

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rusty Casto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. In attendance with Mayor Casto were 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 Jim McKay, Councilman at Large Bob Fields, Councilman at Large Dave Casebolt, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young.

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto announced the future dates of Council are June 7 and 21 and July 5 and July 19.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2011 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

DEDICATION VETERANS FLAG MEMORIAL: Councilman Bob Fields said the Veterans Flag Memorial on 21st St. and First Avenue is complete and there will be a formal dedication ceremony on June 4 at 1:00 pm. There will be hot dogs served donated by Fruth, chili donated by Rich Hively of Checkers, and plates and napkins supplied by Dollar General. COUNCILMAN FIELDS MOVED COUNCIL PAY FOR WATERMELONS TO BE SERVED WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman Savilla asked if the entire project was paid for and Councilman Fields said that it was and he thanked everyone for the support.

B & O TAX ORDINANCE ARTICLE 711 FIRST READING: Richie Robb said that due to a word being incorrect in the recent passage of the B & O Tax Ordinance 711, it is necessary to do another 1st and 2nd reading. The number on the third page from the end says fifty jobs and it should say five jobs. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE B & O TAX ORDINANCE ARTICLE 711 BE PASSED ON FIRST READING WITH THE NUMBER OF JOBS BEING FIVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

WIFI: Councilman Casebolt said that three locations for wifi had been determined: Ridenour Lake, Nitro City Park and the downtown business area. Councilman Javins said he would like a location in the east end of Nitro and no locations have been determined. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED \$1200.00 BE APPROVED FOR ONE YEAR'S PAYMENT FOR A FOURTH LOCATION FOR WIFI. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT: Councilman Matthews said he had made a presentation at the WV Capitol on May 12 for a grant to do work at Ridenour Lake and he will hear at a later date if the city has received it. He said the bad report from the Health Department had already been addressed and that the road on the dam was being repaired.

NEW BUSINESS

GRASS CUTTING: Mayor Casto asked John Montgomery of the Ordinance Committee to consider an ordinance giving the city more leeway in addressing high grass such as shorter time frames before sanctions are taken. Mr. Montgomery said we had recently passed the International Building Code. Councilman Javins said there was high grass in his area and asked if we could kill the grass on repeat offenders. Richie Robb said he did not think that was an option. Councilman Casebolt said that it was a matter of the keeping the city looking good. Councilman Matthews recommend Mayor Casto call the Department of Highways about high grass at the I-64 exit.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROPOSAL: COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED COUNCIL ADOPT THE \$4000.00 OPTION (2) FOR THE PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY BY MICHAEL DOUGHTERTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RESOLUTION FAIRS AND FESTIVALS ACCOUNT: Treasurer Young said he would like for Council to allow a Fair and Festival Account so that he can keep track of the money for these events. He said the previous council meeting he had called it a Parks and Recreation Account by mistake so this correction would make it a Fair and Festival Account. COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE TO ESTABLISH A FAIR AND FESTIVAL ACCOUNT WITH THE SIGNATORIES ON THE ACCOUNT BEING MAYOR RUSTY CASTO, TREASURER JOHN YOUNG, RECORDER RITA COX AND PAYROLL CLERK MARY BETH BURT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: RECORDER COX MOVED THE 2010 FIRE PENSION ALLOTMENT BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said he had no formal report but was prepared to answer questions from Council. He said that the Board of Zoning Appeals was considering a prebuilt single family dwelling.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Casto said Mr. Sangavi is to do drilling at Brookhaven to see how much weight the road will take. He said the WV DOH is to get information to him on the 40th St. fire hydrant.

RECORDER COX MOVED A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF RECORDER COX, MAYOR CASTO AND TREASURER YOUNG BE FORMED TO CONSIDER BIDS ON THE BUCKET TRUCK WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Mayor Casto said he would send an email to let everyone know when the meeting was.

Councilman Javins said equipment is to be brought to work on the boat launch next Wednesday. COUNCILMAN JAVINS MOVED THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PAVING COMMITTEE WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Matthews thanked A. J. Hill for the work he did in Ward 3.

Councilman Racer thanked John Young for his work as Treasurer.

COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID OF PRECISION PUMP FOR \$1230.00 TO REPAIR THE WAR MEMORIAL IN FRONT OF CITY HALL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN RACER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Savilla thanked Mayor Casto for working on the Brookhaven and fire hydrant projects.

Councilman Fields said there would be an article on the Veterans Memorial. He thanked everyone for their support.

Councilman Casebolt asked if it was necessary to get three bids to tear down the old building that the ambulance authority used. Richie Robb said it was.

Councilman McKay said there was no NDA meeting minutes to be approved.

COUNCILMAN FIELDS MOVED THAT THE ELECTION OF THE LIBRARY BOARD BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES: MARY TROUT, PRESIDENT: RUTH BROTHERS, SECRETARY: GERTIE LEGG, TREASURER: SHARON DYE AND NATALIE HULSHIZER.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Schamber said the new senior van would be in soon.

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

Laurie Elkins said she thought the Fire Department rules were not enforced in a fair manner.

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

Executive session: 7:50 pm

Council resumed: 9:15 pm

COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THAT FIREFIGHTER A. J. SHINN BE PAID PENDING THE OUTCOME OF HIS CIVIL SERVICE BOARD HEARING AND CHIEF E. W. HEDRICK BE PUT ON SHIFT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

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