

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Casebolt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending with Mayor Casebolt were Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilman Al Walls, Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer, Ward 3 Councilwoman Laurie Elkins, Ward 4 Councilman Andy Shamblin, Councilwoman at Large Brenda Tyler, Councilmen at Large Bill Javins and John Montgomery, City Attorney Johnnie Brown and City Treasurer John Young.

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casebolt said the future dates of Council are March 19 and April 2 and 16.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINTUES: RECORDER COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

NITRO –ST. ALBANS BRIDGE DEMOLITION NAME DRAWING: Mayor Casebolt asked Chief Brian Oxley to hold the container with the names submitted by local elementary students and Bob Schamber to draw the names out. Selected were Jessica Taylor, Ava Gunter, Aidan Cook, Bruce Craft, Anna Taylor, Logan Withrow, Brianna Adkins, Elizabeth Rucker, Jordan Murphy, and Angela Berry. Jessica Taylor will help Thomas “Frosty” Walls, a World War II veteran, do the ceremonial detonation of the bridge and the other students will be invited as guests on March 8.

OLD BUSINESS

RECYCLING PRORAM: Mayor Casebolt said the city is starting a recycling program with Public Works. A. J. Hill said boxes will be put at the city garage to handle voluntary recycling. COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED THE VOLUNTARY RECYCLING PROGRAM BE HANDLED THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN AL WALLS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CONVENTION AND VISITROS BUREAU APPOINTMENT: COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED COUNCILMAN BILL RACER BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CVB WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RANK RESTRUCTURING: COUNCILMAN JOHN MONTGOMERY MOVED CHIEF BRIAN OXLEY’S REQUEST FOR RANK RESTRUCTURE IN THE NITRO POLICE DEPARTMENT BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL RACER. Chief Oxley said the rank of Corporal will be eliminated and those eligible will be moved to Sergeant. He said he wanted to create a title for a position called Deputy Chief whose duties and responsibilities will be the second highest rank in the Nitro Police Department and will hold the rank of Major. The person appointed will serve as acting chief when designated by the Chief of Police and other tasks as assigned. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING/ORDINANCE ALLOWING CITY TO USE WV STATE BIDDING PROCESS: Johnnie Brown presented Council with Ordinance 111-02 relating to purchasing procedure as pertains to the WV purchasing bid process. He said that the city is amending the current ordinance and by adding this layer the City of Nitro will be able to make purchases that are part of the WV bid selection. COUNCILMAN AL WALLS MOVED ORDINANCE 111-02 PASS ON FIRST READING WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BRENDA TYLER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PAYMENT OF CERTIFIED POOL OPERATOR TRAINING AND RELATED EXPENSES/RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE PAYMENT OF UP TO THREE PEOPLE FOR \$300 PER PERSON FEE AND TRAVEL COSTS TO ATTEND CERTIFIED POOL OPERATOR TRAINING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER RITA COX. Councilwoman Elkins said the pool is required to have a Certified Pool Operator to remain open. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilwoman Elkins said the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed ways to reduce costs at the pool and alternating the summer concerts with the family movie night. She said that the movie night would be used as a chance for organizations to sell concessions as a fund raising opportunity. COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18 MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE BE ADDED TO THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CVB REPORT: Councilman Bill Javins said the CVB met on March 4 and discussed putting in RV camping with the NDA at Ridenour Lake. He said the NDA and CVB executive officers will have a monthly telephone conference with the director of the CVB and NDA. COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5 MEETING OF THE CVB BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ANDY SHAMBLIN AND COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY. Councilman Javins said the Easter egg hunt at Nitro Park will be at 1:00 pm on March 22 and there is a bass tournament on April 19 and 20.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown said he would hold open meeting training on March 19 at 6:30 prior to the Council meeting. He also wants to do training on employment law and said it needs to be done on a regular basis.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said the roof on the over the bay at the fire department is leaking onto equipment and needs to be replaced. He said that the kitchen is in bad shape and it will take approximately \$4000 to repair. He said the Fire Association has agreed to pay \$2000 of the needed work and items. Recorder Rita Cox asked if the roof could be declared an emergency and Johnnie Brown recommended that the city follow the bid process. John Young said that Chief Brian Oxley has gotten a \$20,000 reimbursement for overtime for police officers from Kanawha County.

MAYOR COMMENT: Mayor Casebolt said the Telephone Selection Committee will start hearing proposals for a new phone system beginning March 12 and it will last for several weeks. He said that Chief Oxley has become the first in WV to acquire a Smart Phone App for the Nitro Police Department. The cost is \$400 per year and will be paid out of drug seizure money. He said there is a meeting on Thursday about the new website. Chief Brian Oxley demonstrated the new Smart Phone App.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Councilman John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will meet on Thursday, March 7 at 2:00 pm in NDA Boardroom to study the ordinance on vacant buildings.

Councilwoman Laurie Elkins said the health and wellness group will meet at 4:30 on Thursday at Diehl's Restaurant to discuss ideas such as a charity walk/run and other projects.

Councilman Andy Shamblin said the NDA will meet at 7:00 pm, March 12 in the NDA Boardroom.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Schamber said the seniors want to partner with the city on events to have activities in the Senior Center while other events are going on around town.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER