

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 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 4 Councilman Bill Javins, Councilmen at Large Dave Casebolt, Bob Fields, and Jim McKay, City Treasurer John Young and City Attorney Richie Robb. Ward 3 Councilman Craig Matthews was absent.

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Rusty Casto said the future dates of Council are March 20 and April 3 and 17.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Casto said this would be announced at a future date of Council.

INA THOMAS PLAQUE: Mayor Rusty Casto introduced Nitro Elementary School Principal Michael Pack. Mr. Pack read a history of Ina Thomas which helped explained her lifelong love of reading and education and involvement in the community. He said the plaque will hang in the Nitro Library and will recognize honor readers from Nitro Elementary. RECORDER RITA COX MOVED COUNCIL PASS A PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR RUSTY CASTO IN RECOGNIZING INA THOMAS' CONTRIBUTION TO NITRO. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THE HISTORY OF INA THOMAS BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Mayor Rusty Casto introduced Q. D. Woods of St. Albans who is raising funds for a Rosie the Riveter Statue in St. Albans near the St. Albans City Park. She said that the Today Show will be featuring stories of the Rosie's. She said that since Nitro is a town that came out of war she would like to ask for help in financing the statue. COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED COUNCIL GIVE \$2000 TO HELP FINANCE THE ROSIE THE RIVETER STATUE AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilman Bob Fields said Nitro resident Agnes Smith was a Rosie during World War II.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT ON POLICE FUNDS: City Attorney Richie Robb said he is not prepared to present the report on the police funds.

2012 MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Recorder Rita Cox said the filing dates to be a candidate in the election are March 12 to March 30 in the Recorder's Office in City Hall and all forms are available in City Hall. The election will be held on June 5.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING/MARCH 13-7:30 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS: Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla said there will be a meeting at 7:30 pm, March 13 in Council Chambers with all the firemen, members of Council and the public to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding. COUNCILMAN SAVILLA MOVED FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS BE PAID OVERTIME TO ATTEND THE MEETING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said he would take questions from members of Council.

TREASURER REPORT: COUNCILMAN DAVE CASEBOLT MOVED THE \$8368 PAYMENT FOR STREETSCAPE BE MADE FROM THE HOTEL MOTEL TAX WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. John Young said a budget only meeting will need to be held. COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA MOVED COUNCIL MEET ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15 AT 7:00 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR BUDGET DISCUSSIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER RITA COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCIL COMMENT: COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

Councilman Bill Racer said he thought the Streetscape 09 looks very good.

Councilman Dave Casebolt said the bowling tournament held recently to raise money for Jimmie Lee raised about \$2500.

Councilman Jim McKay said he was speaking out on behalf of the Mardi Gras Casino and in opposition to Mike Stuart and his recent comments about the Racetrack.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Chambers said there had been about 30 people at Friday night bingo, there is to be a Western Dance on the 17th and there is to be an audit of the senior program on April 5.

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER