

NITRO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

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 3 Councilman Craig Matthews, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Javins, Councilmen at Large Dave Casebolt, Jim McKay and Bob Fields, and City Treasurer John Young. Not attending was City Attorney Richie Robb.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Dave Casebolt.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL : Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are January 17, February 7 and 21, and March 6 and 20.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2011 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Casto said Nitro resident Teresa Lovejoy is the January Citizen of the Month.

BAYER AGREEMENT: Councilman Savilla said that Nitro has historically supported the chemical industry in the Kanawha Valley and in continuing this support he has helped craft a plan for annexation that is intended to create an industrial park east of Nitro. Annexation of the territory will define the boundary of an industrial park south of West Virginia Route 25 and bring the Goff Mountain Landfill into the city of Nitro. COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA MOVED AN ORDINANCE TO EFFECT THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY CREATING AN INDUSTRIAL PARK SOUTH OF WV ROUTE 25 AND BRING WITHIN THE CITY THE GOFF MOUNTAIN LANDFILL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS. Councilman Savilla thanked everyone who had participated in crafting the agreement which leaves Bayer outside but surrounded by the corporate limits of Nitro. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION/TRAIL GRANT: Councilman Craig Matthews said the recent visit and walk around Ridenour Lake with employees of the Department of Highways and participants from the city had been productive. The grant amount is \$25,000.00 and the trail has great potential and could also bring other grants and working partnerships such as Rivers to Ridges. He said that A. J. Hill will be the point of contact on the grant. The first phase is to rehab the bridges possibly with culverts and to potentially bring the trail to the new gazebo that is to be built. There is a potential trail starting on the hill at Penwood Avenue and eventually over to the Mardi Gras Casino. Mayor Casto asked A. J. Hill when the gazebo is to be built and he said possibly March or April.

## NEW BUSINESS

PARKS AND RECREATION/EASTER PLANS: Councilman Matthews said there was approximately \$7000.00 in the Fairs and Festival accounts. He said the Easter Egg hunt is to be held March 31 and 10,000 eggs are to be purchased.

CVB REPORT: Leonard Womble said the Convention and Visitors Bureau members agree that a security system should be purchased for Ridenour Lake because of the vandalism. He said that the CVB wants to concentrate on that area but the investment needs to be protected from vandalism. He said an original report by AEP recommend 38 lights be put at Ridenour for security and there are currently far fewer than that. He said the CVB is looking at hiring an executive director and at sponsoring a bass fishing tournament May 5.

NDA REPORT: There was no report to be given.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb was not present

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said January is usually a tight cash flow month and this year was no different. He said he would like to get through the month without going into the savings. He commended A.J. Hill on the number of hours he had been putting in.

### COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilman Bill Javins thanked Councilman Craig Matthews for the work on the trail grants  
COUNCILMAN JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL RACER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED A COMMITTEE BE FORMED CONSISTING OF A. J. HILL, RON KING AND CHAIRED BY RECORDER RITA COX TO OPEN AND DECIDE ON THE BIDS OBTAINED ON TEARING DOWN THREE STRUCTURES IN THE CITY WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Bill Racer thanked Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla for his work on the annexation around Bayer forming the industrial area.

Councilman Bob Fields said that creating the industrial area could benefit Bayer and People's Federal Credit Union and possibly prevent layoffs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Schamber said there is to be a Western Dance and a Covered Dish dinner at the Senior Center.

John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday.

COUNCILMAN DAVE CASEBOLT MOVED COUNCIL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS 7:35 PM  
COUNCIL RESUMES 7:50 PM

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

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RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

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RITA COX, RECORDER