

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Dave Casebolt and the following were in attendance for the meeting: Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilwoman Donna Boggs, Ward 2 Councilwoman Cynthia McGill, Ward 3 Councilman Joe Murphy, Ward 4 Councilman Michael Hill, Councilwoman at Large Emily Barr, Councilmen at Large Bill Javins and Andy Shamblin, City Attorney Johnnie Brown and City Treasurer John Young.

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casebolt said the future dates of Council are December 21, and January 4 and 18.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SWEARING IN POLICE OFFICER OLIVER LOPEZ: Mayor Casebolt administered the Oath for new Nitro Police Officer Oliver Lopez. Mayor Casebolt, members of Council, and Police Chief Chris Fleming welcomed him and his family as a Nitro Police Officer.

RECOGNITION OF NITRO WILDCATS C TEAM: Councilman Murphy recognized the players and coaches of the Nitro Youth Football C Team and their recent achievements.

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN BIDS FOR MAKING AND INSTALLING WELCOME SIGN AT 4108 FIRST AVENUE NEAR MCDONALDS: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM CITY NEON OF MORGANTOWN FOR \$51,162.02 TO MANUFACTURE AND INSTALL A WELCOME SIGN ON ROUTE 25 NEAR MCDONALDS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HILL. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR RADIO PURCHASE FOR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS THROUGH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS: COUNCLMAN MURPHY MADE THE MOTION TO REFER THE ITEM TO THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE ALONG WITH THE REQUEST FOR MANPOWER THROUGH A SAFER GRANT, THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HILL AND THE MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

REQUEST FOR MANPOWER THROUGH A SAFER GRANT: SEE PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEM REFERRING THE MATTER TO POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE.

EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES EXECUTIVE SESSION: COUNCILMAN SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BARR. VOTE WAS FOR THE MOTION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS: 7:35 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS: 7:55 PM

RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO REQUEST THAT CITY ATTORNEY JOHNNIE BROWN PROCEED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES EXCEPTING POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BARR AND A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown did not have a report to present but was prepared to take questions from Council members.

TREASURER REPORT: COUNCILWOMAN BARR MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS FROM THE TREASURER WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER COX. THE MOTION PASSED.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt said the Nitro Food Pantry will distribute Christmas food baskets on Friday, December 17 at St. Paul's Methodist Church on 20th Street.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: There were no Council comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER