

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

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 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 Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young. Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer was not present.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Montgomery.

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2 ,2010 AND MARCH 16, 2010 MEETINGS OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MOTION.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH/PROCLAMATION: Mayor Rusty Casto announced the April Citizen of the Month is Ina Thomas. He yielded the floor to Councilman Bob Fields who said Ina Thomas will be celebrating her 90th birthday on April 22 and there would be a celebration held at the Nitro Library on that day at 1:00 pm to honor her and all her volunteer work that she does. COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS MOVED THE CITY PASS A PROCLAMATION TO HONOR INA THOMAS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD: Mayor Casto introduced Jessica Perdue of the WV Auditor's Office. She told Council about the WV One Card, a purchasing card that municipalities and other governmental agencies can use and get a cash rebate on the amounts used. She explained that it was not a credit card but a purchasing card and the city is rebated back 1.05% of the purchases. It can be used for some utility payments and the use of the cards can be customized. Expenses can be tracked and special reports can be made to track spending. COUNCILMAN A.A. "JOE" SAVILLA MOVED THAT A COMMITTEE BE FORMED OF MAYOR RUSTY CASTO, RECORDER RITA COX, AND TREASURER JOHN YOUNG TO EVALUATE AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON TGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD, WV ONE CARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DAVE CASEBOLT. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOAT LAUNCH: Councilman Bill Javins yielded the floor to David Hight of the WV DNR. He explained the change in the language of the land use covenant covering the restrictions on the cap of the Smith Street Landfill property saying it was a universal environmental covenant rather than a land use covenant. City Attorney Richie Robb recommended that Council approve the change in the language. COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED COUNCIL APPROVE THE LANGUAGE IN THE COVENANT TO A UNIVERSAL ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT INSTEAD OF A LAND USE COVENANT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS. Mr. Hight said that the constructions should begin on the boat launch after July 1.

ANTIQUA FAIR WEEKEND/CITY WIDE YARD SALE Mayor Casto yielded the floor to Recorder Rita Cox. She introduced Bruce Crowder and Larry Bailey who said they were having car shows on the weekend of June 12 in conjunction with Wayne Fleishman's Antiqua Show. They requested that 21st St. be shut down for a car show and street dance on June 12. It will be called the Starry, Starry Night Show and there will be a DJ. Captain Javins reminded them that KRT will have to be notified due to the bus

route on 21st Street. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVE THAT 21ST STREET BE CLOSED ON JUNE 12 FOR THE ANTIQUE CAR SHOW AND STREET DANCE AND \$1000.00 BE GIVEN FROM THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU MONEY TOWARD THE EVENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE RECORDER COX, COUNCILMEN, MCKAY, CASEBOLT, FIELDS, SAVILLA AND JAVINS, WITH COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS ABSTAINING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BOAT/ FIRE DEPARTMENT: Councilman Craig Matthews supplied Council with a list of equipment required to complete restoration and upkeep on the fire boat that the Charleston Fire Department donated to the City of Nitro. Among the items needed will be storm gear and/or cold weather gear which can be used interchangeably and a datum buoy. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THAT THE TIRE FIRE SETTLEMENT MONEY BE USED TO PAY FOR UPKEEP AND REPAIRS TO THE BOAT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

SPRING CLEAN UP-APRIL 17: Mayor Casto announced the spring clean up will be held April 17. Items can be brought to the city garage on taken to the county sponsored area in Cross Lanes on Cross Lanes Drive. Up to ten tires per WV Drivers License can be taken to the Cross Lanes site.

2010 POOL PRICES: COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE 2010 POOL PRICES BE AS FOLLOWS: ADULTS-\$4.00; SENIORS-\$3.00; CHILDREN-\$2.00; UNDER 5 FREE; SUMMER PASSES: NON-RESIDENT FAMILY 4, \$200.00, \$15.00 EACH ADDITIONAL; RESIDENT FAMILY OF 4 \$175.00, \$10.00 EACH ADDITIONAL; SINGLE RESIDENT ADULT \$100.00; SINGLE NON RESIDENT \$125.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman Matthews said the pool would open on Memorial Day.

CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mayor Casto announced his selection of Board of Directors for the CVB: Mayor Casto, Leonard Womble, Councilman Fields, Nora Helm, Councilman Javins, Councilman Matthews, and John Young. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED THE CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: MAYOR RUSTY CASTO, COUNCILMEN BOB FIELDS, BILL JAVINS, AND CRAIG MATTHEWS, AND NORA HELM, AND CITY TREASURER JOHN YOUNG. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

BUDGET REVISIONS: John Young presented Council with revisions for the budget. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE TREASURER BUDGET DECREASE FROM \$199,860.00 TO THE REVISED AMOUNT OF \$154,860.00, AND THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET INCREASE FROM \$875,571.00 TO THE REVISED AMOUNT OF \$920,571.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE/FORMATION OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Mayor Rusty Casto recommended an exploratory committee be formed to investigate the formation of a Health Department by the City of Nitro. His recommendation was to appoint the Council as a whole with the addition of City Treasurer John Young. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE NITRO COUNCIL AND CITY TREASURER BE APPOINTED AS AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE CONCERNING A CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Richie Robb said there was going to be an Annexation Committee meeting following the Council meeting.

TREASURER COMMENTS: John Young said a grant from the state of WV had allowed the purchase of new computers. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE LAPTOP COMPUTER BEING REPLACED BE DONATED TO NITRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Casto said he would like to sell the remaining vehicle from the police fleet on Ebay.

COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE CANINE VEHICLE BE SOLD ON EBAY WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Javins said he was pleased to see the financial status of he city in such good shape.

Mayor Casto said he thought with a budget of \$250.00 the outdoor classroom at Nitro Elementary School could be rehabbed. **COUNCILMAN FIELDS MOVED THAT \$250.00 BE ALLOTTED TO REPAIR THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AT NITRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.**

Councilman Casebolt said that the Streetscape Committee were looking at choosing a master plan. He said they were considering a World War 1 look.

Councilman McKay said he had registered Nitro Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Schamber said there was to be an indoor flea market on Saturday at the Senior Center. He said the name of the Monsanto Credit Union has been changed to Mountain Valley Credit Union. He said the Nitro Seniors are working to replace the van. Money from bingo this week is going to Little League and Nitro Elementary.

Marjory Faulknier said she was upset with recent news articles about the city.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee were meeting Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Mark Roberts said he owns Rocky Fork Enterprizes and said he was upset about a current article in the Gazette that said he was not licensed to do business. He said that is incorrect, he is licensed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER

