

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010

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

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are May 4, May 18, June 1 and June 15.

INA THOMAS DAY/APRIL 22, 2010: Councilman Bob Fields invited people to attend a party at 1:00 pm April 22 at Nitro Library in recognition of Ina Thomas' 90th Birthday and all her volunteer work she does in the City of Nitro. **COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THAT COUNCIL PAY \$100.00 FOR THE FRAMING OF THE PLAQUE FOR INA THOMAS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN RACER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.** Councilman Fields indicated one dozen roses has been donated by Chad Harding and Mrs. C. Cox donated two cakes.

LAY LEVY/LEVY ORDER AND RATE SHEET: SETTING LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THAT COUNCIL LAY THE LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

OLD BUSINESS:

NITRO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Casto yielded the floor to Councilman McKay. **COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE BE APPOINTED TO THE NITRO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS: CHUCK BOGGS III, LEONARD WOMBLE, AND APRIL PLANCK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.** Councilman McKay said Jim Carrier is not longer a member of the NDA Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD/WV ONE CARD: Mayor Casto said the committee met to discuss the purchasing card system through the WV Auditor's Office. He said the committee concluded there were enough safeguards to keep it from being misused and the cash back rewards were a positive. **RECORDER COX MOVED THE CITY OF NITRO TAKE PART IN THE WV ONE CARD/LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD THROUGH THE WV AUDITOR'S OFFICE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT PENSION BOARD ELECTION 2010-2011: Recorder Rita Cox said the Police Department Pension Board held elections for board members. Elected to fill the 2010-2014 term was David Richardson and Brian Oxley was elected to fill the unexpired term for 2008-2010. **RECORDER COX MOVED THE RESULTS OF THE PENSION BOARD ELECTION BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES WITH A SECOND COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KANAWHA COUNTY SAFETY LEVY/MAY 11: RECORDER COX MOVED COUNCIL PASS A RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT OF THE KANAWHA

COUNTY SAFETY LEVY ON THE BALLOT ON MAY 11. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION. ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Richie Robb said there would be an Annexation Committee meeting following the Council meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: City Treasurer John Young said the City of Nitro was in better shape financially than previously reported. Mayor Casto asked what he thought would be the status by June 30 and Mr. Young predicted there could be a surplus but that he could not be positive about that. Councilman McKay asked how much of the \$200,000.00 advance from Tri-State Racetrack had been used and Code Enforcement Department Head Ronnie King said he did not have those figures with him but thought it was between \$70,000.00 and \$80,000.00. Councilman Matthews said that members of the Nitro Fire Department had met with International Filler concerning hydrants and sprinklers and they are out of the corporate limits of Nitro. He asked if they had paid the \$41,000.00 bill for the fire the city fought there. John Young said they had not paid it. Recorder Cox asked if that bill had been forgiven. John Young said it was still due to the city. International Filler disputes it because they had been paying to the Civic Benefits Association and thought that included fire protection. The dispute has not been resolved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Bill Javins asked the Ward Councilmen to bring a list of streets that need to be paved so the Street Committee can address that issue.

Recorder Rita Cox reminded everyone to vote and that early voting was opening the next day. She thanked Mayor Rusty Casto and Councilman Craig Matthews for the Arbor Day Ceremony at Nitro Elementary School and Phil Pfister for attending. She said there would be two new policemen sworn in at 11:00 am April 30 in Council Chambers.

Councilman Dave Casebolt said the Seniors had a successful dance. He said Mike Dougherty will speak at 11:00 am on April 28 in Council Chambers.

Mayor Casto said two of our firemen helped with the diving and recovery in the Kanawha River, Mark Jarrett and Robert Ely.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Schamber said the Monsanto Credit Union has a new name: Mountain Valley Credit Union. He said one half of the raffle from bingo this week was going to Nitro Elementary School.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee would meet on Thursday at 7:00 in Council Chambers.

Ron King said he was not sure Leonard Womble could remain on the Board of Zoning Appeals as well as CVB and NDA. Mayor Casto asked Richie Robb to research it.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER

