

**NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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, Councilmen at Large Jim McKay, Dave Casebolt, and Bob Fields, Ward 1 Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla, Ward Councilman Bill Racer, Ward 3 Councilman Craig Matthews, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Javins, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young.

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto announced the next day of Council is October 19, 2010.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21 BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CHRISTIAN INTERNET SERVICE: Sandy Saunders said the Christian Internet Service was headed by Greg Eiler and he had expressed an interest in hosting the internet site for the City of Nitro.

OLD BUSINESS:

CALENDAR BIDS: Recorder Rita Cox distributed the three bids the city had received for the 2011 calendar. The bids were read as follows: Colorcraft, \$4995.00; Dunbar Printing, \$4921.00; and Fidelity, \$2998.00 for only 12 pages. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED DUNBAR PRINTING BE AWARDED THE BID WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

SELECTION OF COMPANY FOR STREET SIGNS: Mayor Casto announced the bid from Vulcan was selected to do the street signs.

BROWNSFIELD PHASE 2 HAZARDOUS WASTE ASSESSMENT GRANT-LICENSED REMEDIATION SPECIALIST SELECTION: Mayor Casto asked the members of Council to write down the selections in order of the first, second and third choice for LRS. John Montgomery and Leonard Womble tallied the votes with a tie developing between Triad and Kemron. COUNCILMAN JAVINS MOVED KEMRON BE SELECTED TO CONTINUE THE HAZARDOUS WASTE ASSESSMENT FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE BROWNSFIELD WORK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPLACEMENT UPDATE: Mayor Casto said that Municipal Judge Taylor would be stepping down after October 18. He said he is nominating Richard Walters to replace Judge Taylor. He said he had come highly recommended by Robin Smith. Mayor Casto introduced Richard Walters. Mr. Walters said he had been an attorney for 15 years, he is a Syracuse graduate, and a resident of Cross Lanes. His children attend Nitro High. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED COUNCIL CONFIRM MAYOR CASTO NOMINATION WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE NOMINATION. Mayor Casto said there would be a reception for outgoing Judge Taylor after the October 19 meeting of Council.

LAWSONS MONUMENT INVOICE: City Treasurer John Young said that evidence of payment could be found on the invoice for \$4443.00 to Lawsons Monument. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE CITY PAY THE INVOICE FOR PLAQUES ORDERED FOR CHILDREN'S PARK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. Councilman McKay said he thought that there should be more investigation into the money owed before it is paid. Recorder Cox said she thought that the

employee was credible and was trying to get paid for work done. Councilman McKay questioned the length of time between the original invoice and the city being made aware of the work. Councilman Matthews said that there may be a problem with the way the bill was handled but he thought that should be addressed after the company had been paid. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE RECORDER COX, COUNCILMEN CASEBOLT, FIELDS, SAVILLA, RACER AND MATTHEWS. VOTING IN OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION WERE COUNCILMEN JAVINS AND MCKAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PAYMENT OF OVERTIME FOR ELECTION DAY- AUGUST 28, 2010: Richie Robb said his interpretation of the employee handbook is that if the people who worked election day were paid time and a half, then the employees who did not work it should be paid for eight hours. He said it was Council's decision to declare a Saturday election as a holiday.

CVB APPOINTEE: Mayor Casto introduced Robert Lagg, the general manager from Mardi Gras Hotel. He was voted as the newest member of the CVB Board of Directors. RECORDER COX MOVED ROBERT LAGG'S APPOINTMENT TO THE CVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said the Dodge Durango has been paid. He said that the WV Treasurer's Office has offered to keep \$250,000.00 of the city money in a WV fund. He said he had spoken with a representative of Peoples and they would not be able to match the interest paid by the Treasurer's office. He said the money would be in a CD and would not be accessible at Peoples. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED \$250,000.00 BE MOVED TO THE WV TREASURERS FUND WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE A MOTION THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7 MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE PART OF THE MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

Councilman Savilla asked everyone to keep Councilman Matthews' Mother in their thoughts.

Recorder Cox reminded everyone that early voting starts Oct. 13 for the general election.

Councilman Fields said the ground breaking for the Veteran's Cemetery in Institute will be Oct. 14.

Councilman McKay said that the CVB had voted to repay the city \$5000.00.

Mayor Casto said the Ka. Co. Commission will honor Diehl's Restaurant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Schamber said that the bingo proceeds are down but they are receiving a grant for \$20,000.00 to upgrade the exercise room.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee meets at 7:00 on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT:

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