

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rusty Casto called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers. Attending along with Mayor Casto were Recorder Rita Cox, Councilmen at Large Dave Casebolt, Bob Fields, and Jim McKay, Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer, Ward 3 Councilman Craig Matthews, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Javins, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young. Ward 1 Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla was not in attendance.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Jim McKay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nitro resident Albert Walls.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are April 6 and 20, and May 4 and 18.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Rusty Casto said the March Citizen of the Month is Shelly Hodges who recently worked in Haiti after the earthquake.

OLD BUSINESS:

STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE: Mayor Casto said he recently met with the Business Enhancement Committee to walk around downtown. Councilman Casebolt said that a group of employees and committee members met with Mike Giolis, an Historic Preservation Specialist, and they conducted a walk through in downtown. The goal is to become part of the On Track program and eventually a part of the Main Street Program. Mr. Giolis will do a preliminary report on some ideas for a theme for the downtown and an economic study on the types of business to try to attract. Councilman Casebolt said he is also contacting the community design team at WVU requesting them to consider Nitro for a future project. **COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED IT BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES THAT THE WV DOH CONSULTANT ON THE STREETSCAPE PROGRAM IS ED MORAN AND ALL CONTACT WITH HIM IS TO BE MADE THROUGH MAYOR RUSTY CASTO AND A. J. HILL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.** Councilman Javins said he wanted to remind Council and the Streetscape Program not to forget the City of Nitro has another section in the east end of Nitro when plans are done.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS: **COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE TABLED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.**

2010-2011 BUDGET: City Treasurer John Young said the revenue projection for the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget is \$ 5,196,060.00 and the projected expenses are \$5,171,443.00 making a surplus of \$24,617.00. Recorder Rita Cox said she was pleased that departments were fiscally responsible since the revenue coming from Charlestown, WV was a first time occurrence and therefore difficult to project. **COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED THE BUDGET BE PASSED AS PRESENTED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL RACER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY LOGO/BANNER CONTEST: **COUNCILMAN DAVE CASEBOLT MOVED THE CITY SPONSOR A CONTEST TO DESIGN A NEW LOGO AND BANNER FOR THE CITY WITH THE CITY SPLITTING THE COST OF THE PRIZE WITH THE BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT MEMBERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY.** Councilman Matthews said that the Parks and Recreation Budget has money left in the budget that could be used for prize money. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.**

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

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said that he was current with the Policemen 's Pensions and was up to 2008 with the Firemen's Pension. He asked for direction from Council on how to spend the money awarded from the tire fire lawsuit. Councilman Matthews suggested that the Fire Department come up with a plan to use the money. COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTEWS MOVED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DEVELOP A PLAN THAT WAS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON HOW TO SPEND THE TIRE FIRE MONEY WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN RACER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilman Javins thanked John Young , Council and Department Heads for the work on the budget.

Councilman Matthews asked if the tire fire money was in a Certificate of Deposit and John Young said that it was in an interesting bearing account.

Recorder Cox thanked the person who had put Nitro back on talk radio and in the newspaper.

Councilman Field said he believes the Fire Department should have a boat.

Councilman Casebolt said that he hoped a lot of thought went into setting up the Board of Directors for the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Councilman McKay said he had given Council an in depth financial report Councilman Matthews said he would like the end of the fiscal year document.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herchel Facemyre said that since he is now President of the NDA they are putting together a financial report with what is available. Councilman Matthews thanked Mr. Facemyre for stepping in that job.

John Montgomery said there would not be an ordinance committee meeting this week.

Capt. Javins thanked John Young for getting the pensions as up to date as possible.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL BE CHARGED \$3500.00 USE AND SUPPORT STAFF FOR THE PICNIC/SWIM HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010 AT THE NITRO PARK COMPLEX. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Chuckie Boggs urged Council to stay on track with the CVB Board of Directors and get people who know what they are doing. Councilman Casebolt requested the list of names be given to Council on Friday prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

COUNCILMAN BILL RACER MOVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

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RITA COX, RECORDER