

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Dave Casebolt with the following in attendance: Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilwoman Cynthia Rice, Ward 2 Councilwoman Donna Boggs, 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 Boggs.

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 MEETING OF COUNCIL. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS. THE MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Casebolt administered the oath of service to new Nitro Police Officer Anthony Creighton.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TRANSFERRING 2207 1ST AVENUE PROPERTY (FORMERLY ANTIQUES ON THE AVENUE) TO NITRO LAND REUSE AUTHORITY: RECORDER RITA COX MADE THE MOTION TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOW AS ANTIQUES ON THE AVENUE, 2207 1ST AVENUE, TO THE NITRO LAND REUSE AUTHORITY (LRA). THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT BY WAY OF RESOLUTION. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HILL AND A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION. Mayor Casebolt said he feels this is an excellent program and he is pleased that it is being continued. He said Officer Ray Blake does a great job in the schools.

ANNUAL REPORT FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND: COUNCILMAN ANDY SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT AND MAKE PART OF THE MINUTES THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND. THE SECOND WAS BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. THE MOTON CARRIED.

ANNUAL REPORT POLICE PENSION FUND: COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT AND MAKE PART OF THE MINUTES THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE PENSION FUND AS PRESENTED BY TREASURER JOHN YOUNG. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO PURCHASE OFFICE FURNITURE TO ORGANIZE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FILES: A. J. Shinn presented Council with a request to purchase furniture for the organization of the numerous Building Department files, maps, plats, and information that has been accumulated and is necessary to keep. He said that he the plan is to purchase items that are on the WV bid sheet. Johnnie Brown advised that he should get quotes from other sources and present that also to Council. A. J. Shinn committed to do that at the next meeting of Council.

NITRO MUNICIPAL COURT REQUEST FOR IRREGULAR PART TIME HELPER: John Young said that Municipal Court Clerk Amy Fulks has requested a part time helper in scanning, sorting, and boxing old court documents. He said the position will last until June 30, 2021 at \$10.00 an hour for no more than 16 hours a week. COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO PERMIT THE HIRING OF KELSI GLOVER AS AN IRREGULAR PART TIME HELPER AT \$10.00 AN HOUR FOR NO MORE THAN 16 HOURS A WEEK LASTING UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR AND COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: COUNCILMAN SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOITON TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM TREASURER JOHN YOUNG. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR AND A VOTE FOR THE MOTION FROM COUNCIL.

ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Johnnie Brown did not have a report to present.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Dave Casebolt thanked all employees for their cooperation during the pandemic and wanted to remind everyone that it is still ongoing and everyone needs to be cautious.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilwoman Cynthia Rice said that the striping indicating the lanes needs to be redone on the pavement on Plant Road approaching the traffic light and railroad crossing. She said the directional turn arrows and lane arrows are no longer visible and this presents a problem to drivers. Mayor Casebolt said he would direct Jim Caudill to fix the problem.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: CVB Director Joe Stevens said he is working on a promotional video for city restaurants and will have more information at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND THE SECOND WAS BY COUNCILMAN MURPHY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER