

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 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, Councilmen at Large Bob Fields, Dave Casebolt and Jim McKay, Ward 3 Councilman Craig Matthews, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Javins, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young. Absent were Ward 1 Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla and Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Andy Shamblin and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bill Javins.

COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL APPROVE THE HIRING OF KELLY PRUETT AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are April 3 and 17 and May 1 and 15.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

REPORT ON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE: Captain Ron King of the Nitro Fire Department presented Council with a written report on the fire that happened March 14 in the Fire Department building. The fire was believed to be electrical. COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THE REPORT BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Mayor Rusty Casto introduced the two new firemen and administered the oath to them. He had Chief Ernie Hedrick present Caleb Jeffries and Jerrod Williams to Council.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Rusty Casto said the Citizen of the Month is former Nitro resident Billy McClanahan who coached Charleston Catholic boys basketball team to a WV Championship.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Councilman Craig Matthews said a meeting was held with almost all of the Fire Department employees and Council members. Except for a few minor changes the Memorandum of Understanding has been worked out and should be ready for the next Council meeting. Councilman Jim McKay thanked Councilman Matthews for his work on this matter.

POLICE FUNDS REPORT: City Attorney Richie Robb said he and Mr. Womble are waiting on a response from the WV Auditor's Office on the police funds. Following that response he will put a report in writing and then get it to Council probably by the middle of April.

NITRO MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Recorder Rita Cox said the election will be held June 5 with early voting being May 23 to June 2 in City Hall. Candidate filing will continue till close of business March 30.

2012-2013 BUDGET: COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL MEET MARCH 27 AT 7:00 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR A BUDGET MEETING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

CVB/NDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIRING: This item was handled at the beginning of the meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said he did not have a formal report but was prepared to address questions from Council.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said he had presented Council with a balance sheet.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Councilman Bill Javins said the boat launch is being used.

Councilman Craig Matthews said there will be a Parks and Recreation meeting in Council Chambers, March 22 at 3:30 pm. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED MAYOR CASTO WRITE A LETTER TO REPUBLICAN STATE DELAGATE PATRICK LANE FROM OUR DISTRICT TO HAVE HIM ADDRESS COUNCIL ON WHETHER HE SUPPORTS MARDI GRAS CASINO OR MIKE STUART. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE LETTER FROM FEMA ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE B-K-C-P REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Schamber said the daffodils were blooming that had been planted along First Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS MOVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER