

NITRO CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Casto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Attending with Mayor Casto were Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla, Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer, Ward 3 Councilman Craig Matthews, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Racer, Councilmen at Large Dave Casebolt, Bob Fields, and Jim McKay, City Treasurer John Young and City Attorney Richie Robb.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLGEGIANCE:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Jim McKay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Morgan.

**FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL:** Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council will be September 21, October 5 and October 19. Council will meet at 5:30 pm on September 21 in Council Chambers to hear presentations by the three final applicants for the Phase II Hazardous Waste Assessment Grant for \$200,000.00 from the EPA.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** RECORDER COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 3 AND AUGUST 17 BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

**CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:** Mayor Casto said he had made Keith Diehl the September Citizen of the Month in recognition of the 50 years anniversary of Diehl's Restaurant.

Mayor Rusty Casto introduced Brad Morgan who is a member of the St. Albans American Legion, the VFW and the American Vets. He told about an orphanage that is in Afghanistan that is helped by soldiers, many from West Virginia. Mayor Casto has agreed to help get donations. RECORDER RITA COX MOVED COUNCIL ENDORSE THE PROJECT TO COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR THE ORPHANAGE IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAY THE MAILING COST OF \$12.50 FOR EACH BOX. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**COMPREHENSIVE/MASTER PLAN/STREETSCAPE DESIGN-BAKER ENGINEERING:** Councilman Casebolt said that the committee had looked at nine different firms and had narrowed it to three, GAI, Triad, and Baker. These three made presentations to Council and Baker Engineering was chosen. Baker presented Council with two options. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED COUNCIL ACCEPT THE PLANS FROM BAKER FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, MASTER PLAN AND STREETSCAPE DESIGN. RECORDER COX SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman Casebolt explained that the next step after Council approval was to negotiate the cost of the plan with Baker. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED COUNCIL PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH BAKER ENGINEERING CONCERNING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/MASTER PLAN/STREETSCAPE DESIGN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman Casebolt said the city should know by the next Council meeting, September 21, if we have made it to Phase II of the grant selection process on a grant to help pay for city planning.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**2011 CALENDAR:** Mayor Casto said it was time to plan the 2011 calendar. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE 2011 CALENDAR IN THE AMOUNT OF 4500 BE PUT OUT FOR BID WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** City Attorney Richie Robb presented Council with an ordinance showing the

adoption of the 2009 International Building Code as adopted by West Virginia as the State Building Code. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED COUNCIL ADOPT ON FIRST READING ARTICLE 1711 WEST VIRGINIA STATE BUILDING CODE 2009 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: City Treasurer John Young presented Council with Accounts Payable information since last meeting and payroll information and aged payable information. Councilman Savilla asked what information had been found on the outstanding invoice received recently from Lawsons Monument of Huntington. Mr. Young said he had no new information but would be in Huntington the following day and could make a visit to the company to find out more information. Councilman Javins said he agreed with that decision.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Javins said a lot of time had been spent on hearing from local firms but he felt the time had been productive. Councilman Javins said he had received an email from Bret Preston who said the parking lot would be started this fall and the boat dock would be finished next spring. He also recommended any food remaining in the pool concession be donated to the food pantry. Debra Jordan said all the food had been used on the remaining days for the pool being opened.

COUNCILMAN JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BE MADE A PART OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 MINUTES OF COUNCIL. RECORDER COX SECONDED THE MOTION AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Mayor Casto said he had not received any complaints on the pool this summer. He said paving should start any day. Mayor Casto said the Nitro Library would hold a book sale on September 30, October 1 and 4. Donations of books, dvds, and cds are welcome.

Councilman Matthews said he had hosted a meeting of Cedar Street area residents on August 31 concerning the paving. He said it was a good meeting with good solutions. He said that the movie night had been successful and would continue on Sept. 11. He said the flag in front of City Hall was becoming frayed and needs to be replaced.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE NITRO SHOW CHOIR BE PERMITTED TO HOLD THE HAUNTED TRAIL AT RIDENOUR PARK PENDING CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FROM THE KANAWHA SCHOOLS INSURER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.

Councilman Racer apologized for missing a recent meeting of Council but said he had been scheduled to work.

Councilman Savilla said he had missed the meeting also but has been very busy with his job.

Recorder Cox commented on the wall that Keith Diehl had established commemorating fallen soldiers from past wars. She said Keith Diehl had found a great way to honor soldiers who lost their lives in war.

Councilman Casebolt said the Italian Fest is to be held this Saturday to raise money for the Nitro Mission Team Christmas program.

Councilman McKay said there is to be a business after hours on September 16 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. It will be an informal meeting and everyone is invited

Treasurer John Young asked if the signs that had recently been put out for bid should be tabled for now due

to the streetscape theme that the new signs may not fit into. Recorder Cox said that streetscape will mainly focus on the 21<sup>st</sup> St. area and those signs are already in place. The new signs will be going other places. Councilman Savilla said that street signs need to be put out for emergency service workers.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Schamber supplied Council with a report on bingo, year to date. He said the Seniors are donating \$1000.00 to the Master Plan/Streetscape design program. He said on Saturday there is to be a yard sale from 8:00 to 2:00 in the Senior Center, a dance on September 1 from 5:00 to 900. On the fourth Saturday of the month there is to be a covered dish dinner,

Debra Jordan said the Halloween Hoedown will be held on October 28.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee would not meet this week.

A. J. Hill said the MS4 Storm Water Management Plan should be held by the addition of Baker Engineering.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

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RITA COX, RECORDER