

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rusty Casto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Attending 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, Councilmen at Large Dave Casebolt and Jim McKay, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young. Councilman at Large Bob Fields was not present.

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

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 3 MINUTES OF COUNCIL BE TABLED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Rusty Casto said Teresa Lovejoy was the January Citizen of the Month and there will be a pizza lunch at Village on Park on Friday January 20 at noon.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE REGARDING PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN AREAS ALONG ROUTE 25 FROM EXISTING CITY LIMITS ADOPTION-ORDINANCE 12-01: City Attorney Richie Robb read the Ordinance by title only. COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA MOVED THE ORDINANCE 12-01 ANNEXING CERTAIN AREAS ALONG ROUTE 25 FROM EXISTING CITY LIMITS BE ADOPTED ON SECOND READING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN DAVE SAVILLA. Richie Robb explained that the annexation of this area would create a enclosed area that was not a part of the city and would contain the Bayer Company. Councilman Savilla said that he and Councilman Casebolt had met over the past year with representatives of Bayer to complete the project. Councilman Casebolt said that Bayer can be more competitive by being kept out of a municipality. Councilman Casebolt said this was a community effort and he wanted to thank the following people and groups: Danny Lewis and the Nitro Regional Wastewater Board, Richie Robb, John Young, John Montgomery and the Ordinance Committee, Chief Jack Jordan and the Nitro Police Department, Chief Ernie Hedrick and the Nitro Fire Department, Baker Engineering, Herschel Facemyer and the NDA, Leonard Womble and the CVB, Jim McKay and the Nitro Chamber of Commerce, A. J. Hill and the Public Works Department, Debbie Jordan, Councilman Craig Matthews and the Recreation Committee, Capt. Ron King and the Building Department, Cleveland Avenue citizens, Councilman Joe Savilla and the Annexation Committee, and Mayor Rusty Casto and the Nitro City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

DOH GRANT/\$20,000.00: Mayor Rusty Casto said the WV Dept. of Highways will be awarding grants to Nitro and St. Albans for \$20,000.00 each to somehow memorialize the history of the Nitro-St. Albans b Bridge. Nitro Historian Rich Hively presented Council with some suggestions for the project. He asked Council to submit ideas and they will have to be approved by the DOH.

NITRO MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Recorder Rita Cox said the City Election will be held June 5. She said the Certificate for Candidacy is available on the WV Secretary of State website and she has copies in City Hall and she has the petition for candidates.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said he would answer any question from Council but he had no formal report to submit.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said the cash balance is low. Par Industrial has not been making payments and he will need to see why this is happening. He urged restraint in spending. He said January is typically the low point for funds in the city.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Mayor Casto said he attended a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event at St. Paul's Baptist Church in St. Albans and was approached about placing an ad in a program highlighting the prevention of violence against women. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED COUNCIL PURCHASE AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR \$100.00 IN THE PROGRAM ADVOCATING AGAINST VIOLENCE TOWARD WOMEN WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Bill Javins said this was a great day for Nitro in progressing toward the annexation creating an industrial area at the Bayer Plant.

Councilman Craig Matthews said the gazebo at Ridenour Lake is to be torn down this week to make room for the replacement. The new one should be put up in March.

Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla said the Annexation Committee would meet after Council. He thanked everyone for the patience they showed during the annexation process.

Councilman Dave Casebolt said the seniors were going to receive a \$2000.00 community participation grant.

COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THE MINUTES AND TREASURER REPORT OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE NDA BE MADE A PART OF THE MINTUES WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Montgomery said there would be no Ordinance Committee meeting this week.

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER