

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 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, Bob Fields, and Jim McKay, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Jim McKay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by WV Delegate Eric Nelson. Delegate Nelson presented maps showing the new redistricting recently approved and how it would affect Nitro.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are May 15, June 19, and the first meeting in June to be announced

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE RECORDER COX, AND COUNCILMEN JAVINS, MATTHEWS, RACER, SAVILLA FIELDS AND MCKAY WITH COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT ABSTAINING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Casto said the May Citizen of the Month would be in attendance at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

GRAND OPENING PLAYGROUND/NITRO PARK: Councilman Craig Matthews said the Children's Playground was up and running ahead of the predicted opening. There will be an official opening on May 5 at 7:00 pm with hotdogs and drinks and at 8:30 pm a free movie. Free popcorn will be available and the Nitro High School football team boosters will sell drinks for \$1.00 each.

SPRING BASS TOURNAMENT: Councilman Bill Javins said there will be food at 5:00 pm on May 4 at the boat launch, weigh ins start at 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 5. Kelly Pruett of the CVB said there will be an Armed Forces Day ceremony on May 12 and a grand opening and ribbon cutting at the gazebo. The events begin at 1:00 pm and ribbon cutting at 1:30. Dewey Mann will be the guest of honor.

2012 ELECTION: Recorder Rita Cox said early voting will begin May 23 through June 2 in City Hall from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and election day is June 5.

NEW BUSINESS

FRIENDS OF RIDENOUR: COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS MOVED THIS ITEM BE TABLED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN A. A. "JOE" SAVILLA. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

DEP MEETING 1:30/MAY 25: Mayor Rusty Casto said the City of Nitro will receive an award on May 25 at 1:30 pm at DEP headquarters in recognition of the boat launch and the voluntary cleanup. Council is invited to attend.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Richie Robb said he met with the WV Auditors representative last week on the Police Benefit Funds and may have the report by the next meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said the city has received a check for \$20,000.00 from the Dept. of Transportation of WV for use on historical elements for the replacement of the Nitro St. Albans bridge. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE \$20,000.00 BE PLACED IN THE FAIRS AND FESTIVAL ACCOUNT UNTIL IT IS USED AS APPROVED BY THE DOT FOR THE NITRO ST. ALBANS BRIDGE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN RACER AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

COUNCIL COMMENT

COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Javins said he had received a letter from David Hight of the WV DEP indicating where the gravel should go as part of the boat launch area. He also said Mr. Hight would work with A. J. Hill when the gravel is added.

Councilman Craig Matthews said he is looking at playground equipment on a website that sells used equipment. He said the CVB has authorized \$5000.00 to be used toward the purchase of the equipment up for sale in Kokomo, IN. He said that he and Rich Hively would drive to Indiana to look at the equipment before purchasing. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED \$5000.00 BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL TO PURCHASE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN KOKOMO, INDIANA WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Matthews said there are three weddings scheduled at the gazebo before the seating will be installed. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE QUANTITY NEEDED OF CHAIRS BE RENTED FROM H AND H RENTAL FOR \$2.50 PER CHAIR FOR THE THREE WEDDINGS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Matthews thanked all the volunteers and public works employees who helped get the Children's Park up and running. He said it seems to be draining well.

COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED THE FIRE CHIEF PRESENT TO COUNCIL A SIX MONTH VACATION LIST AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING TO SEE IF THE PLAN IN PLACE IS WORKING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Councilman Bill Racer asked if plans were being made for the plaque at the gazebo. Councilman Matthews said that the committee is making plans.

Councilman Dave Casebolt thanked Mark Jarrett for the pool preparation and thanked Councilman Bill Javins for the work on the Bass Tournament.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Schamber said the Senior Center had recently had an IRS Audit and the WV and Federal Auditors do not always agree on some things but it was decided that they should go by the WV method.

He said there is to be a senior lunch for mothers and children, a county western dance May 19, and a June 2 trip to Monticello.

Councilman Casebolt said that we should consider a youth night at the pool and a senior night.

Ivan Meadows said May 19 is Community Day for the Cross Lanes Nitro Little League and sponsors are needed for Longaberger and 31 bingo.

John Young said he wanted to congratulate A. J. Hill and Public Works for the gazebo and the work they did. A.J. Hill said the concrete work will be finished on Thursday.

John Montgomery said Ordinance Committee will meet Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 pm in the NDA Boardroom.

A.J. Hill said on May 19 the Nitro High School football team is volunteering to help work in the city.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER

