

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 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, and Councilmen at Large Dave Casebolt, Bob Fields, and Jim McKay, and City Treasurer John Young. Absent was City Attorney Richie Robb.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Bob Fields and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Delmar Byrd.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are August 16 (Bob Schamber's Birthday), September 6 and 20 and October 4 and 18.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2011 BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Casto named Brett McClanahan as the August Citizen of the Month. The award was accepted by his father. Brett played for Akron in the March Madness basketball tournament. He is entering his senior year of college.

OLD BUSINESS

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ANTIQUE CAR SHOW: CVB President Leonard Womble presented Mayor Casto a poster advertising the Antique Car Show which is to be held September 9, 10 and 11. There will be vendors, antique cars, fireworks and a band named Surfs Up that will play from 7:00 to 10:00 pm on Saturday night.

LIBRARY FLAG: Councilman Bob Fields said the CVB had committed \$1250.00 to complete payment for a pole, lighting and a flag at the Nitro Library. This will be put with the \$600.00 made from the Boomtown Days race to pay for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

BUILDING PERMITS FOR STREETSCAPE: Councilman Jim McKay said that he was informed at the prebid conference for Streetscape that it is customary for cities such as Charleston and St. Albans to waive the permit fee for the contractors working on Streetscape. He said he believed that the fee could be part of the match of the city. COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE BE WAIVED FOR CONTRACTORS WORKING ON STREETSCAPE WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

FIRST ANNUAL DIG PINK VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE COUNCIL PAY FROM THE HOTEL MOTEL TAX INCOME \$444.99 FOR 20 PINK VOLLEYBALL JERSEYS IN THE ANNUAL DIG PIN VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb was not present.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said that the city was given a second dog to be used in the canine program. The dog was being donated to the Nitro Police Department but a vehicle is needed for the dog to be carried. Nitro Policeman Brian Oxley said the dog will go to Nitro Policeman Eric Whitney when it is trained. Captain Oxley said the Police Department would like to purchase a Ford 150 to transport the dog. Councilman Matthews asked if a car that is already owned could be turned into a car to carry the dog. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE PURCHASE OF AN F150 TRUCK FOR USE WITH THE DOG BE REFERRED TO THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 3. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER COX AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

John Young said the cost for the A. J. Shinn firing, hearing, and rehiring has cost \$27,949.14 up to this time.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Mayor Casto said Tri-State Roofing will be starting work on City Hall on next Wednesday.

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

7:40 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS

8:15 pm COUNCIL RESUMES

COUNCILMAN JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE CITY PAY FOR THE UMBRELLA COPYRIGHT LICENSE FOR MOVIES SHOWN AT THE PARK BE RENEWED AT \$525.20 FOR ONE YEAR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Savilla said the Police and Fire Committee will meet on August 3 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. To be discussed is the hiring of a new fireman when policies and procedures are put into place and the purchase of a truck for the Police Department.

Councilman Fields thanked all the helpers from Boomtown Days.

Councilman Casebolt said the Museum Board had discussed moving the Museum to the Library. He read into the minutes a statement by the Nitro Museum Board supporting a new facility adjacent to the library. Councilman Casebolt presented Council with a one year agreement with the Nitro Benefits Association. The agreement states specific project to be addressed. Councilman Savilla said the Fire Service Fee that is included has to be 80% of property tax. Councilman Savilla suggested the City Attorney look at the agreement. Councilman Matthews said he would like clearer language and delineation of the projects.

Councilman McKay said the Streetscape bids are due on August 9. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED A COMMITTEE OF MAYOR CASTO, RECORDER COX, COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT, A. J. HILL, AND A

REPRESENTATIVE FROM BAKER ENGINEERING BE ESTABLISHED TO OPEN THE BIDS AND BRING THEM BACK TO COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Recorder Cox said the meeting would be at 1:00 pm in her office on August 9.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Schamber said the new van was in use and Councilman Casebolt is selling advertisement on the van.

Councilman Savilla suggested Mayor Casto get a cake for Bob Schamber's birthday for the next meeting.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet at 7 pm in the NDA conference room on Thursday, August 4.

Councilman Fields suggested if the Senior Van is not sold to give it to Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER