

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010

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, Councilman at Large Dave Casebolt, Councilman at Large Bob Fields, Councilman at Large Jim McKay, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Bob Fields gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Recorder Rita Cox.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto announced the future dates of Council are February 1 and 15 and March 1 and 15.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 4, 2011 MINUTES OF COUNCIL BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NITRO TEEN LIBRARY BOARD: COUNCILMAN FIELDS MOVED THE REPORT ON THE TEEN LIBRARY BOARD BE MOVED TO A FUTURE MEETING WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS:

NDA: COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE NITRO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman McKay said the NDA Board has a limit of 21 members and the Board currently has 15 but would like to add another member. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED MARDI GRAS HOTEL EMPLOYEE PAT BLANKENSHIP BE APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE NDA BOARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

SIDEWALK SWEEPER BIDS: Recorder Cox reported that the public notice requesting bids for a new and/or refurbished sidewalk sweeper were due on Martin Luther King Jr. Day when City Hall was closed. Richie Robb recommended the Public Notice be put in local papers a second time. RECORDER COX MOVED THE INVITATION TO BID ON SIDEWALK SWEEPERS BOTH NEW AND REFURBISHED BE ADVERTISED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS:

SALT SPREADER: Mayor Casto reported that it was necessary last week to buy a new salt spreader. The old one was broken, three bids were acquired, and a new one was purchased from Baker for \$4500.00. The broken one had been given to Nitro by the City of St. Albans and had been repaired several times in the last three years.

COMMITTEE TO ASSESS CITY HALL NEEDS: COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED A COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR A NEW CITY HALL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. Councilman Casebolt asked Council members to bring suggested names to be appointed to a committee. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said that he does not think the issue of overtime payment in a week

when earned time is taken off can be addressed with are resolution but needs to be done by Ordinance. Councilman Matthews said that as it currently is being interpreted people are being punished for taking vacation time. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE ISSUE OF OVERTIME PAYMENT IN A WEEK WHEN AN EMPLOYEE HAS TAKEN VACATION BE REFERRED TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND THEN A REPORT BE GIVEN BACK TO COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said that revenues are up compared to last year at this time but expenses are up. This is the usually low point in cash flow for the city. Mr. Young said he would like clarification on Council's vote on the purchase of new fire trucks at the previous meeting since he was not in attendance. Councilman Savilla said that pending the purchase of the Indiana volunteer fire department: if they buy one of Nitro's trucks the city would buy one new truck; if they buy two of Nitro's used trucks, the City of Nitro would be authorized to buy two new trucks because it was an emergency situation. Councilman Racer said he thinks one would be an emergency but that a second truck should be put out for bid. Recorder Cox said that it looked as if we were creating our own emergency and that did not seem like a true emergency. Chief Hedrick said the money is supposed to be approved by Friday for the purchase of Nitro's used trucks. The new truck is to be purchased from Sutphen in Columbus, Ohio and they will have one truck ready in about 30 days. The second truck would not be ready until midsummer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Savilla said he and his wife, Joan, are celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary.

COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Fields said work on the War Memorial on 21st Street and First Avenue would resume when the weather was warmer.

Councilman Casebolt said he was concerned about the annexation process and how quickly it could proceed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER