

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2011

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

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto announced the future dates of Council are April 19, May 3 and May 17.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF MARCH 15 MEETING OF COUNCIL, MARCH 15 BUDGET MEETING AND MARCH 24 BUDGET MEETING BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS. Councilman Matthews moved the March 15 regular meeting minutes be changed to reflect that Council voted unanimously to pay shipping charges for the snocone machine. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Mayor Casto called on Councilman Jim McKay who reported on the Chamber of Commerce. He said that new and existing businesses were welcome to join. The recent get together held at the Nitro Moose was successful.

Mayor Casto called on Leonard Womble who recommended Bill Wintz be made Citizen of the Month. Mr. Wintz has given permission to the CVB to use the prologue to one of his books for the CVB website. Councilman Savilla made a recommendation the Nitro Library be named for Bill Wintz.

OLD BUSINESS

ROOF/CITY HALL: Mayor Rusty Casto said the roof on City Hall is in bad shape and he is concerned that water will come in and damage the computer server. He said he believes it is an emergency. COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA MOVED THE CONDITION OF THE CITY HALL ROOF BE DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT BE MADE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

STREET SWEEPER: Councilman Bill Javins reported the Street Committee recommends that the purchase of a sidewalk sweeper be postponed. The purchase price of a new and a refurbished sweeper was too high to be considered at this time. Councilman Craig Matthews said he and Mayor Casto had met recently with Ms. Diane Smith, the new principal at Nitro High School. She said there was a program to hire high school students who could help with cleanup in the city. There is also a service club at Nitro High School that could help with cleanup. Councilman Matthews said he would find out more information and report back at a future meeting.

SIGNAGE/BROOKHAVEN: Mayor Casto said he had contacted S & S Engineering concerning the weight limits on Brookhaven streets and would report to Council after he had heard from them.

NEW BUSINESS

GARBAGE PICKUP EXPANSION: Councilman Dave Casebolt said Public Works Director A. J. Hill had researched the cost of using dumpsters for city trash pick up. Waste Management and Allied Waste are currently doing work in the city. The city ordinance said the city has the right to be a monopoly in garbage work. He said that one of the city trucks is equipped to pick up dumpsters. Three quotations for dumpsters had been requested. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED THE CITY PURCHASE DUMPSTERS FROM NORTHEAST OF GREENVILLE, PA.: 1 – 4 YARD AT \$593.00 EACH, 2 - 6 YARD AT \$830.00 EACH, 7 – 8 YARD AT \$961.00 EACH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. Councilman Casebolt pointed out that the dumpsters could be left at homes and worksites for use during cleanup or construction. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman Casebolt said that A.J. Hill should be able to go to businesses to set up agreements on picking up trash. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR A. J. HILL BE AUTHORIZED MAKE BUSINESS AGREEMENTS WITH BUSINESSES TO PICK UP SOLID WASTE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ARBOR DAY: Mayor Rusty Casto said that the Arbor Day tree planting at Nitro Elementary is set for Friday, April 8 at 1:00 pm behind the school. Everyone is invited.

TREES/BEAUTIFICATION: COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED TWENTY CREPE MYRTLE TREES AT \$2500.00 BE PURCHASE FROM HOTEL MOTEL TAX INCOME TO BE PLANTED ON ROUTE 25. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Mayor Casto recommended the sewer line be checked out before any digging was done.

GRAVEL ROAD/RIDENOUR: Recorder Rita Cox said the condition of the road across the dam at Ridenour Lake was in poor condition with large craters that make it difficult to drive across. A. J. Hill said that he would find out what it would cost to repair and fill in the holes and report back to Council.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Richie Robb said that his research shows the middle of the Kanawha River is the division between Nitro and St. Albans and that both cities will received b & o when the Henderson Bridge is repaired. He had consulted with Randy Crace of S & S Engineering.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer John Young said that by paying off the financing on the Sutphen fire truck recently purchased the city could receive a discount of 3% on the amount owed. He said the amount was \$200,000.00 and the amount is available in city funds. COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED \$200,000.00 BE PAID FOR THE SUTPHEN FIRE TRUCK RECENTLY PURCHASED ENABLING THE CITY TO RECEIVE A 3% DISCOUNT ON THE COST. THE MOTION WAS SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION

COUNCIL COMMENT:

COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BE MADE A PART OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman Javins said that work is scheduled to resume on the Smith Street Boat Launch on May 1. He said a large amount of gravel will be needed for the project. He said he was pleased to see the street sweeper being

used and that it improved the look of the streets. Councilman Javins said the NDA meeting held recently at the Nitro Moose Lodge had a great turnout.

Councilman Craig Matthews said the Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 pm at the Nitro Park. There will be many prizes given. He said he was recently delivered a letter from the Office of Legal Council that he had been investigated for a violation of the Hatch Act and that he was found not to be in violation of the Act.

COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Dave Casebolt said he wanted to acknowledge the fact that Police Chief Jack Jordan had given up his pay raise so that the money he would have received would go to his policemen for their raise. He said the Conway Twitty impersonator show would be at the Nitro Moose at 7:00 pm on Saturday, April 9.

Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla said the fire hydrant that was taken out on 40th Street and 3rd Avenue should be replaced. He asked Mayor Casto to research the situation and report back to Council

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Young asked if the boat launch would have one light or follow the original plan to have more lighting. Mayor Casto said he would contact Chris Amick to see where it stands.

Bob Schamber said April is a busy month for the Senior Center with an event occurring every weekend. He said they had received a \$2000.00 to install an awning for seniors exiting the van and coming into the Community Center.

Council Dave Casebolt said the new senior van was to be ordered soon.

A.J. Hill said there were new rules governing underage people working along the road and it is difficult to maintain work crews of that age for cleanup due to rules and safety concerns.

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

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

8:00 pm Executive Session begins

8:15 pm Executive Session ended

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECOORDER

