

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilwoman Brenda Tyler gave the Invocation and Bob Schamber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dave Casebolt said the future dates of Council are June 4 and 18 and July 2 and 16.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7 MEETING OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. Councilman John Montgomery asked that the word municipal be substituted for the word super in reference to a municipal sales tax for funding projects through the Home Rule Program currently being considered. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FINDINGS: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE FINDINGS OF THE EMPLOYEE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 14, 2013 CONCERNING CITY OF NITRO EMPLOYEE IVAN MEADOWS BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

HOME RULE COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilman John Montgomery said the committee met the previous week with WV House of Delegates Representatives Eric Nelson and Doug Skaff. The committee is going to turn next to the WV Municipal League who will have an informational program in August on Home Rule.

SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEE MANUAL CORRECTION: COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED THE SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEE MANUAL BE CORRECTED TO STATE THAT TIME CARDS FOR POOL EMPLOYEES BE TURNED IN WEEKLY WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Mayor Dave Casebolt said he is in the process of meeting with representatives of schools and youth organizations in the Nitro area to form a fund raising program to take the place of the multitude of fund raisers and solicitations that school and athletic groups are involved in. The next meeting is at 6:00 pm May 30 in Council Chambers. Councilman John Montgomery asked what the role will be of the City of Nitro. Mayor Casebolt said that the city may pay a salary for the first year of the organizer/fund raiser. After the first year, it should be self-supporting

and he anticipates the amount raised could be \$500,000 to \$600,000 a year. Councilwoman Brenda Tyler said she was concerned that if a raffle is involved it may cause some groups not to participate.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR MATCHING FUND GRANT FOR LITTER CONTROL: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED COUNCIL PASS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NITRO TO APPLY FOR A MATCHING FUND GRANT FROM THE WV DEP FOR LITTER CONTROL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY. Recorder Rita Cox said this was a continuation of the Litter Control Grants from the WV DEP that Councilman Craig Matthews had initiated during his time on Council and had enable the City to purchase the garbage cans placed around town.

SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION AND REABILITATION FOR ADA COMPLIANCY/WARD INFORMATION: Mayor Dave Casebolt asked members of Council to turn into him a list of sidewalks that need reconstructed or rehabilitated to be made ADA compliant. He said he would like the information within a few weeks.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilwoman Laurie Elkins said that a walk-through had been completed at the Nitro Pool and nearly everything was ready for the opening day. She said that a hood needs to be installed in the concession stand when it arrives and a few tiles need to be put in place in the ceiling. She said the committee voted to allow soft sided coolers to be allowed and rules will be posted concerning the penalty for being under the influence of alcohol.

INVITATION TO BID LIFT CHAIR FOR POOL: COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED THE CITY PUBLISH AN INVITATION TO BID FOR AN ADA COMPLIANT LIFT CHAIR AT THE NITRO POOL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

FOOD SERVICE FOR POOL CONCESSION/SELECTION OF VENDOR: Councilwoman Laurie Elkins said food prices were solicited from the following companies for the concession stand at the pool: Buzz, Sams, U. S. Foods. She said that Buzz was considered too expensive and U. S. Foods was offering a Gatorade rebate and delivery. She said the fact that they deliver was an advantage. COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED U. S. FOODS BE SELECTED AS THE VENDOR FOR THE NITRO POOL CONCESSIONS WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

EXTENDING POOL SEASON: Councilwoman Laurie Elkins said the Parks and Recreation Committee and pool employees have discussed keeping the pool open until Labor Day on weekends only after August 4 and continue with rentals through the week. She said this may cause an increase in salaries that will be needed. COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED THE POOL BE LEFT OPEN ON WEEKENDS AFTER AUGUST 4 UNTIL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 2, WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION. Councilwoman Laurie Elkins said the stall doors have been ordered for all the bathrooms throughout the Parks and will be installed when they arrive. COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16 AND MAY 9 MEETINGS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PAVILLION ROOF REPAIRS: COUNCILMAN AL WALLS MOVED BIDS BE SOLICITED FOR THE PAVILLION ROOF AT THE NITRO PARK AND A COMMITTEE OF MAYOR CASEBOLT, RECORDER COX, AND TREASURER YOUNG SELECT THE LOWEST BID TO PROCEED WITH THE WORK ON THE ROOF. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown said he was working on several items and would have them for the next meeting of Council.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young presented Council with financial reports. COUNCILMAN JOHN MONTGOMERY MOVED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS. THE VOTE OF COUNCIL WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Dave Casebolt said the Army Corps of Engineers has presented the pros and cons for the backwater study on Dupont Avenue. There is to be a meeting May 23 at 10:00 am to talk about the riverfront park area with the Army Corps of Engineers. He said he attended a meeting at Rock Branch Elementary held by the Department of Highways to discuss widening Interstate 64 from Nitro to Teays Valley which will involve a wider bridge across the Kanawha River.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Laurie Elkins said there is a party on the last day of school at the Nitro Pool followed by a movie sponsored by FourStar Video.

Councilwoman Rita Cox said there is to be a walk through at the Clendenin Building tomorrow at 9:00 am.

Councilman Bill Javins said he was disappointed by the lack of people at the Armed Forces Day event.

Councilwoman Brenda Tyler said there have been people driving on the walking track at the park, leaving ruts. Also the new sidewalk at the senior ballfield needs to be finished.

Councilman John Montgomery said the Ordinance Committee will not meet this week. He said Johnnie Brown is looking over the annexation information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Chambers said he was impressed with the chairs at Ridenour Park. He also thought it was a sorry turnout for the event that was held. He said that the bingo is not doing as well so the Seniors will not take a trip in the fall.

Tifney Franks asked John Young about the CVB status with the IRS.

ADJOURNMENT: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN AL WALLS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER