

NITRO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rusty Casto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were Mayor Casto, Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Javins, Ward 3 Councilman Craig Matthews, Ward 1 Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla, Councilmen at Large Dave Casebolt, Bob Fields, and Jim McKay, City Treasurer John Young, and City Attorney Richie Robb. Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer was not present.

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 June 15, July 6 and July 20. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE JUNE 15 COUNCIL BE MOVED TO JUNE 22 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. Councilman Matthews stated that he and Richie Robb would be in Alfreton, England to visit the sister city of Nitro. THE MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES/MAY 18, 2010: Recorder Cox said this would have to be done at the next meeting because the minutes had not been completed.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Casto announced the June Citizen of the Month is Dorothy Shamblin who turns 100 years old on June 15. He said he would visit her then to help celebrate and invited Council members. He said the July Citizens of the Month will be Ray and Frankie Humphrey who celebrated their 50th Anniversary recently.

WEST VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY: Recorder Rita Cox said that Chad Carmichael of WV American Water could not attend the meeting and would reschedule.

OLD BUSINESS:

EASTER ROAD/SUMMERS FAMILY REQUEST: Rich Robb said the Summers family wants the city to surrender the property and that Mrs. Zickafoose, their neighbor, uses the property. He said it appears to be a right of way. Janet Ellis, daughter of Mrs. Zickafoose had researched the property and deeds. She and Richie Robb agreed that the city has ownership of some type. Councilman Javins suggested a written answer be given to the Summers family. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY SEND A LETTER TO THE SUMMERS FAMILY TELLING THEM THE CITY COUNCIL HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE CITY RETAINS OWNERSHIP OF THE RIGHT OF WAY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RESOLUTION/LITTER CONTROL GRANT: Councilman Matthews presented Council with a resolution for a litter control grant from the state of WV. He pointed out the last grant targeted Nitro High School and Park Avenue area. This grant would target 21st St. and Ridenour Lake. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR LITTER CONTROL GRANT WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.

BROWNSFIELD GRANT REPORT: City Treasurer John Young said that the city is required to report on a regular basis to the EPA. He said all the financial reports are available in his office. He presented Council members with the current statement for the Brownfields account.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRST READING AMENDING ORDINANCE INCREASING AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR BIDDING PROCESS: Rich Robb said the amount required for bidding was being increased from \$300.00 to \$1000.00. Mayor Casto asked if this put the city in line with other cities in the area such as Dunbar and St. Albans. Mr. Robb said that it did. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE ORINANCE RAISING THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR THE BIDDING PROCESS BE PASSED ON FIRST READING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said he was prepared to answer questions from Council.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said he was prepared to estimate that the city would end up with a surplus of approximate \$200,000.00 and this did not include the tire fire money. He reminded Council that there were three payrolls in the month of June and the city needs a thumb for the excavator and a new riding mower. He said this did not include the \$100,000.00 that had been put into a CD. Mr. Young said that he wants to meet with Department heads to make sure they are under budget.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Casto said there would be a pool party on June 7 for Nitro Elementary at 6:30. Everyone is invited.

Councilman Matthews said the opening days at the pool have been successful. He said there were a few problems with the bathrooms and the cross walk is being finished. He said the freezer is not working and he recommended a commercial one. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE CITY BUY A COMMERCIAL FREEZER AND A SURGE PROTECTOR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY. Councilman Matthews said that an extra part time worker was needed for the concession stand at the pool. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED ANOTHER WORKER BE HIRED FOR THE POOL CONCESSION STAND. COUNCILMAN FIELDS SECONDED THE MOTION. John Young said due to changes in Federal law, the city will not have to pay matching taxes on workers who haven't worked in 60 days so this will help with pool employees. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MOTION.

Councilman Matthews said June 29 was Nitro-Cross Lanes Day at Power Park.

Councilman Matthews said that money donated to Boom Town Days could be used to buy an inflatable screen and projector. There is a 20 ft. screen available and could be used for family movie night. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED AN INFLATABLE SCREEN AND MOVIE PROJECTOR BE PURCHASED WITH MONEY DONATED FOR FESTIVALS. RECORDER COX SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Javins said the CVB met May 7, 2010. COUNCILMAN JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7 MEETING OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Savilla said there were 17 streets that were a priority for paving and the city needs to come up with some paving money. He thought the brochure for annexation looks good.

Councilman Casebolt thanked everyone who was concerned about his Mother. He thought her tumor was operable.

Councilman McKay said the Museum Committee would meet Thursday at 6:00 in the NDA boardroom.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Leonard Womble complimented Council on the conduct of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE MEETING BE AJOURNED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER