

NITRO CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010

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

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Invocation was given by Gary Painter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Fields.

**FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL:** Mayor Rusty Casto said the future dates of Council are December 7 and 21.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:** RECORDER COX MOVED THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2010 BE APPROVED AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE RECORDER COX, COUNCILMEN MCKAY, CASEBOLT, FIELDS, MATTHEWS, AND JAVINS WITH COUNCILMAN RACER ABSTAINING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**LIVINGSTONE MINISTRY:** Recorder Cox introduced John Anderson and Gary Painter of Livingstone Ministry. Gary Painter said they were housed in Hurricane and they had a mission to restore homes and hope. They work in Kanawha, Putnam and Wood counties. Recorder Cox said she had become familiar with their work because of a house in Nitro that had been donated by Larry Dawson and restored by Livingstone for a family.

**PTO BOOT DRIVE:** Mayor Casto introduced Nitro Elementary teacher Lee Ann Vance Bright. She said that the school is still in need of approximately \$15,000.00 to complete the school playground and would like to have a boot drive. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED NITRO ELEMENTARY PTO BE PERMITTED TO HOLD A BOOT DRIVE ON DECEMBER 11 FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM AT 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET AND FIRST AVENUE WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE/COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mayor Casto said the Finance Committee had met prior to tonight's Council meeting. Department heads are to put together pay scales and evaluations are to be done. He said that the committee determined to postpone most raises until January to see how revenues are flowing since the Mardi Gras Hotel and table games at Charlestown are both new and therefore unknown revenue sources.

**DOH MEETING/NITRO BRIDGE:** Mayor Casto announced there will be a meeting at 2 pm, November 18 in Council Chambers with the Department of Highways spokesman to discuss tentative plans for the Nitro-St. Albans Bridge replacement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FISHING DOCK/NITRO CITY PARK:** Mayor Casto said that Bret Preston of the Department of Natural Resources had told him recently that there is a possibility of building a fishing dock around the Nitro City Park area, funded by the DNR.

**TREASURER REPORT:** John Young said that B & O is up from this time last year. He said that a generator is needed for the Nitro Fire Department for operations during power outages. He said that the new digital radios are going to need to be installed soon for the Fire Department vehicles. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED FUNDING FOR THE GENERATOR AND INSTALLATION OF THE GENERATOR BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Richie Robb said the Ordinance Committee was working on several ordinances including an ordinance for travel policy for employees, an ordinance for a drug free workplace and working on improving the employee provisions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Rusty Casto reminded everyone of the November 18 meeting at 2 pm in Council Chambers about the Nitro-St. Albans Bridge. He said the public was welcome and encouraged to attend.

Councilman Bill Javins said he was pleased to see work being done on the boat launch.

Councilman Craig Matthews said the Christmas parade is Saturday, December 4 at 6 pm on First Avenue from 41<sup>st</sup> Street to 21<sup>st</sup> Street where there will be a tree lighting. He said the tree was donated by Kenny Painter of Nitro Floral

COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12 MEETING OF THE NITRO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY. He said that there had been two memberships expire from the NDA Board of Directors. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED GENE BRIGHTWELL AND MARY BRADLEY BE APPOINTED TO THREE YEAR MEMBERSHIPS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE NITRO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Schamber said the recent dance held by the Seniors had made \$913.00 and there was an Elvis impersonator in attendance. He said the dance was very successful.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet at 7 pm, November 18 in the NDA Boardroom. The committee will work on a travel policy ordinance and a drug free workplace ordinance. A. J. Hill Jr. said his employees are randomly tested at Foley Labs for drugs. Recorder Cox said that Fire Chief E. W. Hedrick said the local Firefighters union 1822 had voted in support of a drug free workplace ordinance.

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

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RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

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RITA COX, RECORDER