

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rusty Casto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Attending along 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 Bob Fields and Jim McKay and City Treasurer John Young. Absent were Councilman at Large Dave Casebolt and 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 Bill Racer.

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21 MEETING BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE COUNCILMAN RACER, SAVILLA, JAVINS, MCKAY, FIELDS, AND RECORDER COX. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS ABSTAINED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6 AND MARCH 20 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Rusty Casto introduced Billie Joe McClanahan as April Citizen of the Month. As coach of Charleston Catholic High School boys' basketball team he led the team to the WV State Basketball championship. Billie Joe McClanahan grew up in Nitro and is the son of retired Nitro City Recorder Joan McClanahan and Barry McClanahan.

CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA DISABILITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE: Mayor Casto introduced Gene Defabio of the Disability Awareness Committee who presented Council with a plaque honoring them for the handicapped accessible fishing pier at Ridenour Lake.

SECURITY SYSTEM: Rich Hively presented Council with researched material on putting cameras at recreational facilities in the city. His conclusions were that video surveillance gives the city public safety and crime deterrents but the initial costs and maintenance require a substantial investment. Councilman Savilla said the CVB might help with the cost. COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA MADE THE MOTION THAT THE STUDY OF SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE RIDENOUR LAKE RECREATION AREA BE REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

STREETSCAPE/PHASE 1: Todd Schoolcraft of Baker Engineering said the work of Streetscape on Bank Street had gone over by 34 days due to weather conditions. COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED AN EXTENSION BE GIVEN TO WOLF CREEK TO COMPLETE THE WORK FOR STREETSCAPE ON BANK STREET DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER AND COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS SECONDED THE MOTION. Councilman

Bob Fields mentioned a gap in front of Center Tavern and said he would like to see it fixed before completion. Todd Schoolcraft said that this would be a good time to repave Bank Street because WV Paving will be doing part of it. He said that due to budget issues certain things were being left out and could be considered at this time; benches, trash bins, bike racks. He said Council needs to consider banners and street signs. A. J. Hill said street signs have been ordered. Councilman Matthews said that a current grant for \$3000.00 could be used for some of the items. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE COUNCILMEN BILL RACER, BILL JAVINS, JIM MCKAY AND RECORDER RITA COX. VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION WERE COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA, CRAIG MATTHEWS, AND BOB FIELDS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

2012-2013 BUDGET: Treasurer John Young said that changes had to be made in the final budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year. \$30,000.00 had previously been committed to the Land and Water Conservation Fund and has to be accounted for. He said that \$127,000.00 has been left from the previous budget and is required to be acknowledged.

NITRO FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Councilman Savilla said the Fire Department attorney needs to look over the memorandum of understanding before it is approved. He said the goal is to have it in place by July 1, 2012. He said that in his years in city government this was the first time in his memory that the Nitro Fire Department and the Nitro City Government have been in agreement.

MULCH BIDS/CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND: Recorder Rita Cox said that two bids were received for cypress mulch: Taylor Sports and Recreation for \$11,700.00; Discount Playground Supply for \$17,344.80. Two bids were received for rubber mulch: International Mulch Co. for \$69,632.00; Guardian Outdoor Surfaces for \$44,688.00. RECORDER RITA COX MOVED COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID FROM TAYLOR SPORTS AND RECREATION FOR \$11,700.00 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS MOVED COUNCIL APPROVE \$2000.00 BE TAKEN FROM THE HOTEL MOTEL TAX TO REPAIR SLIDES AT THE POOL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

2012 CITY ELECTION/CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES AND DRAWING FOR BALLOT POSITION: Recorder Rita Cox said she had looked at all the Certificates for Candidacy and petitions submitted and declared them valid. She said the next step is to draw for ballot position. Bob Schamber agreed to draw names. The following positions were drawn: Mayor, Dave Casebolt, Rusty Casto; Recorder, Jim McKay, Rita Cox; Ward 1, Donna Boggs Al Walls; Ward 2, William P. Racer, Cory Fagan; Ward 3, Lorrie Tyler Lane, Hershel Facemyre, Laurie Elkins; Ward 4, Andy Shamblin, Julia Larck; Council at Large, Craig A. Matthews, Brenda Tyler, Shawn Allen Larck, Bill Javins, W. Leonard Womble.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET REVISION: John Young presented Council with budget revisions under revenue increasing state government grants, other grants and increasing hotel occupancy tax. Under expenditures increases

were requested under general government, culture and recreation, health and sanitation, fair associations/festivals, treasurer's office, swimming pools, and city council. Under street and transportation a decrease in the budget was requested. RECORDER RITA COX MOVED COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET REVISION NUMBER THREE FOR THE 2011-2012 BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE RESOLUTION.

2012 POOL RATES: COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED THE POOL AND SHELTER RATES REMAIN THE SAME AS 2011 RATES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Richie Robb was not present.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young presented Council with a copy of the Accounts Payable that are current and said they are to be paid on Thursday.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Councilman Bill Javins said the Paving Committee will meet on Thursday, April 5, at 6:00 pm outside Council Chambers and make a road trip with A. J. Hill to appraise the paving that needs done. COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Craig Matthews said a meeting was held at Ridenour with the designers who will help build the trail. They have already sent drafts of the design. He said the Parks and Recreation Committee are recommending the gazebo at Ridenour be named the Hallie Brooks Smith Gazebo in memory of a young Nitro resident who passed away recently. He said that the CVB donated \$1500.00 to help pay for the Easter Egg hunt and the hunt attracted children from all over the area and was considered a success.

Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla said the Easter Egg hunt was a big success. He thanked everyone who was able to help.

Recorder Rita Cox wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Councilman Bob Fields said the Shawnee Pool will be operated by Dunbar this year. He said the Rosie the Riveters were interviewed recently. He reminded everyone that Nitro had several Rosies.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Schamber said the unclaimed property gathering was a success at the Senior Center.

Ivan Meadows said the Little League would like to have a parade and helmet drive. RECORDER RITA COX MOVED CROSS LANES/NITRO LITTLE LEAGUE BE PERMITTED TO HAVE A PARADE ON MAY 19 AT 10:00 AM BEGINNING ON PICKENS ROAD AND GOING TO NITRO CITY PARK ON RT. 25 AND BE PERMITTED TO HAVE A HELMET DRIVE ON APRIL 21 ON RT. 25 AND 21ST STREET. COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY. Councilman Savilla reminded all that they are to have Nitro Police protection for the activities.

Leonard Womble introduced Kellie Pruett, the CVB Director. She said she had talked with Dick Daughtery, owner of the boat, The Spirit of WV. She is discussing the possibility of boat trips on the Kanawha River in Nitro.

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER