

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7 AND DECEMBER 21 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND DECEMBER 21 MEETING TO DISCUSS HEALTH DEPARTMENT BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Casto said the person selected as Citizen of the Month could not be present at the meeting. COUNCILMAN FIELDS MOVED THE CITIZEN OF THE MONTH BE TABLED TO THE NEXT MEETNG. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS:

PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK: Mayor Casto called on Fire Chief E. W. Hedrick who informed Council that there have been numerous operational problems with both the American LaFrance fire truck and the FMC fire truck. He said that a volunteer fire company in Indiana is interested in buying the LaFrance and possibly the FMC. He requested Council's permission to accept the offer for one or both of the used fire trucks and in turn to declare the situation an emergency purchase to buy two new trucks. Recorder Cox said that Council would be causing the emergency by selling two trucks. Richie Robb, City Attorney said that was true but it was his belief the city could do that. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE RESOLUTION BE PASSED TO ALLOW THE TREASURER TO PURCHASE ONE/TWO REPLACEMENT TRUCKS PENDING THE PURCHASE OF ONE OR TWO TRUCKS BY THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN INDIANA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN RACER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PAY: COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE ITEM ON POLICE DEPARTMENT PAY BE TABLED UNTIL A FUTURE MEETING DUE TO TREASURER JOHN YOUNG'S ABSENCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PUBLIC HEARING/AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NITRO TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL HEALTH BOARD: Richie Robb told Council that by passing the Ordinance being discussed, there would not be a health department created. Passing the ordinance would give Council the power to investigate the possibility. John Montgomery, co-chair of the Ordinance Committee, said that was the goal, to authorize Council to create a municipal health board. He said passage of the ordinance did not create a health department. Nitro resident, Nancy Tonkin, said she was opposed to a health department being formed for several reasons: she does not want to be taxed anymore, the duties would duplicate what Kanawha Charleston Health Department already does, and she opposed to the introduction of smoking back into the county. Councilman Matthews said that there is no plan to use taxes for a health

department and he would like to see it funded by corporate donations and budgetary changes. Nancy Tonkin said to allow smoking would violate the clean indoor air standards that have been achieved. She said the City of Nitro would be taking on a lot of responsibility by creating a health board. Councilman Fields said the Kanawha Charleston Health Board has three members appointed by the county and three by Charleston. Councilman Matthews said that Charleston Mayor Danny Jones had recently been quoted as saying that other cities in the county should help pay for the health department. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE HEARING BE CLOSED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NITRO TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL HEALTH BOARD: City Attorney Richie Robb read by title only An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Nitro to Establish a Municipal Board of Health Designated 1119. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NITRO TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL HEALTH BOARD DESIGNATED 1119 BE PASSED ON SECOND READING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

NITRO STREETScape MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING/JANUARY 13, 5:00 - 7:00 PM/KATHY MATTEA AUDITORIUM: Councilman Casebolt reported that a public meeting will be held for the Nitro Streetscape Master Plan on January 13 from 5 to 7 pm in the Kathy Mattea Auditorium in the Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is for information and public input on decisions about Streetscape. Refreshments will be served.

NEW BUSINESS:

INSTALLATION OF POLICE RADIOS: RECORDER COX MOVED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BE AUTHORIZED TO INSTALL IRP RADIOS IN ALL POLICE CARS AND SUVs AT A COST OF \$5500.00 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION

POLICE PENSION 2010: RECORDER COX MOVED THE NITRO POLICE PENSION INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WV TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010 BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young was not in attendance so no report was given.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said he had no prepared report but would answer any questions from Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Casto said the city had approximately 28 tons of salt in preparation for the remainder of the winter weather. He said the Department of Natural Resources are going to stock Ridenour Lake with trout in the next week.

Councilman Matthews said the city had been awarded a \$20,000.00 grant by Kanawha County Public Safety Committee to buy equipment for a new fire truck

Councilman Casebolt said some of the lights on the flags outside City Hall need to be replaced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet Thursday at 7:00 pm in the NDA Boardroom.

Leonard Womble said he wanted to remind everyone that the Convention and Visitors Bureau meets monthly and public input and attendance was welcome.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER