

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 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 Treasurer John Young and City Attorney Johnnie Brown.

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casebolt said the future dates of Council are July 2 and 16 and August 6 and 20.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE MAY 21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL BE TABLED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

BAKER ENGINEERING/STANDARD CLIENT AGREEMENT: Mayor Casebolt called on Laura Cox of Baker Engineering to explain the standard client agreement that is being proposed for the city to enter into. She said that this agreement would enable the city to call on Baker Engineering to do other jobs, it will spell out hourly rates and be more economical for the city. She said that it does not allow Baker to bill the city for anything that they do not do. Each project would be assigned a task number and by entering into this agreement the City of Nitro is not excluded from entering into a project with another engineering firm. She said that the City of Winfield has a standard client agreement with Baker. Mayor Casebolt pointed out that the city has an agreement with Baker that allows anything done under the Streetscape Masterplan to be done by Baker Engineering. Mayor Casebolt directed City Attorney Johnnie Brown to study the standard client agreement and report back to Council.

NITRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIGN: Nitro Elementary parent Steve Boggs said he is a part of the group trying to fund a new sign at Nitro Elementary on 19th Street and Second Avenue. He has met with Ron King and A. J. Hill and was told that the school could not put the sign where the old one was and that possibly Council could give him permission to do so. He said the new sign was larger but would not come nearer to Second Avenue so it will not block the view. The sign needs to be ordered soon so that it can be in place for the beginning of the school year in August. COUNCILMAN AL WALLS MOVED CITY ATTORNEY JOHNNIE BROWN RESEARCH AND DETERMINE THE LEGALITY AND IF PERMISSIBLE THE GROUP BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO PROCEED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RECORDER RITA COX AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

DONATION OF DUPONT AVENUE PROPERTY BY SAM SIMPSON TO THE CITY: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE CITY OF NITRO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT AND DEED OF LOTS 14 THROUGH 20 ON 700 BLOCK OF DUPONT AVNUE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

PAVILION ROOF BIDS: Mayor Dave Casebolt said the Committee appointed by Council had considered the bids offered to redo the roof of the pavilion at Nitro City Park and had chosen Lowes which was \$3300 less a five percent discount.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY CLENDENIN BUILDING: Mayor Dave Casebolt said the Committee had met recently to walk through and discuss the potential for the building donated by the Clendenin family on 20th Street next to the Nitro Fire Department. After much discussion the group decided to advertise the building for lease or sale. COUNCILMAN AL WALLS MOVED THE BUILDING DONATED BY CARL AND COOKIE CLENDENIN BE ADVERTISED FOR LEASE OR SALE WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL RACER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION/RENEE GRAVES: COUNCILMAN AL WALLS MOVED THAT NITRO RESIDENT RENEE GRAVES BE APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL RACER. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT.

ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR SHELTERS 1, 2 AND 3: COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED THE ROOFS FOR THREE SHELTERS, NUMBERS 1, 2 AND 3 AT RIDENOUR LAKE BE REPLACED BY LOWES AT A TOTAL COST OF \$2803.88 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ANDY SHAMBLIN. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilman Andy Shamblin said the Police and Fire Committee is progressing on the work that is being done on the Nitro Fire Department Rules and Regulations. He said he anticipated having it ready for the first meeting in July. He said he had an appointment to the Committee for the next meeting of Council.

NDA REPORT: COUNCILMAN ANDY SHAMBLIN MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9 AND MAY 14 MEETING OF THE NDA BE MADE A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT: Councilwoman Laurie Elkins said the next meeting of the committee will be at 4:00 pm Friday, June 7 in Council Chambers and she introduced Chris Moran who presented Council with a plan to have non-motorized boats such as canoes, john boats, and smooth water kayaks on Ridenour Lake. He said that smooth water kayaks enable you to stand and fish from the boat. He said no type of motor will be permitted. Mayor Casebolt said the CVB had approved \$1500 to purchase one kayak and one canoe for rental use on Ridenour Lake. Chris Moran said he envisioned the lake being used for this type of boat and a portion of income generated to put the boat in would be used for upkeep and improvements. Mayor Casebolt said because of the covenants on the lake it was necessary to go to the WV Legislature to get permission to use boats on the lake and this has been accomplished. Jamie Johnson presented Council with a plan to have a 3D target archery range at Ridenour Lake in the spillway area. He said that special permission is needed to put something on the spillway. Because there is to be a youth range Cabelas will donate targets. COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS MOVED CONSIDERATION FOR THE BOATING AND 3D ARCHERY RANGE BE MOVED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

Mayor Dave Casebolt presented Chris Moran with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on Ridenour Lake and his interest in making improvements in that area.

BUDGET REVISION: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED COUNCIL APPROVE THE BUDGET REVISION MADE NECESSARY FOR END OF YEAR ADJUSTMENTS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JOHN MONTGOMERY. John Young said the landfill budget is under budget by \$50,000. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown said Mary Beth Burt and Teresa Kirk will soon be doing ethics training with city employees and elected officials.

TREASURER REPORT: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED COUNCIL ACCEPT THE TREASURER REPORT WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN LAURIE ELKINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt listed some of the accomplishments at Ridenour Lake: dog park with the fencing to be installed next week, stocking agreement with the DNR, handicapped accessible dock, grant to pave parking lot, bass tournament, bait shop, trails grant and two new fishing docks to be installed, new gazebo and seating, new employee to help keep up maintenance, improvements to shelter 4 and a possible solution to the sediment in the lake.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Andy Shamblin thanked all the people that are working to improve Ridenour Lake.

Councilman Bill Racer said he was encouraged to see improvements at Ridenour Lake.

Recorder Rita Cox said that she was pleased to see Ridenour Lake improvements and the involvement of young residents to help make the city better.

Councilwoman Brenda Tyler said she was happy about the interest in Ridenour Lake. She said that Nitro resident and Fire Department Civil Service Commissioner Larry Kalmerten had passed away.

Councilman John Montgomery said the state bidding amount has been changed to \$25,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Schamber said the recent celebration for the Seniors had been a success. The Senior picnic will be Friday at Ridenour Lake.

Tifney Frank asked about the tax exempt status of the CVB.

ADJOURNMENT: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT AND COUNCILMAN AL WALLS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER