

NITRO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Casebolt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Nitro Church of Christ with the following present: Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilwoman Donna Boggs, Ward 2 Councilwoman Cynthia Rice, Ward 3 Councilman Joe Murphy, Ward 4 Councilman Michael Hill, Councilmen at Large Bill Javins and Andy Shamblin, City Attorney Johnnie Brown, and City Treasurer John Young. Councilwoman at Large Emily Barr was absent.

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

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2021 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS AND THE MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST TO PURCHASE OFFICE FURNITURE TO ORGANIZE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FILES: Mayor Casebolt said A. J. Shinn was not able to attend the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE: RECORDER RITA COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE AND MAKE IT A PART OF COUNCIL MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL. Mayor Casebolt said the structure of the Code Enforcement and Building Department in the absence of Jonathan Atkins will be the following: A. J. Shinn- Commercial Building Inspector and Fire Inspector; Mark Newcome-Permitting Technician and Compliance Officer; Jamie Wright-Residential Building Inspector; and Kim Reed-Zoning Official. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE: COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BOGGS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. Councilwoman Boggs said that by having a schedule to address the work that needs to be done will help prevent some areas from being overlooked and not maintained. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE FEMA B.R.I.C. GRANT PROGRAM: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE FEMA B.R.I.C. GRANT PROGRAM WITH A SECOND TO THE MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS. Laura Cox told Council that the resolution is to indicate the city support for a \$532,800.00 emergency generator for the Nitro Sanitary Board and does not obligate the city monetarily. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE 26 FT. INTERNATIONAL DIESEL TRUCK WITH LIFT GATE FOR \$13,000 FOR FOOD PANTRY AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mayor Casebolt said that after having the city mechanic look at the truck the proposal to purchase is being withdrawn.

BUDGET REVISION AND RESOLUTION: COUNCILMAN SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HILL. VOTE WAS FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER REPORT. COUNCILMAN HILL MADE A SECOND TO THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown did not have a report to present. He indicated he would take questions from Council.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt said the Streetscape is progressing. He said that the Nitro Little League has agreed to the plans for the ball fields and that putting turf and working on drainage will be put out for bids soon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Recorder Rita Cox said that February 2 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Armetha Michaels and Mayor Casebolt will recognize that day as Armetha Michaels Day in Nitro.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Stevens said the Get It To Go project that is sponsored by the CVB is in moving along. He said the objective is to encourage people to support local food businesses.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN MURPHY MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HILL. THE MOTION PASSED.

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DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

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RITA COX, RECORDER