

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 2 Councilman Bill Racer, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Javins, Councilman at Large Jim McKay, Councilman at Large Dave Casebolt, Councilman at Large Bob Fields, and City Attorney Richie Robb. Absent were Ward 3 Councilman Craig Matthews and City Treasurer John Young.

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are October 18 and November 1 and November 15.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINTUES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. Councilman Bob Fields indicated the minutes should be corrected to show Trick or Treat time for October 31 is 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the Halloween Hoedown time is 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Rusty Casto named Nitro citizen Leonard Womble as the October Citizen of the Month highlighting all the work he does with the Convention and Visitors Bureau and other volunteer work for the city.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: RECORDER COX MOVED COUNCIL ENDORSE THE MAYORAL PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF BAYER CROP SCIENCE AND THE PROPOSED CRACKER FACILITY AT THE INSTITUTE PLANT WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS:

CALENDAR BIDS: Mayor Casto distributed the four bids for the 2012 calendar to be opened. The bids were Color Craft for \$4875.00, Printing Press for \$4440.00, Fidelity Printing Inc. for \$2868.00, and Dunbar Printing for 4500 calendars at \$4992.00 and 5000 calendars at \$5485.00. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE CALENDAR BIDS BE MOVED TO COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MAYOR CASTO, RECORDER COX, AND JOHN YOUNG TO MEET NEXT WEEK IN CITY HALL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT/SHELTER AT RIDENOUR LAKE: COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF A PICNIC SHELTER AT RIDENOUR LAKE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,932.00 WITH THE CITY CONTRIBUTING \$60,966.00 TO ACCOMPANY THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND APPLICATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. Councilman Savilla said he thought this sounded like a lot of money for one shelter. Councilman Fields said that it did not included bathrooms. Recorder Cox said that because of the Federal assistance it will be required to be handicapped accessible and that increases the cost. Police Chief Jack Jordan said the shelter is not used much and he and Mayor Casto

have discussed putting a shelter down nearer the road that would be easier to access. Mayor Casto suggested the parties involved meet soon and discuss the issue. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED THE ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING/ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WORLD WAR 1 HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ARTICLE 155: Recorder Cox said that the agenda item should have stated "Ordinance Amending the World War 1 Historical Commission" since it has already been established. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED THE ORDINANCE AMENDING A WORLD WAR 1 HISTORICAL COMMISSION BE PASSED ON FIRST READING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. John Montgomery said the intent was to maintain the history of Nitro having come out of World War 1. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

FIRST READING/ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NITRO MUSEUM COMMISSION/ARTICLE 157: COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA MOVED THE ORDINANCE BE PASSED ON FIRST READING ESTABLISHING THE NITRO MUSEUM COMMISSION/ARTICLE 157 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

FIRST READING/ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NITRO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD/ARTICLE 156: COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED COUNCIL PASS ON FIRST READING ARTICLE 156/AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NITRO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. Hershel Facemyre said it was important to have a record of our history in the boomtown days but also prior to that by having an outline of our history. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PURCHASE OF LASER GRIPS/NITRO POLICE DEPARTMENT: Recorder Rita Cox said that Chief Jack Jordan had given her some background on the laser grips for the new firearms in the Police Department. The older type lasers that came on the gun often came with problems but the laser is an important safety factor for policemen. The department has not planned to pay for the grips which can be retro fitted on the guns because the police accounts are tied up currently due to the investigation of lack of documentation for one particular police account and the policemen were going to purchase their own laser grips. He said 16 of the policemen had said they would pay for their own grips but two elected not to pay for the grips. RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE CITY OF NITRO PURCHASE 18 LASER GRIPS AT \$187.85 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$3381.30 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. Councilman Bob Fields said the laser was an extremely important safety factor for policemen when using a gun. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Recorder Cox said it was Leonard Womble who first brought the purchase of the grips to her attention.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said Mary Beth Burt is working on documentation for the police accounts and there should be a resolution soon.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young was did not attend. No report was given.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilman Savilla said the rain damage and leaks in the Nitro Fire Department have become so bad that new, expensive equipment was being damaged. Nitro Firefighter Casey Mathes said that a public safety building was needed. Firefighter Mark Jarrett said the city needs a new fire station.

COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THE NEED FOR A NEW STATION BE MOVED TO THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Debra Jordan said the Halloween Hoedown will be on October 31 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Trick or Treat will be held on October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and the bags will be filled with candy on October 24 in the hallway at the Nitro Police Department beginning at 6:00 pm.

Debra Jordan said Judy Taylor on W.14th St. will have a yard sale October 14 and 15 with the proceeds going to the purchase of Halloween candy.

COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Mayor Casto acknowledged Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla's birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Schamber congratulated the Nitro Band for their success at the Kanawha County Majorette Festival. He said the money from bingo had helped fund the recent bus trip to Amish Country and 56 people had been able to go.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet at 7:00 pm, October 6 in the NDA Boardroom.

Leonard Womble thanked the Nitro Police Department for their work in the Antique Car Show.

Recorder Rita Cox acknowledged the Poca High School Band and their recent successes.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA MOVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER