12.4%
Dean Miller	468	10.3%
Harold Summers	351	7.7%
Jim Cash	296	6.5%
	<u>4549</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 3

Bobby Smith	292	66.5%
Ray Dunn	147	33.5%
	<u>439</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 4

Harry K. Miller III	199	67.5%
John Farley	96	32.5%
	<u>295</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

ELECTION**1996 Mayor**

6/11/1996

48% turnout

Russell W. "Rusty" Casto (served 16 years 1996 thru 2012)	610	34.6%
Donald G. "Don" Karnes (incumbent, served 8 years 1988-1996)	558	31.7%
Larry Angel	313	17.8%
Dean Miller	263	14.9%
Bill Gibson	18	1.0%
	<u>1762</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 1

Robert D. Young	171	51.5%
James L. "Smokey" Stover	161	48.5%
	<u>332</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 2

David R. Miller	251	58.9%
Betty Jo Boggess	175	41.1%
	<u>426</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Recorder

Herbert G. Sibley - unopposed (resigned effective 11/01/1997)	1304	100.0%
Donald G. "Don" Karnes - former mayor, appointed Recorder 11/02/1997		

Ward 3

George L. Atkins	153	33.3%
R. Timothy Harrison	127	27.7%
Chuck Boggs	98	21.4%
John H. Caldwell	81	17.6%
	<u>459</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council-at-Large

Robert R. "Bob" Mattox	818	21.0%
Richard Savilla II	704	18.0%
Steve West	579	14.8%
Michael Shrewsbury	545	14.0%
Greg Patton	525	13.5%
Lawrence R. Hill	381	9.8%
Vernon C. Mills	314	8.0%
write-in votes	35	0.9%
	<u>3901</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 4

Frank Grover, Jr. - unopposed	168	100.0%
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*** March 04, 1996 Voters downed the Special Levy 156 against to 124 for (Street M&R, Fire Truck & Firemen Wages, Parks & Recreation, Street Lights, Library)

*** **Ralph Allison** - hired as new City Treasurer 01/07/1997; **Herbert G. Sibley** - resigned as treasurer 01/07/1997

ELECTION

1992 Mayor

6/9/1992

65% turnout

Donald G. "Don" Karnes (served 8 years 1988 thru 1996)	832	39.9%
E.W. "Hatrack" Hedrick	587	28.1%
Joan McClanahan	377	18.1%
Herb Fitzsimmons	213	10.2%
Dana "Shorty" Johnson	77	3.7%
	2086	100.0%

Ward 1

Robert Young	224	50.7%
Richard Savilla	218	49.3%
	442	100.0%

Ward 2

Betty Jo Boggess	264	46.6%
David R. Miller	201	35.4%
Donald Mitchell	102	18.0%
	567	100.0%

Ward 3

George Atkins	315	55.8%
Charles Miller	250	44.2%
	565	100.0%

Ward 4

Frank Grover, Jr.	143	34.5%
James Hutchinson	110	26.5%
Harry Miller III	109	26.3%
Maynard "Mickey" Raynes	53	12.8%
	415	100.0%

Recorder

Herbert G. Sibley	935	45.9%
Olaf Walker	757	37.2%
Edith Ann Hughart	345	16.9%
NOTE: Incumbent Doris Carrier did not seek re-election	2037	100.0%

Council-at-Large

Steven West	872	18.4%
Dean Miller	843	17.8%
Janet S. Strohl - resigned effective 09/14/1992	834	17.6%
James "Jim" Hutchinson - appointed to replace Janet Strohl 09/14/1992		
Lawrence Hill	674	14.2%
Paul Franklin Johnson	642	13.5%
Rebecca Hamilton	595	12.5%
Charles Blake, Jr.	284	6.0%
NOTE: Incumbents David Casebolt & Rusty Casto did not seek re-election	4744	100.0%

ELECTION

1988 Mayor

6/7/1988

Donald G. "Don" Karnes (served 8 years 1988 thru 1996)	583	29.5%
W.W. "Bill" Alexander - former mayor of Nitro 1946-1972	378	19.2%
Charles Miller	340	17.2%
Herb Fitzsimmons	299	15.2%
Donald Boggs	277	14.0%
C. Paul McCallister	96	4.9%
NOTE: Incumbent Mayor Art Ashley was elected Kanahwa County Sheriff in 1988	1973	100.0%

Ward 1

Robert D. Young	215	49.7%
Richard Savilla	121	27.9%
Betty Russell	69	15.9%
Paul D. Strohl	28	6.5%
	433	100.0%

Ward 2

Betty Jo Boggess	237	48.2%
Bob Evans - incumbent	155	31.5%
Tim Sizemore	100	20.3%
	492	100.0%

Ward 3

George Atkins	209	39.5%
Dave Jones	159	30.1%
Charlotte Matthews	83	15.7%
Ivan D. Meadows	78	14.7%
	529	100.0%

Ward 4

James E. Hutchinson	174	39.5%
Herman Baker	158	35.8%
Mark E. Sanders, Sr.	109	24.7%
	441	100.0%

Recorder

John "Jack" Hill	999	51.2%
Joan C. McClanahan	952	48.8%
	1951	100.0%

Council-at-Large

Russell W. "Rusty" Casto III - incumbent	1208	23.7%
Olaf K. Walker - incumbent	861	16.9%
David Casebolt	803	15.8%
Herbert G. Sibley	638	12.5%
Mary Trout	595	11.7%
Bob Smith	467	9.2%
Larry Kallmerten	289	5.7%
Brenda Pritt	230	4.5%
	5091	100.0%

ELECTION

1984 Mayor

5/1/1984

Arden D. "Art" Ashley - served 8 years 1980 thru 1988	1255	77.6%
Ezra H. Graley	362	22.4%
	<u>1617</u>	100.0%

Ward 1

A.A. "Joe" Savilla - incumbent	266	77.3%
Louis Marino	78	22.7%
	<u>344</u>	100.0%

Recorder

John F. Santrock - incumbent (resigned effective 10/31/1985)	1090	67.7%
Joan C. McClanahan - appointed to replace John Santrock 11/01/1985		
Alice Inghram Hedrick	521	32.3%
	<u>1611</u>	100.0%

Ward 2

Romie C. Hughart - incumbent (died in office 07/30/1987, age 62)	251	55.5%
Robert "Bob" Evans - appointed to replace Romie Hughart 09/01/1987		
Steven E. West	201	44.5%
	<u>452</u>	100.0%

Council-at-Large

Russell W. "Rusty" Casto III	1295	33.0%
Mary F. Trout	1048	26.7%
Olaf K. Walker	941	24.0%
Ivan D. Meadows	637	16.2%
	<u>3921</u>	100.0%

Ward 3

Charles "Bull" Miller	235	55.2%
Dean Miller	119	27.9%
Omar Cunningham	72	16.9%
	<u>426</u>	100.0%

Ward 4

J.E. "Jim" Hutchinson	274	77.0%
John W. Burgess, Jr.	82	23.0%
	<u>356</u>	100.0%

*** **Michael E. Greenleaf** - resigned as City Treasurer 03/10/1985; **John F. Santrock**, Recorder - Acting City Treasurer from 03/10/1985 thru 10/31/1985

*** **Max Lemma** - hired as City Treasurer 11/01/1985

ELECTION

1980 Mayor

6/3/1980

Arden D. "Art" Ashley - served 8 years 1980 thru 1988	759	30.6%
William D. "Bill" Gibson - incumbent	512	20.6%
Donald G. "Don" Karnes	463	18.7%
James A. Ambergey	386	15.6%
O.C. Sanders, Jr.	360	14.5%
	<u>2480</u>	100.0%

Ward 1

A.A. "Joe" Savilla	314	39.7%
Orville "Butch" Miller	251	31.7%
Guy R. Cassell	226	28.6%
	<u>791</u>	100.0%

Recorder / Treasurer

positions separated 9/2/1980

Sharon Howard Thomas	1706	75.8%
resigned as Treasurer 09/02/1980, resigned as Recorder 09/12/1981		
John F. Santrock - appointed Recorder 09/15/1981		
Stanley W. Harris	546	24.2%
*** Michael E. Greenleaf - hired as City Treasurer 09/02/1980	2252	100.0%

Ward 2

Ronald S. King - resigned 07/21/1983	211	54.5%
Romie C. Hughart - appointed to replace Ron King 08/02/1983		
Leo Boggess	102	26.4%
Hershel Facemyre	31	8.0%
Marjorie Faulkner	24	6.2%
Truda Null	19	4.9%
	<u>387</u>	100.0%

Council-at-Large

Russell W. "Rusty" Casto III	1506	23.7%
Mary F. Trout	1126	17.7%
Mel Pennington - incumbent (resigned 07/13/1982)	1066	16.8%
Steve West - appointed to replace Mel Pennington 07/27/1982		
Jack L. Legg	909	14.3%
Steven West	675	10.6%
J.E. Hutchinson	636	10.0%
Romie Hughart	446	7.0%
	<u>6364</u>	100.0%

Ward 3

Omar Cunningham	163	25.4%
Dean Miller	119	18.5%
Dana F. "Shorty" Johnston	118	18.4%
Ivan Meadows	98	15.3%
Harley M. Goff, Jr.	68	10.6%
Mrs. Mary Alice Hill	57	8.9%
Curtis R. Brewer	19	3.0%
	<u>642</u>	100.0%

Ward 4

John W. "Jack" Moon - resigned 10/31/1983	281	52.9%
Jim Hutchinson - appointed to replace Jack Moon 11/01/1983		
Clarence Gerald "Jerry" Hudson	250	47.1%
	<u>531</u>	100.0%

ELECTION

1976 Mayor

6/1/1976

William D. "Bill" Gibson - served 8 years 1972 thru 1980	1270	55.0%
Dana "Shorty" Johnson (former Nitro police chief)	452	19.6%
Thomas B. Lilly	587	25.4%
	<u>2309</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 1

Ronald Ritchie - incumbent - resigned effective 07/21/1976	289	35.4%
Dr. Guy Cassell - appointed to replace Ron Ritchie 07/21/1976		
B.I. Bailey	249	30.5%
Dewey M. King	248	30.4%
Cleo F. Smith	31	3.8%
	<u>817</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Recorder / Treasurer

Jerry Thomas "Bucky" Melton - incumbent - unopposed	1729	100.0%
Mr. Melton resigned effective 02/01/1979 (accepted a job with Continental Can Company)		
Donald G. Karnes - appointed Recorder to replace Mr. Melton 03/06/1979		

Ward 2

Homer L. Thomas, Jr. - unopposed - resigned effective 06/21/1977	284	100.0%
Romie C. Hughart - appointed to replace Homer Thomas effective 06/21/1977		

Council-at-Large

Donald G. Karnes - resigned & appointed Recorder 03/20/1979	1575	29.2%
Jack Legg - appointed to replace Don Karnes 03/20/1979		
Dr. R.V. Allen - incumbent	1472	27.3%
Mel Pennington	1327	24.6%
Keith E. Priddy - incumbent	1019	18.9%
	<u>5393</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 3

Dean Miller	339	58.5%
Elmer H. Rhodes	240	41.5%
	<u>579</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 4

Gus C. Bailey - unopposed	425	100.0%
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*** Feb. 24, 1979 Voters passed the Special Levy 158 to 15 (for Street M&R, Fire Truck & Firemen Wages, Parks & Recreation, Street Lights, Library)

ELECTION

1972 Mayor

6/6/1972

William D. "Bill" Gibson - served 8 years 1972 thru 1980	1588	48.9%
Roger A. Cook	1414	43.6%
Bennie I. Savilla	243	7.5%
Former Mayor, W.W. Alexander, retired (Mayor 1946-1972)	3245	100.0%

Ward 1

James B. White - resigned effective 07/09/1973	351	31.3%
Dewey W. Mann - appointed to replace Mr. White (Dewey Mann resigned 02/20/1975)		
David A. Hart - appointed to replace Dewey Mann 02/20/1975 (resigned 04/06/1976)		
Ronald Ritchie - appointed to replace David Hart effective 04/06/1976		
Joe W. Javins	342	30.5%
Kermit L. Thompson	307	27.4%
Jacqueline "Jackie" Mallett	121	10.8%
	<u>1121</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Recorder / Treasurer

Jerry Thomas "Bucky" Melton	2018	62.5%
Dolly Priddy Dodson	1007	31.2%
Rosilea Cundiff	202	6.3%
Former Recorder, Grace Lewis, retired (Recorder 1944-1972)	3227	100.0%

Ward 2

Paul R. Hill	284	50.7%
James E. "Jim" Landers	205	36.6%
Albert Franklin "Sonny" Harmon	71	12.7%
	<u>560</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council-at-Large

Dr. R.V. Allen - incumbent	1714	18.8%
Hugo D. Tidquist - incumbent	1646	18.0%
Keith E. Priddy	1429	15.7%
Richard A. "Richie" Cline	1382	15.2%
Rev. Dean Miller	1370	15.0%
Robert R. "Bob" Mattox	1265	13.9%
Norma Johnston	316	3.5%
	<u>9122</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 3

Vernon Casebolt	437	50.1%
Kenton L. Williamson	255	29.2%
Clyde Willard	181	20.7%
	<u>873</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Ward 4

Thomas B. Lilly	356	56.1%
E.L. "Chub" Goodwin - incumbent	195	30.7%
William A. "Bill" Burford	60	9.4%
Harry Anthony Hechesky	24	3.8%
	<u>635</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

ELECTION**1968 Mayor**

6/4/1968

64% turnout

W.W. "Bill" Alexander - mayor July 1, 1946 thru June 30, 1972

William D. "Bill" Gibson

1472 50.9%

1419 49.1%

2891 100.0%**Council - First Ward****Tom M. Waldorf** - incumbent - resigned effective 10/05/1971**Harry M. Graves, Jr.** - appointed to replace Tom Waldorf effective 10/05/1971

Harvey H. Collins

444 50.2%

440 49.8%

884 100.0%**Recorder / Treasurer****Grace Lewis** - incumbent - unopposed

Dolly B. Dodson

1508 52.8%

1348 47.2%

2856 100.0%**Council - Second Ward****Kenneth K. Kniceley**

Dennis H. Jones

292 51.6%

274 48.4%

566 100.0%**Council-at-Large (4)****Dr. R.V. Allen****Hugh D. Tidquist****Dr. L.I. Hoke** - incumbent

Borden E. Gewin - incumbent

Mrs. E. Robert Hamilton - incumbent

Dennie H. Jones

James E. Hackett

1803 20.6%**1685** 19.2%**1378** 15.7%

1079 12.3%

1068 12.2%

951 10.9%

797 9.1%

8761 100.0%**Council - Third Ward****Kenton L. Williamson****Earl W. Dye** - incumbent**467** 64.6%

256 35.4%

723 100.0%**Council - Fourth Ward****Robert L. Wright** - incumbent - resigned effective 12/28/1968**E.L. "Chub" Goodwin** - appointed to replace Robert L. Wright effective 01/07/1969

Robert L. Hancock

323 53.3%

283 46.7%

606 100.0%

ELECTION

1964 Mayor

6/2/1964

W.W. "Bill" Alexander - mayor July 1, 1946 thru June 30, 1972	1212	77.8%
Clarence L. Watt (write-in campaign)	345	22.2%
	<u>1557</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Recorder / Treasurer

Grace Lewis - incumbent - unopposed	1345	100.0%
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Council-at-Large (4)

Dr. L.I. Hoke - incumbent	1237	29.1%
Borden E. Gewin - incumbent	1066	25.1%
Mrs. E. Robert Hamilton - incumbent	995	23.4%
Dennie H. Jones	951	22.4%
	<u>4249</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council - First Ward

Dayton Brohard - resigned 03/07/1967	310	56.9%
Tom Waldorf - appointed to replace Dayton Brohard 03/07/1967		
R.M. "Bob" Woods - incumbent	235	43.1%
	<u>545</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council - Second Ward

Thomas R. Griffith - resigned 11/15/1966	263	57.0%
Kenneth K. Kniceley - appointed to replace Thomas R. Griffith 11/15/1966		
Ralph Wears - incumbent	198	43.0%
	<u>461</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council - Third Ward

Earl W. Dye - incumbent - unopposed	375	100.0%
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Council - Fourth Ward

Thomas C. Reeves - incumbent - unopposed - resigned xx/xx/1964	234	100.0%
Keith H. Estep - appointed to replace Thomas Reeves (Mr. Estep resigned 07/06/1965)		
Robert L. Wright - appointed to replace Keith Estep 07/06/1965		

ELECTION

1960 Mayor

6/7/1960

01/19/1960 added Forth Ward (precinct 306)

W.W. "Bill" Alexander - mayor July 1, 1946 thru June 30, 1972	1443	56.9%
J. Dempsey Gibson	979	38.6%
Lester Ray Stone	115	4.5%
	<u>2537</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Recorder / Treasurer

Grace Lewis - incumbent	1856	99.4%
George F. Hayes	5	0.3%
Tom Hayes	4	0.2%
Farley Douglas	1	0.1%
Hogan	1	0.1%
	<u>1867</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council-at-Large (4)

Dr. L.I. Hoke	1133	15.7%
Borden E. Gewin - incumbent	1058	14.6%
Mrs. Juanita Clark - resigned effective 08/21/1962	1006	13.9%
Mrs. E. Robert Hamilton - appointed to replace Mrs. Clark 08/21/1962		
Dewey M. King	950	13.1%
Dr. J.L. Dunlap, Jr.	941	13.0%
G.L. "Sweat" Estep	733	10.1%
Earl E. "Bruzz" Harris	542	7.5%
Rex R. White	511	7.1%
Stanley E. Juzwik, R.P.	360	5.0%
	<u>7234</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council - First Ward

R.M. "Bob" Woods	327	56.2%
Mrs. Florence Butler	255	43.8%
	<u>582</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council - Second Ward

William G. "Bill" Spaulding - resigned effective 07/31/1961	302	54.8%
Ralph Wears - appointed to replace Bill Spaulding effective 08/01/1961		
Darrell D. Evans	249	45.2%
	<u>551</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council - Third Ward

Earl W. Dye	389	56.5%
Howard M. Gandee	197	28.6%
G.D. Rutherford	103	14.9%
	<u>689</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council - Fourth Ward

Thomas C. Reeves	250	59.2%
Dr. Hubert Preston, Jr.	134	31.8%
G.D. Rutherford	38	9.0%
	<u>422</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

*** March 3, 1964 Voters passed the Special Levy 410 to 65 (for Street M&R, Fire Truck & Firemen Wages, Parks & Recreation, Street Lights, Library)

ELECTION**1956 Mayor**

6/5/1956

W.W. "Bill" Alexander - mayor July 1, 1946 thru June 30, 1972	1212	58.0%
Clarence Lee Watt	839	40.1%
James "Jimmy" Jefferies	39	1.9%
	<u>2090</u>	100.0%

Recorder / Treasurer

Grace Lewis - incumbent	1678	99.7%
Everett Krantz	5	0.3%
	<u>1683</u>	100.0%

Council-at-Large (4)

George W. Hogshead, M.D.	1367	17.5%
Dr. J.L. Dunlap, Jr.	1025	13.1%
Howard M. Gandee	994	12.7%
Borden E. Gewin - incumbent	990	12.7%
V.E. "Newt" Townsend	954	12.2%
Rex R. White	789	10.1%
Leach L. Raynes	785	10.0%
J.L. McGill	735	9.4%
G.D. Rutherford	183	2.3%
	<u>7822</u>	100.0%

Council - First Ward

Marion L. Bush	327	45.0%
James F. Cole	255	35.1%
Lloyd McWhorter Chapman	145	19.9%
	<u>727</u>	100.0%

Council - Second Ward

Frank E. Grover	242	41.6%
R. Jerome Collins	231	39.7%
W.D. "Dave" Hartigan	109	18.7%
	<u>582</u>	100.0%

Council - Third Ward

M.A. "Bud" Flowers - resigned 03/04/1958	389	56.5%
Grenfall Estep - appointed to replace Bud Flowers 03/04/1958		
Elvin L. Coe	197	28.6%
Harry L. Reynolds	103	14.9%
	<u>689</u>	100.0%

ELECTION**1952 Mayor**

6/3/1952

Council Meeting Jan. 22, 1952: changed from 2-year to 4-year term

Council Meeting Jan. 22, 1952: added Wards 1-2-3

Council Meeting Jan. 22, 1952: reduced Council-at-Large from 5 to 4 members

W.W. "Bill" Alexander - mayor July 1, 1946 thru June 30, 1972	919	100.0%
incumbent - unopposed		

Recorder / Treasurer

Grace Lewis - incumbent - unopposed	925	100.0%
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Council-at-Large (4)

Frank E. Grover	781	20.6%
Borden E. Gewin - incumbent	591	15.6%
W.H. Jones - incumbent, resigned 01/18/1955	509	13.4%
George W. Hogshead - appointed to replace W.H. Jones 01/18/1955		
Paul Bleau	499	13.2%
Howard M. Gandee	453	12.0%
H.L. Vannetta	437	11.5%
Dick F. Hoffman	355	9.4%
J.O. Westfall	160	4.2%
	<u>3785</u>	100.0%

Council - First Ward

Marion L. Bush	328	100.0%
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Council - Second Ward

R. Jerome Collins	204	63.0%
Ralph C. Frasher	120	37.0%
	<u>324</u>	100.0%

Council - Third Ward

Harry L. Reynolds	146	47.4%
Earnest H. Foster	93	30.2%
Louis A. Hallman	51	16.6%
Charles W. Liebel	18	5.8%
	<u>308</u>	100.0%

06/03/1952 ... "For the Levies" was approved by citizens 693 to 332

ELECTION**1950 Mayor**

6/6/1950

1017 ballots cast = 60% (1700 registered)

W.W. "Bill" Alexander - mayor July 1, 1946 thru June 30, 1972	783	78.6%
L.R. "Ray" Stone	202	20.3%
L.L. Betz	11	1.1%
	996	100.0%

Recorder / Treasurer

Grace Lewis - incumbent - unopposed	845	100.0%
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Council (5)

M.L. Bush - incumbent	716	16.4%
George O. Nelson - incumbent (resigned 09/28/1950)	703	16.1%
George W. Hogshead - appointed to replace George O. Nelson 09/28/1950		
W.H. Jones - incumbent	498	11.4%
Borden E. Gewin	576	13.2%
Jerome Collins	435	10.0%
Emory E. Hedrick	425	9.8%
James F. Roe	405	9.3%
J.L. McGill	370	8.5%
C. Cavet White	227	5.2%
	4355	100.0%

ELECTION**1948 Mayor**

6/3/1948

W.W. "Bill" Alexander - mayor July 1, 1946 thru June 30, 1972	100.0%
incumbent - unopposed	

Recorder / Treasurer

Grace Lewis - incumbent - unopposed	100.0%
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Council (5)

M.L. Bush	310	13.5%
L.O. Grass - died in office	286	12.5%
Jewell F. McClanahan - appointed to replace L.O. Grass 08/16/1949		
Mr. McClanahan resigned 04/18/1950 - no replacement was made due to the 1950 election being in less than 2 months		
H. Robert Spence	254	11.1%
C.C. Richiusa	241	10.5%
W.H. Jones	213	9.3%
Harry B. Marshall	185	8.1%
R.O. Zerbe	184	8.0%
Jerome Collins	149	6.5%
Andy Bela	141	6.2%
M.T. Francisco	100	4.4%
Carl Harris	83	3.6%
Dale M. Curtis	73	3.2%
D.L. Steele	69	3.0%
	2288	100.0%

ELECTION**1946 Mayor**

6/4/1946

W.W. "Bill" Alexander - mayor July 1, 1946 thru June 30, 1972	353	45.7%
Lloyd M. Chapman (mayor 07/01/1942 - 06/30/1944)	220	28.5%
Fred R. Hill - incumbent (appointed mayor in Jan-1946)	199	25.8%
(served unexpired term of Walter R. Blodgett, who died in office)	772	100.0%

Recorder / Treasurer

Grace Lewis - incumbent - unopposed	631	100.0%
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Council (5)

Hugh A. Draper (incumbent) - resigned effective 09/04/1946	445	12.4%
Richard O. Zerbe - appointed to replace Hugh A. Draper effective 09/04/1946		
Jerome Collins	423	11.8%
L.O. Grass	395	11.0%
C.C. Richiusa	382	10.7%
Andy Bela	374	10.4%
Harry B. Marshall	367	10.2%
W.P. Wilson	338	9.4%
C. Cavet White	332	9.3%
W.L. Wintz	321	9.0%
C.M. Cobb	207	5.8%
	3584	100.0%

ELECTION**1944 Mayor**

6/6/1944

517 ballots cast

Walter R. Blodgett - died in office 01/06/1946 at the age of 70	305	59.5%
Fred R. Hill (appointed mayor 01/12/1946 after the death of Mayor Blodgett)		
Lester R. Stone	111	21.6%
Lloyd M. Chapman - incumbent	97	18.9%
	513	100.0%

Recorder / Treasurer

Grace Lewis - unopposed	443	100.0%
T.A. "Tom" Lewis, incumbent did not seek re-election		

Council (5)

Fred R. Hill (appointed Mayor on 01/12/1946)	430	19.5%
Richard O. Zerbe (appointed to replace Fred Hill who was appointed mayor)		
W.L. Wintz	395	17.9%
Hugh Draper (incumbent)	389	17.6%
Harry Marshall	376	17.0%
L.F. Erwin (incumbent) - died in office	323	14.6%
Jerome Collins - appointed to replace L.F. Erwin 11/21/1944		
L.O. Grass (incumbent)	295	13.4%
incumbents Frank Keener & Henry Pauley did not seek re-election	2208	100.0%

ELECTION**1942 Mayor**

6/4/1942

1440 registered voters, 31% turnout

Lloyd M. Chapman (incumbent)	316	69.9%
J.L. McGill	136	30.1%
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	452	100.0%

Recorder / Treasurer

T. A. "Tom" Lewis	348	62.0%
Mrs. H.C. Milton	213	38.0%
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	561	100.0%

Council (5)

Hugh Draper (incumbent)	468	22.6%
Frank Keener (incumbent)	448	21.7%
Henry Pauley (incumbent) - resigned effective 10/08/1942	410	19.8%
H.A.Rexroad - appointed to replace Henry Pauley effective 10/08/1942		
L.O. Grass	410	19.8%
L.F. Erwin	332	16.1%
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	2068	100.0%

ELECTION**1940 Mayor**

6/4/1940

Lloyd M. Chapman (came to Nitro from Richwood only 2 years ago)	311	47.6%
Earle H. Cooper	190	29.1%
Charles E. Showen	91	13.9%
E.L. Howe	61	9.3%
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	653	100.0%

Recorder / Treasurer**T. A. "Tom" Lewis** (unopposed incumbent, Salary \$75.00 per month)**Council (5)**

Hugh Draper	468	15.8%
Ray Ellis	448	15.2%
Frank Keener	410	13.9%
Henry Pauley	410	13.9%
Paul Reynolds	332	11.2%
Fred H. Briggs	327	11.1%
L.O. Grass	303	10.3%
Harry Cochrane	257	8.7%
none of the incumbents sought re-election	<hr/>	
	2955	100.0%

ELECTION**1938 Mayor**

6/7/1938

Charles E. Showen	341	47.8%
Earle H. Cooper (incumbent)	251	35.2%
James Roark	122	17.1%
	<u>714</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Recorder / Treasurer

T. A. "Tom" Lewis (unopposed incumbent, Salary \$75.00 per month)	326	56.4%
O.M. Crow	252	43.6%
	<u>578</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Council (5)

J.H. Rimmer	612	18.9%
Herman Jones	601	18.5%
J.E. Waldorf (incumbent)	593	18.3%
L.H. Kessel - resigned effective 12/14/1938	569	17.5%
G.F. Hayes - appointed to replace L.H. Kessel effective 01/11/1939		
Joseph W. Stamm	453	14.0%
Seton Jack Smith	416	12.8%
	<u>3244</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

06/07/1938 ... 1st Zoning Ordinance, which provides the city's first building restrictions, was approved by citizens 402 to 180**ELECTION****1936 Mayor**

6/2/1936

1275 registered voters, 61% turnout

Earle H. Cooper	303	39.4%
W.G. Byrd	259	33.7%
W.F. Gunnoe	133	17.3%
Geo. E. Nurenbeck	50	6.5%
J.M. Carpenter	24	3.1%
	<u>769</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Recorder / Treasurer

T. A. "Tom" Lewis (unopposed incumbent, Salary \$75.00 per month)	638	100.0%
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Council (5)

C.E."Jack" Smith	547	15.9%
W.H. Putney (incumbent)	516	15.0%
J.E. Waldorf	452	13.1%
Edward V. Hendel - resigned effective 01/01/1937	445	12.9%
A.M. Harmon - appointed to replace Edward V. Hendel effective 03/11/1937		
Joseph W. Scott (incumbent)	363	10.5%
J.L. Bess	339	9.8%
G.F. Hayes	316	9.2%
S.D. Lyons	309	9.0%
L.E. Gillespie	161	4.7%
	<u>3448</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

08/04/1936 ... Appointed M.A. Bender, City Engineer as Building Inspector and I.E. Ellis, Fire Chief as Assistant Building Inspector

ELECTION**1934 Mayor**

6/5/1934

1145 registered voters, 53% turnout

Earle H. Cooper elected Mayor, effective 07/01/1934

C.C. Knapp

303 50.2%

300 49.8%

603 100.0%**C.R. Dawson resigned as Mayor effective 01/02/1934****T.A. "Tom" Lewis, city recorder, was "acting mayor" from 01/02/1934 thru 06/30/1934****Recorder / Treasurer****T. A. "Tom" Lewis** (incumbent, Salary \$75.00 per month)

Ottmer Harrison

330 54.6%

274 45.4%

604 100.0%**City Sergeant****Policeman****Extra Policeman****City Attorney****City Engineer****Street Commissioner****T. A. "Tom" Lewis****Harry M. Graves** (Salary \$110.00 per month)**W.B. Coleman then William G. Byrd****D.W. Taylor** ("dispenced with his services")**M.A. Bender****L.H. Kessel** (Salary \$250.00 per year)**Council (5)****L.H. Kessel** (incumbent)**Joseph W. Scott****F.M. Lintzmeyer****W.H. Putney****S.D. Lyons**

Homer Putney

M.D. Staton

O.Z. Wiley

A.M. Harmon

Mrs. Grace Craddock (incumbent)

H.H. Fielder

353 12.8%**306 11.1%****295 10.7%****270 9.8%****255 9.3%**

238 8.7%

215 7.8%

210 7.6%

209 7.6%

202 7.3%

196 7.1%

2749 100.0%**02/27/1934 ... 1st Discussion about dividing the city into "wards"****06/05/1934 ... Election Commissioners were Cecil Tormey, S.F. Montague and R.C. Alexander; Clerks were Mrs. Mary Moore & Mrs. Virginia Roberts****07/03/1934 ... 1st Discussion of "stop signs" and "street signs"****11/30/1934 ... 1st Discussion of building a "City Building" at 4102 41st St., owned by A.W. Cox (never happened)****12/29/1934 ... Nitro's Manufacturer's Bank closed; transferred all accounts & deposits to Kanawha Valley Bank in Charleston****06/04/1935 ... 1st Discussion about a "city park"**

1st ELECTION - The City of Nitro was incorporated 02/20/1932

1932 1st Mayor

E.E. "Bert" Higginbotham - resigned effective 12/31/1932

C.R. "Ray" Dawson - appointed mayor on 01/03/1933 to fill unexpired term of E.E. "Bert" Higginbotham

J.E. Hulshizer

3/29/1932

895 ballots cast

*** the final vote tally has not been located

1st Recorder / Treasurer

T. A. "Tom" Lewis - Salary \$75.00 per month

1st City Council (5)

J.F. "John" Santrock

C.R. "Ray" Dawson - appointed mayor on 01/03/1933 to fill unexpired term of E.E. "Bert" Higginbotham

H.K. Miller

L.H. Kessel

Mrs. C.L. Craddock

O.T. Spence - appointed to council on 01/10/1933 to fill unexpired term of C.R. Dawson, who was appointed Mayor

H.K. Eckhardt

J.W. Stamm

H.D. Wilson

John Muck

*** 1st City Election held March 29, 1932 ... to elect Mayor, Recorder & 5 Councilmen. 25 signatures required to get name on ballot.

*** Election Commissioners (2) & Clerks (2) were paid \$10.00 each

*** 1st Meeting of Council April 5, 1932

04/05/1932 Council 1st meeting - residence of C.R. "Ray" Dawson

Mayor E.E. Higginbotham was unable to attend the first few meetings due to being hospitalized since March 13th in the Hoshler Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio

04/11/1932 Met at room rented from N.I.C.

04/19/1932 met at residence of Mayor E.E. "Bert" Higginbotham

1st City Attorney

Judge D.W. Taylor - Salary \$300 / year

Street Commissioner

L.H. Kessel - Salary \$75 / year

Volunteer Fire Department

Chief I.E. Ellis

1st City Policeman

Harry M. Graves - appointed 04/14/1932 - Salary \$110 / month
