

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2011

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Bob Fields and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Trevor Carter.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Recorder Cox said the future dates of Council are May 3 and 17.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5 MEETING BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. Recorder Cox requested a change be made in the Treasurer Report reflecting the amount to be paid be \$170,839.00 with the savings being 3 ½% and the payment to be made on the second truck being purchased. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE COUNCILMEN SAVILLA, RACER MATTHEWS, CASEBOLT, AND MCKAY, AND RECORDER COX. COUNCILMAN FIELDS ABSTAINED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LAY THE LEVY/2011-2012 BUDGET: Recorder Cox said that Council is ordered by the WV Auditor's Office to lay the levy on this date for the fiscal year 2011-2012. She requested any objection to the levy rates and/or budget be made at this time. John Young said the amount designated for fire hydrants had to be adjusted to \$13,000.00 from \$7000.00 with the money coming from the City Hall Budget. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE LAYING OF THE LEVY FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

BROOKHAVEN SIGNAGE: Recorder Rita Cox yielded the chair to John Young. He reported that Mayor Casto had contacted S & S Engineering to do core samples on the Brookhaven streets to see what weight limits should be applied. Recorder Cox said there would be a report at the next meeting of Council.

WIFI BIDS: Councilman Dave Casebolt said no more bids had been received. The only bid had been from Frontier Communications. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED THE SELECTION FOR WIFI SPOTS TO BE MOVED TO A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AT LARGE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

40TH STREET HYDRANT: COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE 40TH STREET HYDRANT BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

LIGHTING BOAT LAUNCH: COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE BOAT LAUNCH LIGHTING BE MOVED TO THE NEXT MEETING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PARKS AND RECREATION/POOL RATES 2011 AND PARK RENTAL-THOMAS HEALTH CARE: COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE POOL RATES FOR 2011 REMAIN THE SAME AS 2010 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. The rates are family pass (Nitro resident) \$175.00 for a family of four, each additional person \$10.00 (immediate family members that live in the household); family pass (outside city limits) \$200.00 for a family of four, each additional person \$15.00 (immediate family members that live in the household); single pass (Nitro resident) \$100.00; single pass (outside city limits) \$125.00.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED ST. FRANCIS-THOMAS HEALTHCARE RENT THE NITRO PARK AND NECESSARY EMPLOYEES FOR 5000 PEOPLE ON AUGUST 6 AT THE COST OF \$3500.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PRICES FOR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND REPAIRS AND ROAD REPAIR AT RIDENOUR: Recorder Cox said that the price to replace the mulch and screening at Children's Playground was going to be around \$16,000.00. A. J. Hill said he was working on pricing for the road at Ridenour Lake and Dam. The repairs could be made by filling holes that have developed in the road or a price on putting asphalt on the entire road could be obtained. He said there would be a big range in the price. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEET AT 11:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO PRIORITIZE THE JOBS THAT NEED TO BE DONE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR CITY TO ABANDON PROPERTY/603 KANAWHA AVENUE SOUTH: Councilman Savilla introduced Sherrie Warner who is interested in the property adjoining hers that belongs to the city. She would be willing to buy, have a long term lease or some arrangement with the city. John Montgomery said the proper procedure is to give it to the Planning Commission for a study and recommendation. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED THE MATTER OF CITY PROPERTY NEXT TO 603 KANAWHA AVENUE SOUTH ADJOINING THE WARNER PROPERTY BE GIVEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. John Montgomery said he would contact Margaret Hudson, chair of the Planning Commission, with the information.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb was not present.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said he had three quotes to install the gas powered generator for the Fire Department in case of power outages. The lowest quote of \$1945.00 was from LCN Electrical Contractor LLC. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE GENERATOR FOR NITRO FIRE DEPARTMENT BE INSTALLED BY LCN AT A COST OF \$1945.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Savilla asked Council to remember Olin McClanahan who had recently passed away. Councilman Fields said he was a veteran and a supporter of the new War Memorial that has been built on 21st Street and First Avenue.

Councilman Casebolt said all the signatures needed for Streetscape have been acquired and work may begin by the first part of June. He said the gum trees that line First Avenue have become unattractive

and some have even died. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED THE GUM TREES ON FIRST AVENUE NEXT TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS BE CUT DOWN WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8 MEETING OF THE NDA BE MADE A PART OF THIS CURRENT MEETING OF COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herchel Facemyre requested Council do a proclamation in support of the Nitro Development Authority to deliver to the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Recorder Rita Cox said she would see that was done.

Bob Schamber said April was a busy month for the Seniors with activities happening every weekend. A grant of \$2000.00 will be used to put up an awning leading into the Senior Center.

Nitro Fireman Casey Mathes asked for clarification of the March 24 Budget Meeting of Council in which it was stated that one fireman would be hired. He said he thought it was to be two firemen. Councilman Fields said he remembered that one was to be hired during 2010-2011 budget year and a second fiscal year 2011-2012. Councilman Matthews indicated that the minutes had been approved as written. Recorder Cox said the meeting was recorded.

Herchel Facemyre said the new business called Reflection and Romance will have a grand opening on April 30. It is located on First Avenue South. He said the NDA has a website that is open.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet at 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 21 in the NDA Boardroom.

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER