

August 5, 1942.

The Council of the City of Nitro met on the 5th day of August 1942, to continue unfinished business of meeting recessed on the 23rd day of July, 1942, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and  
Henry Pauley; L. O. Grass; Frank Keener, members of council of  
said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the Appalachian Electric Power Company be requested to set a pole at 23rd Street, Third Avenue and move light from adjacent pole west of 24th Street to pole at 23rd Street; also install light at 5th Street, Third Avenue; also install light at 22nd Street, Second Avenue opposite Dr. Dunlaps residence; also set new pole at East end of bridge on 40th Street and install light light and move light 100 feet East and install light near the corporate line, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

*Grass*

Councilman entered motion that property owner of property on 23rd Street, Second Avenue, N. be advised to trim the shrubery or cut it down so that hazard to traffic be eliminated, motion seconded by councilman Pauley and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before Council in connection with this meeting recessed from July 23rd a motion for adjournment carried. Meeting adjourned.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

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**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,**

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,

CITY OF NITRO,

To-wit:

At a regular session of the council of the City of Nitro, Kanawha and Putnam Counties, held in the council chambers thereof, in the City Building on Wednesday, the 5th day of August, 1942, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; Henry Pauley; L. O. Grass, members of council of said city.

In accordance with Section 14, Article 8, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, Second Extraordinary Session, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, to cover all municipal debts and liabilities payable during the said year, including probable expenditures for municipal purposes, and proper allowances for delinquent taxes, expenses of collections and contingencies; but deducting therefrom the money in the city treasury applicable to said purposes during the year and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be raised as follows:

**CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES**

**ESTIMATE**

(1) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectable from every source during the fiscal year, except from the levy of taxes to be made for the year.

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

Balance in hands of city treasurer	\$ 77.69
Redemption and sale of delinquent lands	25.00
Taxes uncollected	1,353.50
General licenses	735.75
Building and other permits	125.00
Capitations	300.00
Fees	25.00
Amusement taxes	600.00
Police Court Fines and Costs	1,150.00
Revenue-State Liquor Commission	2,600.00
Civic Benefits Association-Fire Protection	14,341.97
Miscellaneous	<u>100.09</u>
Total estimated receipts	\$ 21,434.00

# ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

All expenditures to be paid out of receipts of the municipality for the current year with proper allowance for delinquent taxes, exonerations, and contingencies.

Salary of Mayor	\$ 1.00
Salary of Recorder	900.00
Salary of Treasurer	420.00
Salary of City Attorney	150.00
Salaries of Chief and 1 Police	3,300.00
General expense of Police Department	900.00
Salaries of Chief and 3 Firemen	6,360.00
General expenses Fire Department	454.00
Janitors' compensation and supplies	25.00
Expenses keeping and feeding prisoners	5.00
Repairs to City Building and Jail	15.00
Stationery, office supplies and equipment	75.00
Postage	20.00
Water-fire protection, streets and sewers	6,000.00
Water-other purposes	68.35
Light for street lighting	1,283.00
Light-other purposes	164.85
Fuel	148.40
Ice	15.00
Telephone and telegraph	147.85
Advertising and legal publications	100.00
Premiums on officials bonds	52.50
Municipal Dues	30.00
Expenses-aid to poor	50.00
New Equipment-Street Department	15.00
Maintenance of streets and alleys	1,324.70
Purchase of lot for City Building	600.00
Construction of new streets, sidewalks, sewers	100.00
Workmen's compensation premiums	69.35
Audit by Tax Commissioner	75.00
Police Court Trial Fees	325.00
Contingent expenses	450.00
Delinquent taxes and discount	1,000.00
Total Current Expenses	\$ 24,644.00
Amount to be paid from current levy	\$ 24,644.00
Less estimated receipts brought forward	\$ 21,434.00
Amount to be raised by levy	\$ 3,210.00

And the council doth determine and estimate that it will be necessary to raise by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for current regular municipal purposes the amount of \$3,210.00, and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Nine and a half cent ( 9.5¢ ) on Class No. 1 property,  
 Nineteen cents ( 19¢ ) on Class No. 2 property,  
 Thirty-eight cents ( 38¢ ) on Class No. 4 property,

For the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Authorized Rates	Proposed Taxes Levied Rates (Whole Dollars)		
NUMBER 1					
Personal Property	\$ 57,883.	9.5¢	9.5¢	\$	
Public Utility Prop.	100,800.	9.5¢	9.5¢		
Total Class No. 1	\$ 158,683.			\$	14.
NUMBER 2					
Real Estate	\$ 367,350.	19¢	19¢	\$	698.
NUMBER 4					
Real Estate	\$ 340,070	38¢	38¢	\$	
Personal Property	\$ 148,170.	38¢	38¢	\$	
Public Utility Prop.	\$ 169,200.	38¢	38¢	\$	
Total Class No.4	\$ 657,440.			\$	2,498.
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY	\$1,183,473.			\$	3,210.

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# MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES-INTEREST AND SINKING FUND

## ESTIMATE

The Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for interest, sinking fund and amortization requirements of bonded indebtedness, legally incurred by a vote of the people as provided by law, since the adoption of the tax limitation amendment, owing by said municipality, as follows:

BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932.

Date of Vote Authorizing Issue	Original Amount of Issue	Amount of Bonds Outstanding	Amount Required for		
			Sinking Fund	Interest	Total
10/20/38	\$16,000.	\$14,500.	\$500.	\$400.	\$900.
Totals	\$16,000.	\$14,500.	\$500.	\$400.	\$900.
Delinquent Taxes and Exonerations Estimated at 10%					\$ 90.

Total Amount to be raised by a Levy of Taxes \$990.  
and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed  
to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of  
property, viz:

## AUTHORIZED RATES

Three cents ( 3¢) on Class No. 1 property,

Six cents ( 6¢) on Class No. 2 property,

Twelve cents ( 12¢) on Class No. 4 property,  
for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment there-  
in as follows:



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CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
NUMBER 1			
Personal Property	\$ 57,883.	3¢	\$
Public Utility Property	\$ 100,800.	3¢	\$
Total Class No. 1	\$ 158,683.		\$ 5.
NUMBER 2			
Real Estate	\$ 367,350.	6¢	\$ 220.
NUMBER 4			
Real Estate	\$ 340,070.	12¢	\$
Personal Property	\$ 148,170.	12¢	\$
Public Utility Property	\$ 169,200.	12¢	\$
Total Class No. 4	\$ 657,440.		\$ 789.
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY	\$1,183,473.		\$ 1,014.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
CITY OF NITRO, TO-WIT:

I, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, in and for the municipality aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 5th day of August, 1942.

Given under my hand this 5th day of August, 1942.

  
RECORDER.

August 28, 1942.

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 28th day of August, 1942, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Henry Pauley; L. F. Erwin; Frank Keener, members of council of said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called on Recorder to read to Council minutes of regular session held on the 23rd day of July, meeting being recessed until August 5th 1942, there being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

The Treasurer read to Council financial statements of city for the month of July, 1942, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Recorder read to Council the Levy Estimate made up on August 5th, 1942.

The Treasurer reported to Council of checks received from the Putnam County Sheriff, 1 check for current expenditures and one check for municipal bonds.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the check for municipal bonds be entered in receipts of the Street Improvement Fund, and that a check to amount of \$700.00 be drawn on the Street Improvement Fund and made payable to the State Sinking Fund Commission in payment of arrears in said fund, motion seconded by councilman Pauley and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read letter to Council signed by Russell W. Casto, Postmaster, in regard to mail delivery service to be put into effect in the city and giving location of collection boxes, the letter reads as follows:

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

Second Class

Nitro, W. Va.

August 19, 1942.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council  
Nitro, W. Va.

Gentlemen:-

On October 1 1942, mail delivery service will be put into effect in this City. Collection boxes for mail matter will be located as follows:

Collection Box - Center Street and First Avenue  
Collection and relay box-Second Avenue and 31st Street  
Collection box - 21st and Bank Streets  
Collection box - 21st Street near Blakes Creek

Collection box and relay box - 15th Street and Second Ave.  
Collection box - 8th Street at Second Avenue.

Permission is hereby requested to erect these boxes at the above mentioned locations in the City of Nitro, West Virginia.

Respectfully yours,

Russell W. Casto  
Postmaster.

Councilman Pauley entered motion that location of collection boxes be approved and accepted, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that the City pay for First Aid Kits and also installation of phones, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended that premium on bond of E. S. Thompson be approved by Council.

Councilman Pauley entered motion that premium be paid to amount of \$17.50, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that E. S. Thompson be allowed \$7.50 for extra services, this amount to be applied to premium on bond, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman offered to Council the following named persons to act as a Planning Commission: J. C. Jordon; J. C. Pickens; R. O. Zerbe; H. M. Drake; G. C. Alderson.

Councilman Pauley entered motion that the Planning Commission be approved and accepted in the order named, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that the salaries of the 3 firemen of the fire department and salary of the patrolman of the police department be increased \$15.00 per month, effective as of July 1, 1942, and that the Fire Chief be reduced \$5.00 per month.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the foregoing recommendation by Mayor Chapman be approved and accepted, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the Fire Chief be allowed \$5.00 per month for gasoline, motion seconded by councilman Pauley and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that the rates for labor be increased from 44¢ per hour to 52¢ per hour for common labor, and from 52¢ per hour to 60¢ per hour for semi-skilled labor.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that recommendation be approved and accepted, motion seconded by councilman Pauley and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Recorder read to Council approval of the Tax Commissioner of Levy Estimate.

Recorder read to Council the Levy Order which is as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,

CITY OF NITRO,

To-wit:

At a special session of the council of Nitro, Nitro, West Virginia, in Kanawha and Putnam Counties, held in the council chamber thereof on Friday, the 28th day of August, 1942; Present

Lloyd M. Chapman , Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and

Henry Pauley; Frank Keener; L. F. Erwin, members of council of said Municipality.

#### CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL LEVY

#### ORDER

The council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for regular municipal purposes in the municipality of Nitro, in Kanawha and Putnam Counties will be \$3,210. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 5th day of August, 1942; and said estimate having been published as required by law, and no one appearing to oppose the same or to take exception thereto, and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefor ordered that the said estimate and the rates of levy proposed therein, be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Nine and a half cent ( 9.5) on Class No. 1 property,  
Nineteen cents( 19¢) on Class No. 2.property,  
Thirty eight cents( 38¢) on Class No. 4 property,

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	ASSESSED VALUATION	TOTAL RATE OF LEVY	TAXES LEVIED (WHOLE DOLLARS)
NUMBER 1			
Personal Property	\$ 57,883.	9.5¢	\$
Public Utility Property	\$ 100,800.	9.5¢	\$
Total Class No. 1	\$ 158,683.		\$ 14.
NUMBER 2			
Real Estate	\$ 367,350.	19¢	\$ 698.
NUMBER 4			
Real Estate	\$ 340,070.	38¢	\$
Personal Property	\$ 148,170.	38¢	\$

Public Utility Property	\$ 169,200.	38¢	\$
Total Class No. 4	<u>\$ 657,440.</u>		<u>\$ 2,498.</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY	<u>\$ 1,183,473.</u>		<u>\$ 3,210.</u>

# MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES-INTEREST AND SINKING ORDER

BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

The council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year to pay the interest on and provide a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal of a bond issue of \$16,000. for Street Improvements, in the municipality of Nitro, Kanawha and Putnam Counties, authorized by a vote on the 20th day of October, 1938, will be \$990. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 5th day of August, 1942, and said estimate having been published as required by law and no one appearing to oppose the same or take exceptions thereto and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is, therefor ordered that said estimate and the rates of levies proposed therein be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

## AUTHORIZED RATES

Three cents ( 3¢ ) on Class No. 1 property,  
Six cents ( 6¢ ) on Class No. 2 property,  
Twelve cents ( 12¢ ) on Class No. 4 property,  
for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
<b>NUMBER 1</b>			
Personal property	\$ 57,883.	3¢	\$
Public Utility Property	<u>\$ 100,800.</u>	3¢	<u>\$</u>
Total Class No. 1	<u>\$ 158,683.</u>		<u>\$ 5.</u>
<b>NUMBER 2</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 367,350.	6¢	\$ 220.
<b>NUMBER 4</b>			
Real Estate	\$ 340,070.	12¢	\$
Personal Property	<u>\$ 148,170.</u>	12¢	<u>\$</u>
Public Utility Property	<u>\$ 169,200.</u>	12¢	<u>\$</u>
Total Class No. 4	<u>\$ 657,440.</u>		<u>\$ 789.</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY	<u>\$ 1,183,473.</u>		<u>\$ 1,014.</u>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
CITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

I, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, in and for the municipality aforesaid,  
do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record

of orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 28th day of August, 1942.

Given under my hand this 28th day of August, 1942.

T. A. Lewis  
RECORDER.

After the reading of the Levy Order the Council proceeded to sign same.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried. Meeting adjourned.

Lloyd M. Chapman  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor  
T. A. Lewis  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

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September 16, 1942. Cont'd.

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Council was declared carried.

The Resolution reads as follows: (See Page 11)

NOTE. The above is a continuation of minutes on Page 11.

September 16, 1942.

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At the regular session of the Council of the City of Nitro, Nitro, West Virginia, held on the 16th day of September, 1942, there were present: Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; Hugh Draper, members of Council of said city; also present Chas. W. Caldwell, City Attorney.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chapman who called for Recorder to read minutes of regular session of Council held on the 28th day of August, 1942. There being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read. Treasurer read financial statements of City for month of August, 1942.

Attorney Caldwell read Resolution in regard to street improvements on 19th Street from 1st Ave to 2nd Ave; 36th Street from 1st Ave to 2nd Ave; also read the estimated assessments due from property owners of abutting property on the aforementioned streets.

\* Councilman Keener entered motion that the Resolution be accepted and adopted, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by \*6

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSING AGAINST ABUTTING PROPERTY AND THE OWNERS THEREOF PART OF THE COSTS OF PAVING AND OTHERWISE PERMANENTLY IMPROVING PARTS OF 36TH STREET AND 19TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA.

WHEREAS, for the paving and otherwise permanently improving of streets in the City of Nitro all funds available to the City for the paving and such other permanent improvements from the proceeds of any bond issues had been exhausted by the use of said funds for the purposes for which said bond issues were authorized and made, and

WHEREAS, Petitions in writing of persons owning the greater frontage abutting on both sides of the streets hereinafter mentioned between the respective intersections hereinafter mentioned had been received, filed, accepted and approved by this Council for the grading, paving, curbing, guttering and otherwise improving said streets as shown on the Engineer's report hereinafter set forth, and

WHEREAS, at regular meetings of this Council held on September 17, 1940 and April 23, 1942, the said Council by a lawful majority of all elected members, and by unanimous action in each instance of all of those present at said meetings, adopted ordinances for the permanent improvement of certain streets and avenues of said City of Nitro, including 19th and 36th Streets, and providing for the assessment of abutting property and the owners thereof.

WHEREAS, Plans, specifications and estimates of said improvements were made by the City Engineer and approved by the Works Projects Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, the particular section number of the Works Projects Administration being listed and set forth with the streets hereinafter listed and set forth, and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the passage of said Ordinances and prior to any work being done on or under any of said improvements, and before any expense was incurred or any contract for materials entered into to be used in the improvements, there was entered into between the City of Nitro and Nathan S. Poffenbarger, and between Houston G. Young and Harry Moore, doing business as Young and Moore Company, bona fide and binding agreements between the City of Nitro and said individuals for the purchase by said individuals of assessment lien certificates to be issued in respect to said projects as provided in Section 8 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of the Legislature of West Virginia of 1939 as amended by the Acts of the Legislature of 1941, for the purpose of enabling the City of Nitro to effect the desired improvements and to prevent the City from incurring debts for that part of the expense to be borne by it unless and until it has been assured that the certificates for the particular project could be sold, and

WHEREAS, Advertisement was made according to law and said Ordinances for the bids for the furnishing of all necessary incidental materials and supplies, and such materials and supplies purchased from the lowest bidder after the approval of this Council, and

WHEREAS, Such paving and other improvements have been made and completed on the streets hereinafter listed in accordance with said petitions, said projects or section numbers, said Ordinances and according to law, and under the supervision and direction of the Works Projects Administration and of the Mayor and City Engineer of the City of Nitro, and

WHEREAS, The said improvements have been completed as hereinafter mentioned and provided for in said Ordinances and according to law, and the said Engineer has prepared and certified to the Common Council of this City his report as hereinafter appears, and

WHEREAS, It appears to the Council independently of the aforesaid mentioned Engineer's report as hereinafter listed and set forth, that the permanent improvements have been completed in accordance with the ordinances heretofore adopted on the 17th day of September, 1940 and April 23, 1942, and have specifically benefitted all of the property abutting on said streets improved, and the report, therefore, should be accepted and the property and the owners thereof specially assessed as shown in said Engineer's report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO:

1. The grading, paving, curbing, guttering and otherwise permanent improvement of the following named streets between the following intersections respectively on said streets are hereby declared to be completed in accordance with



said petitions, projects or sections, said Ordinances, and according to law, and are hereby accepted:

(a) On 19th Street, between the intersections of First Avenue and Second Avenue, being Works Projects Administration Section No. 3;

(b) On 36th Street, between the intersections of First Avenue and Second Avenue, being Works Projects Administration Section No. 3.

2. It is now hereby declared that such assessments shall be due and payable in five equal installments, the first due and payable six months after the date of this Resolution, and the other four installments payable respectively in one year and six months, two years and six months, three years and six months, and four years and six months after the date of this Resolution, such assessments and each installment thereof to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum until the due date of the respective installments, and thereafter at the rate of 6% per annum; provided that in case any property owner shall pay the entire assessment against his property within thirty days from the date of the assessment he shall not be charged interest thereon from the time subsequent to this date. The owner of any property against which any assessment is made who has not paid such assessment in full within thirty days from this date may pay at any time thereafter the whole of such assessments, or the whole of any installment thereof, with interest to the time of payment. The sum or sums of money assessed, together with the interest thereon, are hereby constituted and declared to be liens upon the several lots or fractional parts of lots abutting upon the street or streets, or alley or alleys, improved, which liens shall be effective from this date, and shall have priority over all other liens except those for taxes.

3. The report of the City Engineer, as follows, after examination by this Council, is hereby approved and adopted and the amounts therein set forth to be assessed against the respective property and the owners thereof shown in said report, being the proper and correct amounts to be assessed after having made due and proper allowance and deduction for all money, work, labor or material furnished by the Works Projects Administration, are hereby assessed against the respective property and the owners thereof, subject only to such supervision, review and correction as may be made by this Council prior to said assessments becoming final as hereinafter set forth in this ordinance:

ENGINEER'S REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA:

I hereby certify and report that the total cost for the permanent improvements on the following named streets: (a) 19th Street between the intersections of First Avenue and Second Avenue, curbing and guttering; (b) 36th Street between the intersections of First Avenue and Second Avenue, grading, paving, curbing and guttering; was \$1,185.26 for 19th Street, and of this amount of W.P.A. contributed the sum of \$520.26, and that the net cost to be apportioned to and be assessed against the owners and the property abutting upon said Street is \$665.00; was \$5,505.66 for 36th Street, and of this amount the W.P.A. contributed the sum of \$3792.68, and that the net cost to be apportioned to and assessed against the owners and the property abutting upon said Street is \$1712.98; that the descriptions of the lots or fractional parts of lots, or tracts of land, as to location, frontage, and the owners thereof, liable for the respective net costs of such permanent improvements are hereafter correctly set forth, and that the proportionate share of the net costs that should be assessed against each of the respective owners and the respective properties abutting upon the said streets is hereinafter correctly shown, and that the amounts have been apportioned in proportion to the distance for which any particular lot abuts upon the respective street bears to the total length of said street improvement, including intersections, and have been calculated and charged accordingly; and that the number of feet embraced in street or alley intersection is hereinafter correctly shown; that said streets were permanently improved in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinances relative thereto adopted by the Council on the 17th day of September, 1940, and April 23, 1942, and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, and as approved by the Works Projects Administration; and that said permanent improvements have been completed and are ready for acceptance and assessment by the Council as follows:

All of said lots, tracts, parcels of real estate for 19th Street and 36th Street are located in the City of Nitro and are shown upon the map of said City duly filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, and also in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia.

19TH STREET FROM FIRST AVENUE TO SECOND AVENUE

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>North Side of Street.</u>			<u>Rate per Foot</u>	<u>Total Assessment</u>
	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Frontage and Feet assessed</u>	<u>Depth</u>		
Nitro Ind. Corp.	Lot	126.00	100.00	.75	\$94.50
W. L. Wintz	Lot	180.00	89.05	.75	135.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	Lot	136.00	100.00	.75	102.00
<u>South Side of Street</u>					
Luigi Lemma	1902	46.00	65.00	.75	\$33.50

Homer L. Putney	1904	50.00	65.00	.75	37.50
Mrs. A. A. Markham	1906	50.00	65.00	.75	37.50
Nitro Methodist Episcopal Church, E. E. Parsons, C. R. Oldham, O. W. Wiley, J. H. Wallace and F. M. Fitzmeyer, Trustees	1908	50.00	65.00	.75	37.50
L. L. Betz	1910	50.00	65.00	.75	37.50
Ralph Dinsmore	1912	50.00	65.00	.75	37.50
J. B. Wilson	1914	50.00	65.00	.75	37.50
Eleanor L. Hooper	1916	50.00	65.00	.75	37.50
R. M. and Eva Harrison	1918	50.00	65.00	.75	37.50

Number of feet embraced in Street & alley intersections None  
 Number of feet of assessable property 888.00

36TH STREET FROM FIRST AVENUE TO SECOND AVENUE  
North Side of Street

L. M. Chapman	3601 & 3603	100.83	65.00	1.80	\$181.49
L. M. Chapman & Nitro Ind. Corp.	3605	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
R. G. Markham & Nitro Ind. Corp.	3607	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
Paul Arbuckle	3609	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
J. F. Woods & Nitro Ind. Corp.	3611	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	3613	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
Thomas Martin	3615	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
D. Nalley	3617	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
C. W. Cole	3619	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00

South Side of Street

C. E. Tinsley	3602&3604	100.83	65.00	1.80	\$181.49
Carl R. Fowler	3606	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
Walter Hedrick	3608	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	3610	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
C. F. Schowen & Nitro Ind. Corp.	3612	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	3614	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	3616	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00
Estate of G. W. Smith & G. S. Smith <i>et al.</i>	3618	50.00	65.00	1.80	90.00

Total number of feet embraced in Street & Alley Intersections None  
 Number of feet of assessable property 951.66

4. The sums so assessed as in said reports set forth as a part of the foregoing section, and all interest on said sums, are hereby declared to be liens upon the abutting lots or fractional parts thereof and other lots abutting thereon, such liens to be effective from this date and to have priority over all other liens except those for taxes.

5. The Recorder shall cause to be prepared a notice showing the name and location of the streets improved, the name of the owner of each lot or fractional part abutting or abounding thereon, the number of feet of each lot or part abutting thereon, the number of feet embraced in the intersection, the amount to be assessed against each lot or part, and shall cite all owners to appear before this Council at a regular meeting within not less than ten days nor more than twenty days from the publication or personal service of

said notices to show cause if any they can why assessments should not be made and become final.

6. Said notice shall be published once in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in said city and the affidavits of publishers showing the publication as provided shall be recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting of this Council, or proof of personal service recorded in the same manner.

7. Upon the request of any owner, this Council shall appoint a day for the hearing of any grievances of such owner and may correct or amend any assessment made against them or any of them for good cause shown.

8. The Recorder shall give notice to all persons claiming to be aggrieved of the time and place of such hearing, which shall be begun within ten days after the regular meeting held as hereinabove provided for the purpose of determining why said assessment should not become final. This hearing may be adjourned from time to time.

9. In case any owner or owners of abutting property fail to complain of any damage or injury by reason of the assessments aforesaid, or shall fail to appear for the purpose of having the same corrected, the assessments as to such owner or owners as laid by the Council in the amount and in all respects as hereinabove shall be final.

10. Such assessments shall be recorded in the proper record book of the municipality and notice and statement as required in Section 6 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of the Legislature of West Virginia of 1939, as amended by the Acts of the Legislature of West Virginia of 1941, shall be recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Kanawha County, and in the office of the County Clerk of Putnam County, if any of the property so assessed shall be in Putnam County.

11. All of the permanent improvements have specially benefited all of the property abutting on both sides of the streets aforesaid and assessed.

12. Each assessment shall be evidenced by an assessment lien certificate with coupon in the following form hereby adopted, and the Mayor and Recorder are hereby authorized to execute assessment certificates for assessments when they become final, and to deliver the same to the purchaser thereof upon payment and as provided in the contract for the purchase of said certificates hereinabove mentioned:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CITY OF NITRO

CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT

FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

No. \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that the holder hereof is entitled to have and collect the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with interest as hereinafter mentioned, from \_\_\_\_\_

(Description of

property) as shown on the map of the City of Nitro, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Kanawha County, in Map Book \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_, and in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County in Map Book \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_, and from the owners of said property, to-wit, \_\_\_\_\_, said property abutting on \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Street), for special assessment duly laid against the said property and owners thereof for street improvements on said street, completed and accepted on the \_\_\_\_\_ (date), and the costs thereof heretofore apportioned according to law and said sum above mentioned assessed against the above mentioned property and owners thereof in accordance with resolutions of the Council of the City of Nitro of \_\_\_\_\_ (Date mentioned last above).

This is further to certify that this assessment is payable in five installments, the first payable on \_\_\_\_\_, and each remaining installment due and payable on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Same day and month as last above.) of each calendar year thereafter for four years. Each of said installments shall bear interest at 5% per annum until the due date of the installment and thereafter at 6% per annum, but provided any property owner may pay the entire assessment within thirty days from said date of \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of resolution of completion and acceptance) without interest; and provided, further, if default be made in the payment of any installment and such default continue for a period of six months that the remaining unpaid installments shall immediately become due and payable. The owner of the property assessed not paying in full in said thirty days may thereafter pay the whole of said assessment, or any installment thereof, with interest to the time of the payment. All sums assessed and interest thereon are liens upon the abutting lots or fractional parts thereof, which liens have priority over all other liens except those for taxes. This assessment is collectible by and in the name of the City of Nitro, or the legal owner of the assessment lien certificate in any proper court, and the lien thereof may be enforced by suit in equity in the Circuit Court of the County in which the municipality is situated.

This is further to certify that as a part of this certificate there are five coupon certificates each representing one of the five installments and interest thereon until paid, each coupon bearing the same serial number and date of assessment as set out hereinabove, each coupon being authenticated by the actual or facsimile signature of the Mayor and Recorder of the City of Nitro.

This is further to certify that the improvements for which said assessment was made were made in accordance

with and pursuant to City of Nitro Ordinance No. 50 adopted on the 17th day of September, 1940, the Federal Works Projects Administration Project No. \_\_\_\_\_, and the assessment represented by this certificate made by resolutions of the City of Nitro of \_\_\_\_\_, the authority of the City of Nitro generally, the authority of Chapter 92 of the 1939 Acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, amended in 1941, and the general law of the State of West Virginia; that the statements for liens have been filed for record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County on \_\_\_\_\_, 1941, and in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County on \_\_\_\_\_, 1941; and that if this certificate is sold by the municipality, but carrying to the legal owner thereof all rights of the municipality arising against the owner of the property described and against said property itself.

In witness whereof this certificate dated the \_\_\_\_\_, and each coupon certificate here-  
to attached, is executed by the Mayor and Recorder of the  
City of Nitro by authority duly given.

CITY OF NITRO

By: Lloyd M. Chapman  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder.

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COUPON NO. 1.

This coupon attached to Assessment Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued by the City of Nitro, West Virginia, against the property described therein and the owner thereof, certifies that the legal holder of said certificate is entitled under and subject to the terms of said certificate to receive \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the owner of said property, being an installment one-fifth of the principal amount of the special assessment against the property and owner thereof due six months after \_\_\_\_\_, the first of five equal installments of the total principal amount in said certificate shown to have been assessed, and to receive interest thereon at the rate of 5% per annum from said date last above mentioned to the due date hereof, and at 6% per annum thereafter until paid.

CITY OF NITRO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder.

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## COUPON NO. 2.

This coupon attached to Assessment Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued by the City of Nitro, West Virginia, against the property described therein and the owner thereof, certifies that the legal holder of said certificate is entitled under and subject to the terms of said certificate to receive \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the owner of said property, being an installment one-fifth of the principal amount of the special assessment against the property and owner thereof due one year and six months after \_\_\_\_\_, the second of five equal installments of the total principal amount in said certificate shown to have been assessed, and to receive interest thereon at the rate of 5% per annum from said date last above mentioned to the due date hereof, and at 6% per annum thereafter until paid.

CITY OF NITRO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder.

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## COUPON NO. 3.

This coupon attached to Assessment Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued by the City of Nitro, West Virginia, against the property described therein and the owner thereof, certifies that the legal holder of said certificate is entitled under and subject to the terms of said certificate to receive \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the owner of said property, being an installment one-fifth of the principal amount of the special assessment against the property and owner thereof due two years and six months after \_\_\_\_\_, the third of five equal installments of the total principal amount in said certificate shown to have been assessed, and to receive interest thereon at the rate of 5% per annum from said date last above mentioned to the due date hereof, and at 6% per annum thereafter until paid.

CITY OF NITRO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder.

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## COUPON NO. 4.

This coupon attached to Assessment Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued by the City of Nitro, West Virginia,



against the property described therein and the owner thereof, certifies that the legal holder of said certificate is entitled under and subject to the terms of said certificate to receive \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the owner of said property, being an installment one-fifth of the principal amount of the special assessment against the property and owner thereof due three years and six months after \_\_\_\_\_, the fourth of five equal installments of the total principal amount in said certificate shown to have been assessed, and to receive interest thereon at the rate of 5% per annum from said date last above mentioned to the due date hereof, and at 6% per annum thereafter until paid.

CITY OF NITRO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder.

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COUPON NO. 5.

This coupon attached to Assessment Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued by the City of Nitro, West Virginia, against the property described therein and the owner thereof, certifies that the legal holder of said certificate is entitled under and subject to the terms of said certificate to receive \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the owner of said property, being an installment one-fifth of the principal amount of the special assessment against the property and owner thereof due four years and six months after \_\_\_\_\_, the fifth of five equal installments of the total principal amount in said certificate shown to have been assessed, and to receive interest thereon at the rate of 5% per annum from said date last above mentioned to the due date hereof, and at 6% per annum thereafter until paid.

CITY OF NITRO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder.

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13. The Recorder is hereby authorized to execute releases for any assessments and the lien thereof, when any respective assessment and all of its installments are paid in full, with interest, if interest is chargeable hereunder.

14. All of the property abutting on both sides of the streets and avenues is hereby found and declared to be permanently specifically benefited by said improvements to the extent and depth and in the respective amounts of at least the costs hereinbefore assessed respectively against respective lots, tracts and parts of lots abutting thereon as shown by the descriptions, lot numbers, frontages and depths referred to heretofore respectively.

15. All owners of such lots, tracts or fractional parts of lots are hereby cited to appear before the Council at a regular meeting on the 1st day of October, 1942, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., to show cause if any they can or wish why the assessments aforesaid should not become final.

Recorder read to Council letter from the Appalachian Electric Power Company under date of August 31, 1942, and copy of letter from the War Production Board under date of May 18, 1942, written to the Appalachian Electric Power Company in regard to curtailment of street and highway lighting extensions; these letters have been placed in files of City.

Recorder read to Council the resignation of E. E. Hedrick, Fire Chief; councilman Draper entered motion that resignation be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Question in regard to the Planning Commission was discussed by Council, also question in regard to the Civil Service Commission was discussed.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the appointment of H. R. Black as temporary fire chief and appointment of Willard McGrew as temporary fireman be approved and stand until such time as names for these positions are certified to Council by the Civil Service Commission, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that former Fire Chief E. E. Hedrick be advised to return monkey coat and helmet in his possession back to the City, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the City assume the payment for material used in building a pen to hold the scrap material gathered in the war effort, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The question of the purchase of a lot on which to build a City Building was discussed by Council; it was ruled that Mayor Chapman, councilmen Keener and Draper contact the different owners of lots suitable for such building in regard to prices on same.

Councilman Draper entered motion that City furnish driver and truck for purpose of gathering scrap etc; from 4 to 8 P. M. on Thursday and Friday and from 8 o'clock A. M. on Saturday throughout the day, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Question in regard to closing hours of business places was brought to Councils attention. After some discussion by Council and Henry Witry, representing the Witry Store; H. L. Van Etta, representing the A. W. Cox Department Store and Mr. Haynes, representing the Kroger Grocery it was agreed to reenact and amend Paragraph 2, Section 2, of Ordinance No. 56 to read as follows: Shall close at 5-30 o'clock P. M. instead of shall close at 6 o'clock P. M;

After the above ruling was agreed upon there was some further discussion on this matter and it was decided to table the question of closing hours until October 1, 1942.

✓ Mayor Chapman declared meeting in recess until 7-30 o'clock P.M. October 1, 1942.

October 1, 1942.

On October 1, 1942, there was an attempt made to continue the regular session of Council which was held on the 16th day of September, 1942, said meeting being recessed until October 1, 1942.

There were present Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor; T. A. Lewis, Recorder; and Frank Keener, member of Council of said city; also present Charles W. Caldwell, City Attorney.

There not being enough members of Council present to constitute a quorum an effort was made to get one or more of the members of Council to attend the meeting but it proved unsuccessful therefore the recess of meeting was declared to continue until 7-30 o'clock P. M. October 8, 1942.

October 8, 1942.

The Council of the City of Nitro met on the 8th day of October, 1942, to continue unfinished business of regular session of Council of September 16, said meeting declared in recess until October 1st and then declared in recess until October 8, 1942, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor; T. A. Lewis, Recorder; and Frank Keener; L. F. Erwin; L. O. Grass; Hugh Draper, members of council of said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

The Recorder read to Council resignation of Henry Pauley, councilman, resignation to be effective from date.

Councilman Keener entered motion that resignation be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Nominations were declared in order for election of a successor to fill the unexpired term left vacant on Council by virtue of resignation of Henry Pauley; councilman Grass offered the name of H. A. Rexroad to fill vacancy, there being no other nominations offered councilman Draper moved that nominations close, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The question of purchas of lot on which to build a municipal building again came before Council and after some discussion by Council it was decided to table this matter until the regular session of Council to be held on the 20th day of October, 1942.

Recorder read to Council statement from the Coal River Insurance Company of premium due on insurance policy of patrol car.

Councilman Keener entered motion that premium be paid, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The Recorder read to Council a resolution in regard to the improvements of 19th Street and 36th Street, resolution reads as follows:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City of Nitro did, on the 16th day of September, 1942, adopt a resolution declaring the permanent improvement of 19th Street and 36th Street for the distances and in the manner as set forth in said resolution, to have been completed and accepted, and among other things directed the Recorder of said City to prepare a notice as prescribed by Statute to be published notifying all owners of the lots and tracts and parcels of land abutting upon said streets to appear before this Council at a regular session thereof to be held on the 1st day of October, 1942, at 7-30 o'clock P. M. and

WHEREAS, the Recorder prepared and published the said notice in the "Charleston Gazette", a newspaper of general circulation in said City of Nitro, as prescribed by the aforesaid resolution, and as evidenced by the affidavit of the Publisher thereof, and

WHEREAS, there was not a quorum of the Council present on the 1st day of October, 1942, the date fixed by the assessing resolution, and the meeting was recessed to this the 8th day of October, 1942, at 7-30 o'clock P. M. and

WHEREAS, no one or more of the owners of lots, tracts, or fractional parts of lots or tracts, affected by such permanent improvements, have protested any of the assessments as shown and set forth in the notice so published, and have not appeared at the meeting of October 1st 1942, or at the regular recessed meeting and requested a hearing of any grievance, and have made no complaints of any damages or injuries by reason of the aforesaid, and

WHEREAS, There are no corrections or amendments to be made to any of said assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO:

FIRST: That all of the assessments as shown and set forth in the resolution adopted by this Council on the 16th day of September, 1942, hereinabove referred to be, and the same are

hereby declared final.

SECOND: That the affidavit of L. J. Bentz, Classified Advertising Manager of the "Charleston Gazette", showing the publication of the aforesaid notice, be recorded in the minutes of this Council as a part of the Council Records of this meeting.

Councilman Draper entered motion that resolution be accepted and adopted, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The following is the affidavit of L. J. Bentz, Advertising Manager of the Charleston Gazette; also publication of Notice of PAVING ASSESSMENT FOR PAVING AND IMPROVING 19th Street and 36th Street, said publication being published in issue of the Charleston Gazette under date of September 18, 1942.

Legal Advertisement

Legal Advertisement

NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PAVING ASSESSMENT FOR PAVING AND IMPROVING 19TH STREET AND 36TH STREET AGAINST THE PROPERTY ABUTTING ON SAID STREETS AND THE OWNERS THEREOF IN THE CITY OF NITRO ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCES HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO.

By virtue of ordinances adopted by the Common Council of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, at regular meetings held on the 17th day of September, 1942 and the 23rd day of April, 1942, and pursuant to a resolution adopted by said Council on the 16th day of September, 1942, notice is hereby given that 19th Street and 36th Street have been permanently improved; that the names of the owners of each lot or fractional part of lot abutting upon each of said streets; that the number of feet each lot or fractional part of lot abuts upon each of said streets; that the number of feet embraced in street or alley intersections of each of said streets and the amount assessed against each lot or fractional part of lot and the owners thereof are as follows:

All of said lots, tracts, parcels of real estate for 19th Street and 36th Street are located in the City of Nitro and are shown upon the map of said City duly filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, and also in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia.

19TH STREET FROM FIRST AVENUE TO SECOND AVENUE

North Side of Street		Frontage	and Feet as-	Depth	Rate	Total
Name of Owner	Lot No.	assessed			per Foot	Assessment
Nitro Ind. Corp.	126	126.00		100.00	.75	\$ 94.50
W. L. Wintz	180	180.00		89.05	.75	135.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	136	136.00		100.00	.75	102.00
South Side of Street		Frontage	and Feet as-	Depth	Rate	Total
Luigi Lemma	1902	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
Homer L. Putney	1904	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
Mrs. A. A. Markham	1906	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
Nitro Methodist Episcopal Church, E. Parsons, C. R. Oldham, O. W. Wiley, J. H. Wallace and F. M. Fitzmeyer.						
Trustees	1908	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
L. L. Betz	1910	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
Ralph Dinsmore	1912	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
J. B. Wilson	1914	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
Eleanor L. Hooper	1916	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
R. M. and Eva Harrison	1918	50.00		65.00	.75	37.50
Number of feet embraced in Street & alley intersections						None
Number of feet of assessable property						\$68.00

36TH STREET FROM FIRST AVENUE TO SECOND AVENUE

North Side of Street		Frontage	and Feet as-	Depth	Rate	Total
L. M. Chapman	3601 & 3603	100.83		65.00	1.80	\$181.49
E. M. Chapman & Nitro Ind. Corp.	3605	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
R. G. Markham & Nitro Ind. Corp.	3607	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Paul Arbuckle	3609	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
J. F. Woods & Nitro Ind. Corp.	3611	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	3613	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Thomas Martin	3615	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
D. Nalley	3617	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
C. W. Cole	3619	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
South Side of Street		Frontage	and Feet as-	Depth	Rate	Total
G. H. Tinsley	3602 & 3604	100.83		65.00	1.80	\$181.49
Carl R. Fowler	3606	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Walter Hadrick	3608	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	3610	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
C. F. Schowen & Nitro Ind. Corp.	3612	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	3614	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Nitro Ind. Corp.	3616	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Estate of G. W. Smith & G. S. Smith, et als	3618	50.00		65.00	1.80	90.00
Total number of feet embraced in Street & Alley Intersections						None
Number of feet assessable property						\$81.49

All persons or parties interested or affected thereby are hereby given notice that the permanent improvement of 19th Street from First Avenue to Second Avenue, and 36th Street from First Avenue to Second Avenue, have been completed and accepted by the Common Council of the City of Nitro, and all of you and each of you are cited to appear before the said Council at a regular meeting to be held on the 1st day of October, 1942, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., at the Council Chambers of the City Building, to show cause if any you can why the assessments aforesaid should not become final.

T. A. LEWIS  
Recorder City Nitro

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The condition of 40th Street Bridge was brought to Councils attention by councilman Erwin and some discussion councilman Erwin entered motion that mandamus proceedings be instituted against the Putnam County Court, ordering said Court to repair the said 40th Street Bridge, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that Mayor Chapman be authorized to proceed with the repairing of road beginning at the far end of 40th Street Bridge and up to the corporate line of City, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried. It was suggested by Council that the expense of this repair work should not exceed \$100.00.

Councilman Grass entered motion that the Police Chief and the patrolman be placed on seperate shifts, there being no second to this motion motion was declared dead.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried. Meeting  
Adjourned.

Lloyd M. Chapman  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

T. A. Lewis  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

OCTOBER 20, 1942.

The Council of the City of Nitro held its regular session on the 20th day of October, 1942, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; Hugh Draper; L. F. Erwin; L. O. Grass, members of council of said city; also present Chas. W. Caldwell, City Attorney and C. L. Wilson, representing the United States Rubber Co.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 16th day of September, 1942, said meeting being recessed till October 1st and again till October 8, 1942.

There being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

The Treasurer read to Council financial report for month of September, 1942 of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

At this time Mr. C. L. Wilson, representative of the United States Rubber Company addressed the Council asking that the City of Nitro co-operate with them in case of fires by allowing the Fire Department to assist along with fire departments of other towns in this vicinity and their own organization.

Mayor Chapman explained to Mr. Wilson the unusual set up in regard to the fire department. Ruled that this matter be discussed later in the meeting.

Mayor Chapman advised Council that H. A. Rexroad refused to accept the appointment as councilman made by the Council on the 8th day of October, 1942 and that nominations were in order for any citizens of Nitro named to fill the unexpired term of Henry Pauley.

Councilman Draper nominated R. O. Zerbe, nomination <sup>seconded</sup> by councilman Erwin; councilman Keener nominated W. L. Wintz, nomination seconded by Recorder Lewis; councilman Grass nominated C. C. White, nomination seconded by Mayor Chapman.

Nominations declared closed. A vote was taken on nominations which resulted as follows:

Zerbe received TWO votes; Wintz received TWO votes;  
White " TWO " . After some discussion councilman Draper entered motion that another vote be taken, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried. The second balloting resulted as follows:

Zerbe received TWO votes; Wintz received THREE votes;  
White " NO " .

The question of City co-operating with the United States Rubber Company in case of fires again brought before Council; after some discussion on the matter it was recommended that the City co-operate, councilman Draper entered motion that the Civic Benefits Association be advised concerning recommendation

and that the fire department answer all emergency calls from the Rubber Plant, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman advised Council that Willard McGrew, temporary fireman, had resigned his job as fireman effective as of October 15, 1942, and that Ralph Bush had been appointed to fill vacancy temporarily.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the Southern Supply Company be instructed to construct a new bench for batteries at the Fire Station, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman advised Council that E. E. Hedrick refused to turn over to City monkey coat and helmet obtained by him while a member of the fire department; there was no action taken in this matter.

City Attorney Caldwell read copy of letter to Council he had written to the Putnam County Court under date of October 17, 1942, letter being in regard to the 40th Street Bridge, this copy has been placed in files of City.

The question of bicycle riders operating bicycles in violation of governing this matter was discussed by Council, no definite action taken.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that councilman L. O. Grass be appointed Street Commissioner, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.



October 26, 1942.

The Council of the City of Nitro met in special session on the 26th day of October, 1942, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and  
Hugh Draper; Frank Keener; L. F. Erwin; L. O. Grass; W. L.  
Wintz, members of council of said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman who stated to Council that he had called a special meeting of Council in regard to objection by L. W. Cain of the manner in which the curb and gutter was being laid opposite 42nd Street, the controversy being in regard to off-set in sidewalk at 42nd Street.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that L. W. Cain be referred to the Nitro Industrial Corporation about this matter, there being no second to this motion motion declared dead.

Councilman Keener entered motion that action taken by Mayor Chapman in regard to this controversy be sustained and that Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Nitro at a regular session held on the 31st day of July, 1941, (This Resolution being in regard to the installment of sidewalks), be upheld to the letter, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read letter to Council under date of October 26, 1942, in regard to the approximate cost of repairs to the 40th Street Road, letter being signed by E. W. Ripley, Jr; District Engineer. This letter has been placed in files of City.

Councilman Grass entered motion that the repairing of 40th Street Road be carried out, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

November 17, 1942.

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 17th day of November, 1942, there were present:

T. A. Lewis, Recorder; and Frank Keener; Hugh Draper; L. O. Grass; L. F. Erwin; Wm. Wintz, members of council of said city; also present Chas. W. Caldwell, City Attorney.

Mayor Chapman being absent it was ruled by Council that Recorder Lewis preside over proceedings of Council meeting.

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Lewis.

Recorder read to Council minutes of regular session of Council held on the 20th day of October, and special session of Council held on the 26th day of October, 1942.

There being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

Treasurer read to Council financial report of City for month of October, 1942, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Attorney Caldwell read to Council for its first reading an ordinance regulating the use of bicycles upon the streets and alleys of the City. Councilman Keener entered motion that ordinance be introduced and brought up for its second reading at the next regular session of Council, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

City Attorney Caldwell read letter to Council in regard to the 40th Street Bridge and the responsibility of upkeep of same, after quite a discussion by Council Attorney suggested that Mr. L. W. Cain be called into meeting, Mr. Cain was a member of the Putnam County Court in 1933 at the time that the 40th Street Bridge was rebuilt, he stated to Council that the Putnam County Court assumed the payment of all bills in regard to this work, the material being furnished by the Southern Supply Company, and that Mr. J. C. Pickens done the engineering, after a further discussion councilman Grass entered a motion that City Attorney Caldwell proceed with mandamus action against the Putnam County Court, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Acting Mayor Lewis declared meeting in recess until 7-30 P. M. Friday November 20, 1942.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

November 30, 1942.

The Council of the City of Nitro met in session on the 30th day of November, 1942, to continue with unfinished business of meeting held on the 17th day of November, 1942, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; Hugh Draper; L. O. Grass, members of council of said city.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chapman who called for reading of applications for position on the Nitro Police force of the following named persons: A. L. Youell; Wm. Boyd Reaser; Geo. Mangus and J. Villars.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that Wm. Boyd Reaser be appointed as city policeman; councilman Draper entered motion that Wm. Boyd Reaser be appointed as Police Chief, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that the salary of the Treasurer be increased to \$50.00 per month, effective as of December 1, 1942. Councilman Keener entered motion that recommendation be approved, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman and the Council entered into a discussion in regard to the purchase of a lot on which to build a City Building. Councilman Keener entered motion that a lot bordering 102.19 feet on Second Avenue, and 100 feet on Twentyth Street be purchased from the Nitro Industrial Corporation, and that the Recorder be authorized to enter negotiations with Mr. G. C. Alderson as to price of lot and terms of payments of said lot, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that City Attorney Caldwell be contacted in regard to an ordinance covering the hauling of garbage, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

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December 15, 1942.

The Council of the City of Nitro held its regular session on the 15th day of December, 1942, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Hugh Draper; L. F. Erwin; L. O. Grass; Frank Keener; W. L. Wintz, members of Council of said city, also present Chas. W. Caldwell, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 17th day of November, said meeting being recessed until November 30, 1942. There being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

Mayor Chapman called on Treasurer to read financial report to Council for month of November, 1942, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Applications for position as policemen were read to Council, application being filed by the following named persons:

A. L. Youell; Wm. Boyd Reaser; J. R. Villars; Geo. Mangus; Jas. M. Clark; Richard McClanahan; L. B. Holbrook; E. S. Thompson; Hearcy Ramsey.

Mayor Chapman recommended that E. S. Thompson be appointed as Police Chief and that Hearcy Ramsey be appointed as patrolman.

Councilman Keener entered motion that recommendation by Mayor Chapman be approved, motion seconded by councilman Draper; upon vote by Council the count stood 3 for approval of Mayor Chapmans recommendation, 2 against approval with 1 member not voting; ~~ruled~~ by Council that the aforementioned appointees start their duties on the 16th day of December, 1942.

An ordinance regulating the use of bicycles on the streets and alleys of the City came up for its second reading.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the bicycle ordinance be adopted, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Mayor Chapman appoint a committee to work out registration fees and to make purchase of bicycle tags, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman named the following members of Council as the Committee: Hugh Draper and L. F. Erwin.

Attorney Caldwell reported to Council in the matter of the upkeep of 40th Street Bridge and read correspondence between himself and C. E. Copen, Prosecuting Attorney of Putnam County.

The question of the purchase of lot on which to erect a City Building was again discussed by Council, this matter was referred to Attorney Caldwell and to be taken up by him with the Tax Commissioner and G. C. Alderson, representative of the Nitro Industrial Corporation.

The question of garbage hauling was discussed by Council. Attorney Caldwell explained to Council method used by the City of Dunbar and trouble of making collections for service.

It was ruled by Council that Mayor Chapman contact the present haulers of garbage and to let the matter ride as it stands for the present.

Councilman Grass made complaint in regard to a garage on 26th Street and requested that some action be taken in regard to it. Mayor Chapman advised that he would have the police to investigate conditions and see what action could be taken.

Councilman Keener entered motion that 50 feet more be added to the size of lot that is to be purchased for a City Building, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the City Treasurer transfer \$600.00 from the Street Improvement Fund to the General Fund, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

January 19, 1943.

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 19th day of January, 1943, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; L. F. Erwin; L. O. Grass; W. L. Wintz; Hugh Draper, members of council of said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 15th day of December, 1942.

There being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

The Treasurer read to Council financial report of City for month of December, 1942, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Councilman Draper reported to Council that he had arranged for purchase of 500 bicycle tags, tags to be used when licenses are issued for the operation of bicycles in the City limits during year 1943, cost of tags to be \$60.00.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that the City Treasurer be instructed to draw a check on the City Treasury for the aforementioned amount, councilman Grass entered motion that the Treasurer issue said check, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman advised Council that he had appointed O. J. Shamblin as garbage collector.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the appointment by Mayor Chapman of O. J. Shamblin as garbage collector be approved by Council, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The complaint by councilman Grass made at the regular session of Council on the 15th day of December in regard to condition of a garage between 25th and 26th Streets, owned by Dr. J. L. Dunlap, Sr; was again brought to Councils attention, after some discussion by Council and a talk over phone by Mayor Chapman with Dr. Dunlap it was ruled that Council investigate this matter and bring it before the Council on the following night, January 20, 1943.

Mayor Chapman read letter to Council under date of December 21, 1942 and signed by Chas. W. Caldwell, City Attorney, said letter being in regard to talk between Attorney Caldwell and C. H. Koontz, Supervisor of Inspection for Public Offices, subject being the proper procedure to take by the City of Nitro in the purchase of lot on which to erect a City Building, this letter has been placed in files of City.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that the City Treasurer be authorized to purchase 30 feet of lot bordering on 20th Street and Second Avenue from the Nitro Industrial Corporation.

Councilman Draper entered motion that recommendation by Mayor Chapman be approved, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

A petition was presented to Council asking that an additional street light be installed at 36th Street on Third Avenue, also an additional light be installed at city limits on the Burdette Road.

Councilman Keener entered motion that petition be filed for future reference, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Grass entered motion that a grader be obtained to repair 14th and other streets, cost of repairing streets not to exceed \$50.00, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman advised Council of a talk he had with C. E. Copen, Prosecuting Attorney of the Putnam County Court relative to the upkeep of 40th Street Bridge.

Mayor Chapman declared meeting in recess until January 20, 1943.

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The Council of the City of Nitro met on the 20th day of January, 1943 to complete unfinished business of regular session of Council held on the 19th day of January, said meeting being declared in recess until January 20th; there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and  
L. O. Grass; L. F. Erwin; H. A. Draper, members of council of  
said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

The complaint concerning drain registered by Dayton Witt was brought to Councils attention. Councilman Grass entered motion that further information in regard to the City's position in this matter be secured from the City Attorney, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The matter of request of J. M. Carpenter asking that the City put in a drain pipe in front of his steps was brought before Council. Councilman Grass entered motion that this request be refused as installing pipe would constitute a hazard to traffic on Third Avenue, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The question of garage building, property of Dr. J. L. Dunlap, Sr. was again discussed by Council.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that this matter be tabled at this time to give Dr. Dunlap a chance to close up this building so that boys could not get into it or tear it down, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared

carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

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February 16, 1943.

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 16th day of February, 1943, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; L. O. Grass; L. F. Erwin, members of Council of said city.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 19th day of January, recessed and finished on the 20th day of January, 1943, there being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

The Treasurer read financial report of City for month of January, 1943 of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

An Agreement was read to Council presented by the Nitro Industrial Corporation in regard to a parcel of real estate fronting 150 feet on 20th Street and extending back in depth for a distance of 102 feet along Second Avenue. After some discussion by Council on this matter it was ruled that Agreement was satisfactory. Agreement has been placed in files of City.

The matter of bad condition of 40th Street Bridge was again brought to Councils attention by Andy Bela, representative of The Nitro Junior Chamber of Commerce. This matter was discussed in length by Council, Mayor Chapman advised Council of contacting C. E. Copen, Prosecuting Attorney of Putnam County, and that Mr. Copen told him of informally bringing this matter to the County Courts attention and he beleived that the Putnam County Court would approve the appropriation of \$200.00 to be used for the repairing of 40th Street Bridge.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.



March 4, 1943.

The Council of the City of Nitro held a special session on the 4th day of March, 1943, this meeting was called by Mayor Chapman, present were:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; L. O. Grass; W. L. Wintz; Hugh A. Draper, members of council of said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman read to Council an ordinance governing the operation and riding of bicycles on streets and sidewalks, registering same, and obtaining license, and penalty for violations. Council discussed contents of ordinance and proper procedure to follow. Councilman Draper entered motion that 1000 copies of ordinance be printed and that ordinance also be published in a newspaper having a wide circulation in the City of Nitro, further ruled that anyone violating said ordinance beginning April 1, 1943, shall be prosecuted according to Section 9, Ordinance No. 60. Motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The question of 40th Street Bridge was again discussed by Council, finally agreed to table this matter until the next regular meeting of Council.

The question of establishing a suitable method of working hours for the members of the police department was brought to Councils attention. After some discussion by Council on this matter councilman Draper entered motion that 1 officer come on duty at 9 o'clock A. M. and work until 6 o'clock P. M. and the second officer come on duty at 6 o'clock P. M. and work till 3 o'clock A. M. excepting that the first officer come on duty on Fridays at 11 o'clock A. M. and work till 8 o'clock P. M. it was further ruled that this method of working be given a 30 day trial, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council the count stood 3 for motion as made and 1 against motion as made. Motion declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

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March 16, 1943.

The Council of the City of Nitro held its regular session on the 16th day of March, 1943, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and  
H. A. Draper; Frank Keener; L. O. Grass; L. F. Erwin; W. L.  
Wintz, members of council of said city, also Chas. W. Caldwell,  
City Attorney.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for Recorder to read minutes of regular session of Council held on the 16th day of February, and minutes of special meeting held on the 4th day of March, 1943.

There being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

Treasurer read to Council financial report of City for month of February, 1943, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

The question of ways and means for repairing 40th Street Bridge was again brought to Councils attention. Mayor Chapman advised Council that councilman Erwin had made a trip to Winfield on this date and called on councilman Erwin to report to Council in regard to trip. Councilman Erwin advised Council that he had talked with Jas. Utt and other members of the Putnam County Court, also C. E. Copen, Prosecuting Attorney of Putnam County, and was informed by them that the Putnam County Court would donate the sum of \$600.00 for repairing 40th Street Bridge, councilman Erwin showed blue print of bridge to Council, also a statement of estimated materials that would be used in repairing bridge, the total amount being \$1,195.38.

The Recorder reported to Council of amount allocated for repairing streets in the Levy Estimate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1942 and ending June 30, 1943, the amount allocated being \$1,443.20, the total expenditures from July 1, 1942 through February, 1943 amounted to \$867.59 leaving a balance of \$575.61.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the City of Nitro appropriate but not exceed the amount of \$600.00, and this amount be considered a donation without assuming any responsibility for maintenance and control of 40th Street Bridge, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read letters from Nitro Post No. 108, The American Legion, in regard to payment on house and lot to amount of \$125.00 for living quarters for the Romella family.

Mayor Chapman recommended that half of this sum be paid.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that \$62.50 be paid to Post No. 108 of The American Legion of Nitro, West Virginia, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The question of the Tyler Mountain Bus Company picking up passengers from Nitro to Charleston and from Charleston to Nitro was discussed by the Council.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that Council go on record as favoring any request by the Tyler Mountain Bus Company to the Public Service Commission; or to the Office of Defence Transportation, for the privilege of hauling passengers through from Nitro to Charleston and from Charleston through to Nitro over their established route, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman discussed with Council the matter of the battery table located at the fire department station, this matter was tabled for time being; Councilman Keener advised the Mayor and Council that he would try and attend to the trouble in the next week or two.

A bill was presented to Council from the State Road Commission in regard to operator, grader, gasoline and oil used for repairing certain streets in Nitro. Amount of bill being \$15.74.

Mr. Wm. Alexander entered into a discussion with Mayor Chapman in regard to cinders put on 14th Street, Mr Alexander claiming that no cinders had been distributed on the upper end of street; also letter that had been written by Mayor Chapman to the State Liquor Commission under date of March 5, 1943, was brought into this discussion, letter being in regard to sale of liquor by employees of the Nitro Liquor Store to intoxicated persons.

Councilman Grass entered motion that the Recorder be authorized to write a letter to the State Liquor Commission stating that the Council had no knowledge of this letter being written, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council those voting for motion as made were Grass; Keener; Wintz; Erwin, councilmen and Lewis, Recorder, voting against motion as made, Draper, councilman, motion declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that Hecrey Ramsey be appointed Police Chief, there being no second to this motion motion declared dead.

Mayor Chapman ordered that the salary of Officer Ramsey be reduced back to patrolmans salary, effective March 17, 1943.

Councilman Keener entered motion that City continue to operate with one policeman for time being, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council those voting for motion as made were Draper; Grass; Keener; Wintz, councilmen, voting against motion as made Erwin, councilman and Lewis, Recorder, motion declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that salary of patrolman be increased to \$150.00 per month, motion seconded by councilman Erwin, upon vote by Council those voting for motion as made were Draper; Erwin, councilmen, and Lewis, Recorder, those voting against motion as made were Keener; Grass; Wintz, constituting a tie vote whereupon Mayor Chapman cast vote for motion as made, motion declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that bill presented by the State Road Commission, for grader, operator, gasoline and oil used in repairing certain streets be approved and paid, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
 Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor  
*T. A. Lewis*  
 T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

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March 27, 1943.

At a special meeting of the Council of the City of Nitro, called by Mayor Chapman and held on the 27th day of March, 1943, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Hugh A. Draper; L. F. Erwin; W. L. Wintz; Frank Keener, members of council of said city, also present G. C. Alderson, representing the Office of Civilian Defense.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman advised Council that reason for calling special meeting was for the purpose of Council approving the sponsorship of fire department equipment to be furnished Nitro by the United States Government for use in Civilian Defense work.

Mr. Alderson explained to Council of contract to be signed by the Mayor also that equipment would be under supervision of Fire Chief F. C. Lane of the Charleston Fire Department providing that Council named no one else, Mr. Alderson stated that the Supervisor would be placed under a \$5000.00 Bond. After some discussion by Council and Mr. Alderson it was agreed that F. C. Lane sign bond for all equipment.

Mayor Chapman read to Council contract governing this matter, copy of contract has been placed in files of City.

Councilman Keener entered motion that Mayor Chapman be authorized to accept equipment and sign the necessary papers and that Fire Chief F. C. Lane of the Charleston Fire Department be appointed property officer in charge of equipment, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The question of switch or battery board at fire station was again brought to Councils attention, after some discussion councilman Draper entered motion that Mayor Chapman be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the possible purchase of

rectifiers , motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
 Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor  
*T. A. Lewis*  
 T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

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April 14, 1943.

At a special meeting of the Council of the City of Nitro, Nitro, West Virginia, held on the 14th day of April, 1943, 7-30 P. M. meeting being called by Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and

Hugh A. Draper; L. O. Grass; W. L. Wintz; members of Council of said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman who stated to Council that call for special meeting was to discuss the matter of repairing the bridge across Armour's Creek on 40th Street, also Copy of Order issued by the Putnam County Court to amount of \$600.00.

Copy of Order by the Putnam County Court was read to Council by Mayor Chapman, ordered by Council that this Order be entered in minutes of this meeting, the Order reads as follows:

"It appearing to the Court that the bridge across Armour's Creek at 40th Street in the City of Nitro, is in a very bad state of repair and any who may use the same would be in danger of injury; that school buses, with pupils, must cross this bridge each school day and that said bridge is used daily and nightly by workers at war plants in going to and from their work; and it appearing further that the State Road Commission will contribute to the repairing of said bridge, but will not pay the full expense thereof, and that the City of Nitro is financially unable to contribute more than \$600.00 to repair its said bridge; it appearing further that the repairing of said bridge is a public necessity, and that an emergency exists, the Court is of the opinion to accept from the City of Nitro, and assume, for the year 1943 only, the right to assist in the maintenance and repairing of said bridge, and to contribute and allow for said purpose the sum of \$600.00 only; but the Court does not assume liability for any damages that might be suffered by the users of said bridge nor for any damages that might be suffered by any one who might be injured in the construction thereof; and the Court shall not be liable in excess of the sum of \$600.00, which sum is hereby allowed, as a public necessity, to be used in repairing said bridge and to be paid from the levy

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of 1942; and payment thereof is hereby ordered as the funds may be needed.

Upon the payment of said \$600.00 by this Court the said City of Nitro shall be bound by the provisions of this order.

This order is entered upon the advice of, and with the approval of the Prosecuting Attorney of this County.

C. K. - C. E. Copen, Pros. Atty.

James Utt

C. A. Neal

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF PUTNAM, SS:

I, A. M. Brown, Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing Instrument is a true and correct copy of a COURT ORDER, as recorded in my said office on the 12th. day of April, 1945, in Court Order Book No. 15 at page 371.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court on this the 13th. day of April, 1945.

SIGNED A. M. Brown, Clerk  
Putnam County,  
West Virginia.

(SEAL)

Councilman W. L. Wintz presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Common Council of the City of Nitro, Nitro, West Virginia, has received a Certified Copy of an Order of the County Court of Putnam:

WHEREAS: The County Court of Putnam agrees to contribute the sum of SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS, to assist the City of Nitro in repairing 40th. Street bridge.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Nitro, Nitro, West Virginia, that the offer by the County Court of Putnam County, subject to the provisions of the resolution, be accepted and that a Certified Copy of the County Court's Order be filed and entered on the Council records of the City of Nitro.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by councilman Hugh A. Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried un-

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animously.

Upon motion by councilman Wintz that a Certified Copy of the action of the Common Council of the City of Nitro, be filed with the County Court of Putnam County the motion was seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

(SEAL)

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor,

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

April 20, 1943.

At a regular session of the Council of the City of Nitro, held on the 20th. day of April, 1943, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; L. O. Grass; W. L. Wintz; H. A. Draper, members of council of said city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called on Recorder to read minutes of regular session of Council held on the 16th. day of March; special session held on the 27th. day of March and special session held on the 14th. day of April, 1943. There being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

Treasurer read financial report of City for the month of March, 1943, of the General Funds and of the Street Improvement Funds.

An invoice from the State Road Commission to amount of \$500.00, was brought to Councils attention, said amount to be paid by the City of Nitro to the State Road Commission for City's part of expense in repairing of the 40th. Street road. After some discussion by Council it was ruled that the State Road Commission be requested to send an Inspector to look over this work.

The Recorder read to Council copies of letters written to the Public Service Commission, and to the Office of Defense Transportation, also letters from the Public Service Commission in reply to same, these letters being in regard to the transporting of passengers from Nitro to Charleston and from Charleston to Nitro by the Tyler Mountain Bus Company.

On request by Mayor Chapman the Recorder mailed copies of the aforementioned correspondence to Mr. Chas. W. Caldwell, City Attorney.

Mayor Chapman read letters to Council from the Gamewell Co.

Recorder read to Council a petition filed by the Nitro Fire Department requesting an increase in salary.

Councilman Grass entered motion that the salary of Police Officer Ramsey be reduced from \$150.00 per month back to \$140.00, after some discussion by members of Council councilman Grass withdrew this motion.

Councilman Grass entered motion that petition filed by the members of the Fire Department, asking an increase in salary be filed and brought before Council at a later date, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.



Councilman Grass entered motion that radio in patrol car be returned to party purchased from and amount obtained be applied to other purposes, radio not to be sold for less than \$50.00, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council those voting for motion as made were councilmen Grass and Keener, those voting against motion as made were councilmen Wintz and Draper and Recorder Lewis, motion declared defeated.

The question of dogs running loose in corporate limits was raised by councilman Grass who entered motion that the City Attorney be notified to prepare an ordinance in regard to dogs and present same to Council at the next regular session of Council, motion seconded by councilman Keener, at this point Mayor Chapman read to Council Ordinance No. 24, said ordinance governing this question; motion by councilman Grass presented to Council for action, those voting for motion as made were councilmen Grass and Keener, those voting against motion as made were councilmen Wintz and Draper, constituting a tie vote, Mayor Chapman decided the issue by voting against the motion, motion declared defeated.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the City truck be sent to some service station and have brakes relined, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that officer Ramsey be appointed Police Chief. No action taken by Council on this matter.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that an additional policeman be installed on the police force. No action taken by Council in this matter.

Applications for police duty was read to Council by the Recorder, names of applicants being as follows:  
Bert Castle; Homer West; T. J. Conley.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried. Meeting adjourned.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

June 5, 1945.

At a regular session of the Council of the City of Nitro, held on the 5th day of June, 1945, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and H. A. Draper; Frank Keener; L. F. Erwin; W. L. Wintz, members of council of said city.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chapman who called on the Recorder to read minutes of regular session of Council held on the 24th day of April, 1945, there being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

The Treasurer read to Council financial report of City for month of April 1945, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Mayor Chapman called on Recorder to read to Council resignation of H. R. Ramsey as police officer of City.

Councilman Draper entered motion that resignation be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The matter of appointment of a police officer was brought before Council. Mayor Chapman recommended that J. W. Byrd be appointed, councilman Draper entered motion that recommendation of Mayor Chapman be approved, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The Recorder read a petition to Council signed by residents of East 40th Street, asking that a fireplug be installed on 40th Street near the corporation line of City, after some discussion by Council this matter was ordered tabled for the present, further ruled by Council that Mayor Chapman appoint a committee to investigate, the following members of Council were named as the committee: Councilmen L. F. Erwin and W. L. Wintz, who were instructed to report back to Council of their findings at the next regular session of Council June 15, 1945.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that police officer J. W. Byrd be put under bond. After some discussion by Council councilman entered motion that recommendation be approved, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that City place order for the printing of 1000 warrants, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Chapman councilman Draper entered motion that battery charger be purchased for fire station, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Lloyd M. Chapman Mayor

T. A. Lewis Recorder.

June 15, 1943.

At a regular session of the Council of the City of Nitro, held on the 15th day of June, 1943, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keener; L. O. Grass; L. F. Erwin; W. L. Wintz; H. A. Draper, members of council of said city, also present Chas. W. Caldwell, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman who called on Recorder for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 3rd. day of June, 1943, there being no objections or corrections minutes were declared approved as read.

Treasurer read financial report of City of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund to Council for month of May, 1943.

Mayor Chapman rendered bill for services rendered on repair work, 40th Street bridge, to amount of \$12.60.

Councilman Keener entered motion that bill be paid, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Recorder reported to Council of audit by the State Compensation Commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1941 and ending June 30, 1943. Report showed no discrepancies found.

Councilman Keener reported to Council of fire equipment at fire station.

Complaint by Dayton Witt for damage to property was brought to Councils attention. Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that the matter of drainage through his property is purely up to Mr. Witt. Councilman Draper entered motion that the Council assume no responsibility in this matter, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman requested that the Council examine fire equipment delivered at fire station for Civilian Defense purposes.

The question of obtaining bond for Mayor Chapman was brought before Council. Councilman Draper entered motion that application be made for bond and that the Mayor be placed under a bond of \$1,000.00 to comply with the law, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon <sup>vote</sup> by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended that order passed by Council at the regular session of Council on March 16, 1943 in regard to City continuing to operate with 1 police officer for time being be rescinded. Councilman Erwin entered motion that aforementioned order made by Council be recalled, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council the vote stood as follows: For recall of motion councilmen Erwin and Draper; against recall of motion councilmen Wintz; Keener; Grass and Lewis, Recorder. Motion declared defeated.

June 15, 1943 cont'd.

Mr. Chair, representing the Tyler Mt. Bus Co. appeared before Council and spoke of schedule that the Charleston Transit Bus Co. were operating their buses on between Nitro and Charleston. This matter was discussed by City Attorney Chas. W. Caldwell and the following resolution was read to Council by Weyer Chapman:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Tyler Mountain Bus Line, owned and operated by C.C. Litten and Bert Craig, and operating between Charleston and the City of Nitro by way of Big Tyler Mountain, have recently filed with the Public Service Commission an application to amend their certificate of convenience and necessity for the purpose of allowing said bus to carry passengers all the way from Nitro to Charleston, and from Charleston to within the City of Nitro, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Council, and it is the opinion of the Council of the City of Nitro that such application should be granted for the following reasons: (a) The present service between Nitro and Charleston by way of the Charleston Transit Company is inadequate and requires delays; (b) It will give to the people of Nitro approximately one-half hour service in the mornings and evenings and hourly service from approximately 10 o'clock A.M. to 3 o'clock P.M.; (c) The Charleston Transit Company buses are congested and crowded by reason of the Defense Plants at South Charleston and Dunbar; (d) It will shorten the time required in going to and from Charleston to Nitro; and (e) and for other reasons not herein mentioned.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO:

1. That the Public Service Commission is hereby requested and urged to grant the application of the Tyler Mountain Bus Lines, owned and operated by Bert Craig and C.C. Eitten, for an amendment of their certificate of convenience and necessity to permit said lines to carry passengers through from within the City of Charleston to within the City of Nitro, and from within the City of Nitro to within the City of Charleston, West Virginia.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent or delivered to the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

Upon the motion of Councilman Draper, and seconded by Councilman Grass, the above resolution with reference to the Tyler Mountain Bus Lines is adopted unanimously.

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I, T.A. Lewis, Recorder of the City of Nitro, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Common Council of Nitro at a regular meeting of the said Council held on the 15th day of June, 1943.

T. A. Lewis  
City Recorder

The Question of garbage hauling was brought to Council's attention. It was ruled by Council that those complaining be listed by name, also residence number and presented to Council at a regular session of the Council.

The question of the dog ordinance and dogs running at large was again brought before Council and discussed. The Recorder was instructed to call the State Agriculture Dept. in regard to Quarantine on dogs in Kanawha and Putnam Co.

June 15, 1943 cont'd

Recorder in conversation with Dr. Newton of this Dept. was informed that there was no quarantine in either county, the quarantine in Put. Co. being lifted the latter part of May, 1943.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Lloyd M Chapman  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

T. A. Lewis  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

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July 20, 1943

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 20th day of July 1943 there were present: Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor; T. A. Lewis, Recorder; and J. H. Brain, W. I. Tintz; members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Recorder Lewis, who was ill at this time, requested Mayor Chapman to declare meeting in recess. Request by Recorder granted whereupon Mayor Chapman declared meeting in recess until some future date.

Lloyd M Chapman  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

T. A. Lewis  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

August 12, 1943

The Council of the City of Nitro met to take up the Levy Estimate and transact any other business laid over from recessed meeting of July 20, 1943. Those present: Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, W.L. Lintz, Acting Recorder, and L.O. Grass, L.F. Erwin, Frank Keener, members of the Council of said city.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Levy Estimate read to Council by Mayor Chapman, reads as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF Kanawha & Putnam

MUNICIPALITY OF Nitro. To-wit:

At a recessed session of the council of the municipality of City of Nitro held in the council chambers thereof, in the city building on Tuesday, the 12th day of August 1943, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor T.A. Lewis, Recording Officer and L.O. Grass, W. L. Lintz, L.F. Erwin, Frank Keener, members of the council of said municipality.

In accordance with Section 14, Article 8, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, Second Extraordinary Session, The Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES  
Estimate Form No. 1 ESTIMATE

(1) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year, EXCEPT FROM THE LEVY OF TAXES to be made for the year.

Balance in hand of city treasurer.....	859.67
Redemption and sale of delinquent lands.....	25.00
Taxes uncollected .....	340.00
General Licenses.....	600.00
Building and other permits.....	50.00

Capitations.....	\$ 500.00
Fees.....	25.00
Bicycle Licenses.....	200.00
Amusement Taxes.....	650.00
Revenue- State Liquor Commission.....	2,601.20
Police Court Fines & Costs.....	1,250.00
Civic Benefits Association, Fire protection.....	14,202.44
Miscellaneous.....	100.69
Total estimated receipts.....	\$ 21,404.00

#### ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES:

1. Salary of Mayor.....	\$ 1.00
2. Salary of City Clerk.....	900.00
3. Salary of Treasurer.....	600.00
5. Salary of City Attorney.....	150.00
8. Salary of Chief and 1 Police.....	2,000.00
9. General expenses Police Department.....	800.00
10. Salaries of Chief and 3 Firemen.....	3,240.00
12. General expenses Fire Department.....	500.00
17. Jailers' compensation and supplies.....	95.00
18. Expenses keeping and feeding prisoners....	5.00
21. Stationery, office supplies and equipment.....	50.00
22. Postage & Box rent.....	20.00
23. Water- fire protection, streets and sewers...	6,000.00
24. Water- other purposes.....	70.00
25. Light for street lighting.....	1,225.00
26. Light- other purposes.....	165.00



27, Fuel.....	150.00
28, Ice.....	10.00
29, Telephone and telegraph.....	140.00
32, Advertising and legal publications.....	139.00
34, Premiums on official bonds.....	40.00
35, Election expenses.....	200.00
36, Expenses-aid to the poor.....	50.00
38, Municipal Taxes.....	30.00
40, New Equipment-Street Department.....	15.00
42, Maintenance of streets and alleys.....	2000.00
43, Purchase of lot for City Building.....	1200.00
44, Construction of new streets, sidewalks & sewers.....	100.00
45, Women's compensation machine.....	40.00
46, Audit by Tax Commissioner.....	75.00
48, Contingent expenses.....	301.00
49, Delinquent taxes and discounts.....	750.00
50, Police Court Trial Fees.....	325.00
Total current Expenses.....	24,565.00
Total estimated disbursements.....	24,565.00
Less estimated receipts brought from page 4.....	21,404.00
Amount to be raised by levy must equal.....	\$ 3,312.00
With 1900-1901 Levy below.....	

and the council doth determine and estimate that it will be necessary to raise by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for current regular municipal purposes the amount of-- \$ 3,312.00 and provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Nine and one half cents (9.5 ¢) on Class No. 1 property,

Nineteen cents ( .19 %) on Class No. II property, and  
 thirty-eight " ( .38 %) on Class No. IV property;

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment there-  
 in as follows:

Class	Assessed Valuation	Authorized Rates	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
<b>Ward No. I</b>				
Personal Property	\$ 52,315.00	0.5 %	0.5 %	5.
Public Utility Property	124,400.00	0.5 %	0.5 %	12.
Total Class No. I	176,715.00			<u>17</u>
<b>Ward No. II</b>				
Real Estate	394,000.00	1.9 %	1.9 %	749.
<b>Ward No. IV</b>				
Real Estate	338,220.00	3.8 %	3.8 %	1,283.
Personal Property	123,095.00	3.8 %	3.8 %	468.
Public Utility Property	163,200.00	3.8 %	3.8 %	620.
Total Class No. IV	<u>624,515.00</u>			<u>2,371.</u>
<b>TOTAL CITY</b>	<u>\$ 1,801,230.00</u>			<u>\$ 3,312.</u>

MINI-CITY OF ST. LOUIS - MISSOURI  
FINANCIAL REPORT

REPORT NO. 3

The Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for interest, sinking fund and amortization requirements of bonded indebtedness, legally incurred by a vote of the people as provided by law, since the adoption of the tax limitation amendment, owing by said municipality, as follows:

BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 2, 1932

Date of Vote		Original Amount of	Amount Required for			
Authorizing		Amount of Bonds				
Issue	Issue	Outstanding	Sinking	Interest	Total	
10/20/32	\$14,000.	\$ 14,000.	\$ 500.	\$ 325.	\$ 825.	
Delinquent Taxes and Expenditures Anticipated at 10%						\$ 80.

Total amount to be raised by a Levy of Taxes... 07% and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

SUMMARY OF LEVIES

Three cents ( 3c ) on Class No. I property,  
Six cents ( 6c ) on Class No. II property, and  
Twelve cents ( 12c ) on Class No. IV property,  
for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessments therein as follows:

Class	Assessed Valuation	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
CLASS I			
Personal Property.....	\$ 52,315.	3%	\$ 1.
Public Utility Property.....	194,400.	3%	4.
Total Class No. I.....	176,715.		5.
CLASS II			
Real Estate.....	364,000.	6%	218.
CLASS IV			
Real Estate.....	338,880.	12%	406.
Personal Property.....	193,005.	12%	148.

Public Utility Property.....	189,200.	194	\$ 809.
Total Class No. IV.....	830,115.		758.
NET TOTAL.....	1,800,830.		\$ 676.

CITY OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO-WIT:

I, M. J. Lewis, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 10th day of August, 1943.

Given under my hand this 12th day of August, 1943.

G. A. Lewis

RECORDED  
Official File

August 12, 1943, cont'd

Ray Chapman moved to the Council by Mayor Chapman, made in the same order manner.

Motion by Councilman Keener that Petition be approved and accepted, motion seconded by Councilman Frits, upon vote by Council action declared carried.

Mayor Chapman advised Council that he had purchased lumber for 40th St. bridge from the Guthrie Lumber Co.

Motion entered by Councilman Keener that purchase be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Grace and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Motion entered by Councilman Frits that Mayor Chapman be authorized to meet with the Board of Directors of the Civilian Control Association in regard to rates as shown by the U. S. Virginia Water Service Co. and report back to Council at the next regular session of Council, motion seconded by Councilman Grace and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that Ed. Keener be appointed as deck sergeant at a salary of \$20.00 per month, effective as of August 1, 1943. Councilman Frits entered motion that recommendation be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council action declared carried.

After some discussion between members of Council and Mayor Chapman, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Councilman Frits entered motion that City as representative of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Local Order of Moose and any other future contribution from Civic Organizations for the purpose of applying to purchase of a surplus trailer truck for fire equipment furnished by the U. S. Government for Nitro Wire Dept. motion seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to members of Council that rates on labor and hauling be increased from 50¢ per hour to 60¢ per hour and truck driver from 60¢ per hour to 75¢ per hour. Councilman Wintz entered motion that recommendation be approved and accepted, motion seconded by Councilman Frits and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

After some discussion in regard to the Beane-Barnes House sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce Councilman Keener entered motion that the Junior Chamber of Commerce's application for sponsorship for this House be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that action of Recorder Lewis in regard to his giving his permission to the Junior Chamber of Commerce for sponsorship of Beane-Barnes House be protested, motion seconded by Wintz, carried.

There being no future business to come before Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried, meeting adjourned.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder

August 19, 1943.

The Council of the City of Nitro met on the 19th. day of August, 1943 for the purpose of laying the Levy for the fiscal year 1943-44 and conduct such other business as might come before it, there were present:

Lloyd W. Chapman, Mayor, T.A. Lewis, Recorder, and Frank Keenan, T. E. Thrin, W.L. Jantz, Hugh Draper members of the council of said city.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 15th. day of June, 1943, there being no objections or corrections, minutes were declared approved as read.

The minutes covering additional business transacted after approval of Levy Estimate on August 12, were not in hands of Recorder at this meeting and are to be read to council at the regular session to be held on the 21st. day of Sept, 1943. Treasurer read to council financial report for City for months of June and July, 1943.

Recorder read to the council Levy Order along with approval & recommendation by the Tax Commissioner. The council proceeded to sign Levy Order.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSIONER

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY..... NITRO.....

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me, as Tax Commissioner of The State of West Virginia, under the provisions of Section 23, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, second extraordinary session ( House Bill No. 234 ), the levies proposed by you for your municipality are hereby approved, subject to the following exceptions:

The total taxes levied on Class I property has been corrected to read " \$168.00 " instead of \$17. Your contingent expenses has been increased to \$301.00 to balance.

Given under my hand this the 17th. day of August, 1943.

Geo. P. Alderson  
TAX COMMISSIONER

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August 19, 1943 cont'd

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a special session of the council of the Municipality of Nitro,  
Nitro, West Virginia, held in the council chambers thereof on Thurs-  
day, the 19th, day of August, 1943;

Present: Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, Recording Officer F.A. Lewis and  
Hugh A. Draper, W.L. Pritz, J.E. Erwin, Frank K. Keenan, Members  
of the council of said Municipality.

SHERIFF REGILL R. MUNICIPAL LEVY  
ORDER

Order From No. I

The council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be  
raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for regular  
municipal purposes will be \$ 3,312. , according to the estimate  
made and entered of record on the 12th. day of August, 1943, and  
said estimate having been published as required by law, and no one  
appearing to oppose the same or to take exception thereto, and Tax  
Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore  
ordered that said estimate and the rates of levy proposed therein,  
be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundr-  
ed dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Nine and one-half cents ( 9.5 ¢ ) on Class No. I property,  
Nineteen cents ( 19 ¢ ) on Class No. II property, and  
Thirty-eight cents ( 38 ¢ ) on Class No. IV property,  
for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein,  
as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate Of Levy	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
NUMBER I			
Personal Property.....	52,315.	9.5 ¢	\$
Public Utility Property	124,400.	9.5 ¢	
Total Class No.I	176,715.		\$ 168.
NUMBER II			
Real Estate.....	394,000.	19 ¢	749.
NUMBER IV			
Real Estate.....	338,820.	38 ¢	1,288.
Personal Property.....	123,095.	38 ¢	468.
Public Utility Property	168,200.	38 ¢	639.
Total Class No.IV....	630,115.		2,395.
TOTAL LEVY.....	\$ 1,200,830.		\$ 3,312.

# MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES-INTEREST AND SINKING ORDER

ORDER FORM No.3

BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 9, 1939

The council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for the purpose of paying interest on the principal of a bond issue of \$ 16,000. will be \$ 974. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 12th. day of August, 1943, and said estimate having been published as required by law and no one appearing to oppose the same or take exception thereto and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is there fore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levies proposed therein be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

## AUTHORIZED RATES

Three.....cents ( 3 ¢) On Class No.I Property,

Six .....Cents ( 6 ¢) On Class No.II Property, and,

Twelve...cents ( 12 ¢) On Class No.IV Property,  
for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessments therein,  
as follows:



## CLASS

CLASS	Description	Value	Rate	Total
CLASS I				
Public Utility	50,000.	3	1,500.	
Public Utility	100,000.			
Public Utility	150,000.			
CLASS II				
Real Estate	100,000.	6	600.	
CLASS III				
Real Estate	100,000.	12	1,200.	
Personal Property	10,000.	12	1,200.	
Public Utility	100,000.	12	1,200.	
Total Class III	300,000.		3,600.	
TOTAL TAX	1,000,000.		10,000.	

SEAL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of August, 1931.

I, E. A. Lewis, Secretary of said Municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct records of the same as entered by the Council of said Municipality on the 10th day of August, 1931.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of August, 1931.

*E. A. Lewis*

Record as  
(OR SEEN BY ME)

August 10, 1943 Cont'd

Councilman Draper entered motion that \$ 500.00 be transferred from the S.I.F. to the Gen. Fund, motion seconded by councilman Arvin and on vote by council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that according to authority to purchase other side of block adjacent land also by purchase of City lot, motion seconded by councilman Arvin and on vote by council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that City lease to request from the Nitro Sulphur Comp. the amount of \$ 500.00, motion seconded by councilman Arvin and on vote by council was declared carried.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that the U. Va. Water Service Co. be notified to re run lines of water lines on 18th and 19th. streets, motion seconded by councilman Draper and on vote by council was declared carried.

The question of installation of fire plug on 10th. St. was tabled until next meeting.

Mayor Chapman recommended that I. Dickerson be appointed as a permanent member of the fire dept. Councilman Draper entered motion that recommendation be approved, motion seconded by councilman Arvin and on vote by council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time motion for adjournment carried. Meeting adjourned.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

September 21, 1943.

At the regular session of the Council of the City of Milwaukee, held on the 21st day of Sept., 1943, there were present: Lloyd W. Chapman, Mayor; P. A. Leric, Recorder; and Frank Werner, T. C. Grass; E. T. Wintz; T. E. Eyrin; W. J. Draper; members of the Council of the said city.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 19th and 18th of August 1943. In the minutes of August 19th, a motion made by councilman Werner in which he entered a protest in regard to Recorder Leric giving a permit to the Union Chapter of Lawrence for their sponsorship of the Deane Barnes Dinner was written as motion receiving no second this was written in the minutes of Aug. 19th, as ending. In information supplied to Recorder Leric by E. T. Wintz, councilman Werner asked that the minutes be corrected to show that the motion did receive a second and councilman Wintz volunteered. According to this motion which upon vote by Council was declared carried. This correction has been made in addition to the foregoing. Recorder Leric wished to state that he did not issue a permit to the Union Chapter on to the Deane Barnes Dinner. Minutes of August 19th and 18th, 1943 were approved by Council.

The Treasurer proceeded to read to Council Financial Report of City for month of August, 1943, of the Gen. Fund and of the St. Imp. Fund.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that motion entered by councilman Werner in session of Aug. 19th, in which he entered a protest in regard to Recorder Leric giving a permit to the T. C. of M. for the sponsorship of the Deane Barnes Dinner be stricken from the records. Councilman Grass entered motion that recommendation made by Mayor Chapman be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

The question of increase of salaries to members of the Fire Dept. and also necessary repairs to fire station and bill pending of the Camerell Co. was discussed by Mayor Chapman and members of Council.

Councilman Draper entered motion that when the expected amount was paid over to the City by the I. B. A. and funds were available that the Camerell Co. be paid. Motion was seconded by councilman Eyrin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Eyrin entered motion that work on the fire station be started as soon as payment is received by the City from the I. B. A. motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Recorder read to the Council petition signed by residents of 19th Street requesting that an additional street light be installed close to center of Ball park fence.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the I. B. A. be requested to install this light, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Grass entered motion that Mayor Chapman be authorized to make necessary arrangements for obtaining grades from the State Road Commission for the purpose of repaving city streets, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the members of the Fire Dept. be given an increase of salary of \$12.50 each, effective as of Sept. 1, 1943, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

September 21, 1943 Cont'd

The question of installing a fire plug close to the City boundary on 40th. Street was again called to Council attention. Mr. Hanna a resident of 40th Street explained to the Council the distance ( 4 in.) which the water line would have to be extended to reach the City line. After some discussion by Council on this matter, councilman Draper entered motion that if cost of installing the fire plug does not exceed \$50.00 that councilman Wintz be authorized to have fire plug installed by the Water Co. Motion seconded by councilman Gross and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that letter be written to Col. Hees, State Supt. of State Police and the Superintendents of Schools of Kanawha and Putnam Co. and the Tyler St. Sch. Co. in regard to the condition of bridge on 40th. St. Motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mr. Lady Belo Member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the Junior Chamber rendered a vote of thanks to the Nitro Council for their acceptance of funds paid over to the Nitro City Treasury, also thanking them for past favors.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Lloyd M. Chapman  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor.

J. A. Lewis  
J. A. Lewis, Recorder.

October 7, 1943

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At a special meeting of the Council of the City of Nitro, held on the 7th. day of Oct. 1943, there were present: Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor; W.L. Wintz, Acting Recorder; and L.F. Erwin; H. A. Draper; Frank Keener; Members of the Council of the said City.

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the appointment of E.J. Fividen as Fire Chief be approved, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by the council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that E.J. Fividen be made custodian of fire equipment furnished by the U.S. Government for Civilian Defense said equipment housed at the Fire Station, motion seconded by Councilman Keener and upon vote by council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that salary of J.W. Byrd be increased \$ 12.50 per month, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that Lloyd Painter be notified to trim hedge at 8002-30th. Street, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the W.Va. Water Service Co. be notified to repair leaks on water lines on 18th St. 1st. Ave. and also 19th. St. This being second motion we would appreciate immediate action due to freezing weather, which will be here in the very near future, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor.

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

October 26, 1945

At the regular session of the Council held on the 26th. day of October, 1945, there were present:

Lloyd A. Chapman, Mayor; E.L. Lewis, Recorder,

L.F. Brain; Frank Keener; H.A. Draper; L.L. Fints; members of the Council of said City.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 21st. day of Sept. and minutes of extra session held on the 7th. day of October, 1945; there being no objections or corrections minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer read financial report of City to Council for month of Sept. 1945 of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Recorder read letter to Council under date of Oct. 23, 1945, from the J. C. Of Commerce and signed by Warren Ellis, Secretary, said letter thanking Mayor Chapman and members of Council for their assistance and co-operation regarding the "Victory Harbor" held on Sept. 30, 1945. This letter has been placed in files of City.

Mayor reported to Council of letter received from Col. Hess, Supt. of St to Police, also O.O. White, Suty. of Schools, Pitt. Co. in regard to the rebuilding of 10th. St. Bridge. Also amount of lumber that has been delivered to the bridge.

Recorder read to Council letter from the W.Va. Water Service Co. in regard to leaks on 18th. and 10th. Streets.

Councilman Fints reported to Council in regard to installation of fire plug on East end of 40th. St. near corporate line.

Councilman Keener entered motion that councilman Fints contact C.R. Corner, City Engineer, requesting him to definitely establish the corporate line on 40th. St. motion seconded by councilman Fints and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read to Council an amendment to the Building Code, this amendment to be known as Section 37 of the Building Code.

The question of celebration on Halloween night was brought before Council by councilman Draper, Mayor Chapman advised councilman Draper and other members of Council that several members of the C.O. and Police had volunteered their services gratis to assist and cooperate with the City officials in preserving order.

Councilman Keener entered motion that in view of the fact that the present fire chief did not own a car personally that the payment of the \$5.00 per month for gasoline allowed the fire chief heretofore be discontinued, motion seconded by councilman Fints and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Lloyd M Chapman  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

T. A. Lewis  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

November 16, 1948

The Council Of the City of Alto held its regular session on the 16th. day of November, 1948, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor; T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and

L. E. Erwin; L. O. Grass; H. A. Draper; W. L. Mintz, members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman, who called for Recorder to read minutes of regular session held on the 26th. day of October, 1948. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were declared approved as read.

The Treasurer read to Council financial report of City for month of October, 1948, of General Funds and of the Street Improvement Fund.

The Mayor and Council discussed bills pending for the repairing of fire station.

1. Councilman Draper entered motion that the \$ 350.00 mentioned by Mayor Chapman and to paid to City for repairing fire station be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

2. Councilman Grass enter motion motion that bills rendered by Southern Supply Co. for materials in repairing fire station be paid, motion seconded by councilman Mintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

3. Councilman Erwin entered motion that the City spend an additional \$ 350.00 to be applied to the afore mentioned work, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman explained to Council concerning the resignation of Isaac Dickerson, former member of the Alto Fire Dept. following which the resignation was read to Council.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that resignation of I. Dickerson be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that Wm. Cain be appointed as a member of the Fire Dept. Councilman Draper entered motion that recommendation be approved and that Wm. Cain be appointed as member of the Fire Dept., motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

The resignation of H.R. Black as Fire chief was introduced to Council by Mayor Chapman.

Applications of George Miller and L.W. Cain for positions as Fireman in the Fire Dept. were read by Council, councilman Grass entered motion that application of L.W. Cain be approved and L.W. Cain be appointed fireman, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that check to amount of \$ 36.11 tendered to the City of Nitro by the Nitro Civilian Defense Comm. as donation, amount collected on sale of scrap, be accepted by City, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that the men working on rebuilding the 40th. St. Bridge be paid in full when work is completed, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that bill for lumber used on the 40th. St. Bridge, purchased from the Spring Street Lumber Co. be paid, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read to the Council resignation of L. W. Cain as member of Civil Service Comm; councilman Erwin entered motion that resignation be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Amendment to Building Code be accepted and adopted, amendment to be entered in records as Section 38, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that H.R. Drake be appointed as member of Civil Service Comm. to fill the unexpired term of L.W. Cain, resigned.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that recommendation of Mayor Chapman be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that E.A. Lewis be allowed \$8.75 for additional services, amount to be applied on payment of official bond for Recorder- Treasurer, motion seconded by councilman Wintz and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Dr. J. W. Staggs owner of lot on 22nd. St. ; in rear of the Charleston Daily Mail stand be notified that the open basement be fenced, closed or filled in as it constitutes a hazard for children playing in that particular



vicinity, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the Nitro State Police be requested to cooperate with the City Police in trying to locate a hot water tank removed from a room adjoining back part of building owned by City and recently turned over to City by F.R. Peck, local manager for W.Va. Water Service Co. motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the position of Street Commissioner be discontinued and City revert back to plan of 3 man street committee, motion seconded by councilman Wints and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that Street Comm. Grass present to Recorder statements showing cost of labor and material in repairing pavement at Lyric Theatre, 21st. and repairing sidewalk on 1st. Ave at Hawkins' Tea Room, 26th. St. motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried. Meeting adjourned.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
 Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
 T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

December 20, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro held its regular session on the 20th. day of December, 1945, there were present :

Lloyd K. Chapman, Mayor; T. A. Lewis, Recorder ; And  
L. F. Erwin; L. O. Grass; W. L. Wintz; H. A. Draper;  
Frank Keener, members of the Council of said City.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 16th. day of November, 1945, there being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Mayor called on the Treasurer to read to Council the financial statement of the City for the month of November, 1945, for General Fund and Street Improvement Fund.

There was some discussion by the Mayor Chapman and members of the Council in regard to finances and amounts that had been promised to City, in particular amount from the Civic Benefit Association and also amount promised by Tyler Mt. Bus Co.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that City go on record by writing letters of thanks for cooperation with City in regard to the rebuilding of the 40th. St. Bridge to the following:

State Road Com. of W. Va.; The Putnam County Court; C. E. Copen, Prosecuting Attorney, Putnam Co. ; The American Viscose; and The Nitro Junior Chamber Of Commerce.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that letters of thanks be sent to the aforementioned, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Mayor Chapman be allowed \$ 2.50 for extra services, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Grass entered motion motion that the position of Desk Sergeant be discontinued, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time motion for adjournment carried. Meeting adjourned.

*Lloyd K. Chapman*  
Lloyd K. Chapman, Mayor  
*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

January 18, 1944.

At a regular session of the Council of the City of Nitro, held on the 18th. day of January 1944, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor; L. O. Grass; Frank Keener; H. A. Draper; W. L. Wints, members of the Council of said City. Also present Chas. A. Caldwell, City Attorney.

T. A. Lewis, Recorder, being absent owing to illness, councilman W. L. Wints was named as Acting Recorder.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chapman who stated to Council that owing to the absence of Recorder Lewis that minutes for month of December, 1943 and also financial statement of City for for December would be read at the regular session held by Council on February 13, 1944.

Mayor Chapman read to Council resignation of L. H. Cain as member of the Fire Department, councilman Draper entered motion that resignation be accepted, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman recommended to Council the temporary appointment of Paul Wiscot member of the Fire Department. Councilman Grass entered motion that recommendation be approved, motion seconded by councilman Keener and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor read to Council applications as member of the police force: Elton Horn; E. A. Bailey and W. L. Warren. No definite action was taken by Council as to any permanent appointment.

Councilman Draper entered motion that J.W. Byrd, police officer be paid full salary up to January 15th. inclusive, and the rate of \$ 140.00 per month as long as he continued on police force, motion seconded by councilman Grass and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read a letter to the Council, said letter being signed by Curtis Bailey, requesting the right to collect garbage in the City limits of Nitro and that he be designated garbage collector. The Council discussed this matter and heard complaints that had been made by certain citizens as to present garbage collector.

Councilman Grass entered motion that present garbage collector be notified to appear before the City Council at their next regular session to answer to those complaints, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder.

February 15, 1944

The Nitro City Council held its regular session on the 15th. day of February, 1944, there were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T. A. Lewis, Recorder, and  
L.O. Grass; H.A. Draper; L. F. Erwin, members of Council  
of said City.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman, who called on Recorder to read minutes of regular sessions of Council held on the 20th. day of December, 1943 and regular session held on the 10th. day of January, 1944. There being no objections or corrections, minutes were declared approved as read.

Mayor Chapman called for Treasurer to read to Council financial reports of City for months of December, 1943 and January, 1944, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Mayor Chapman advised Council that he had instructed the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. to remove desk phones from the room occupied by the Civilian Defense as at this time it was deemed an unnecessary expense on the City.

Mayor Chapman read to the Council statement from Charles W. Caldwell, City Attorney, amount being \$ 100.00 for legal services rendered to City of Nitro for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943 and ending March 31, 1944.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that this bill be paid, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read letter to Council written by Charles W. Caldwell, City Attorney, to C. M. Copen, Prosecuting Attorney of Putnam County, in R. E. to case City of Nitro vs Reuben Harrison.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the Fire Chief be allowed \$ 5.00 per month effective as January 1, 1944, for gasoline, motion seconded by councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that bill pending from the Valley Motor Service for tires, tubes, battery, etc. for patrol car, be paid, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that gasoline used by Policeman Bailey for use of his own personal car during time that City patrol car was being repaired should be paid, motion seconded by Councilman Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that Fire Chief purchase 5 pairs of rubber boots for members of the Fire Department, to be used when necessary in answer to calls for fires, motion seconded by councilman Draper and upon vote by Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor  
*T. A. Lewis*  
T.A. Lewis, Recorder.

March 21, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 21st. day of March, 1944. There were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor, T.A. Lewis, Recorder and Frank Keener, L.F. Erwin, L.O. Brass, W.L. Wintz and Hugh Draper, members of the Council of the said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of the minutes of the regular session of the Council held on the 15th. day of February, 1944. There being no corrections or objections, minutes were declared approved as read.

The Treasurer read to the Council The Financial reports of the City for the month of February, 1944, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that bill be paid to the Times Advance for publication of Bicycle Licenses, Motion was seconded by Councilman Erwin and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

The question of the Case of <sup>T</sup>he City vs Reubhan Harrison was brought to the Councils attention by Mayor Chapman. Councilman Grass entered motion that Mayor Chapman proceed with action against Reubhan Harrison in injunction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

The question in regard to bond for Bert Castle and Approval of Appointment, as policeman, was brought to the Councils attention by Mayor Chapman. Councilman Erwin entered motion that appointment be approved, Motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council was declared approved.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that Salary of Mayor be placed at \$ 400.00 per year, the Salary of Recorder be placed at \$ 100.00 per month and the Salary of the Street Commissioner be placed at \$ 100.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council those voting in favor of were: Councilman Draper, Erwin, Wintzand Recorder Lewis, those voting against were: Councilmen Keener and Grass. Motion was declared carried.

The Application for Fireman, by Carl Graham was read to the Council. by The Recorder. There was no action taken by the Council on this matter at this time.

Councilman Draper entered motion that appointment of W. A. Warner as fireman be approved, Motion was seconded by Councilman Erwin and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin entered motion that Councilman Grass be reinstated as Street Commissioner, Motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. Lewis, Recorder

April 18, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro, met in regular session on the 18th. day of April, 1944.

There were persent: Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor and

Frank Keener, W.L.Wintz, L.F.Erwin, and Hugh Draper members of the said COUNCIL.

In the absence of Recorder Lewis, Councilman Wintz acted as Recorder.

Mayor Chapman called for the reading of the minutes of the regular session of Council held on the 21st. day of March, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of the Financial Statement, for the month of March, 1944 of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Mayor Chapman presented to the Council a statement from Cornella S. Williams, for legal services, in the case of the City of Nitro vs. Reubhen Harrison, and recommended that this bill be paid. Councilman Erwin entered motion that the bill be paid, the motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read to the Council a letter under date of April 3, 1944, from the State Road Commission of W.Va. in regard to agreement of renting a Grater for street maintenance. This letter to be placed on the file. Councilman Draper entered motion that this agreement be approved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Erwin and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read to the Council a letter from A.M.Brown Putnam County Clerk, in regard to registration of Citizens in the coming City election. Mayor Chapman suggested to the Council that a publication concerning the Registration for the City election be placed in the local newspaper and read to the Council the Following Draft:

"The Nitro Municipal Election will be held on the 6th. day of June, 1944. This election will be covered by permanet voters' registration of the State of West Virginia. All residents of the City of Nitro, W.Va. who are not registered, or who wish transfers from outside the Municipality, will be necessary for them to register with the Clerk of the County Court in the County in which they reside, on or before the 6th. day of May, 1944."

Councilman Draper entered motion that the above suggestion be approved, motion was seconded by Erwin and upon vote by Council was declared approved.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the City rent a truck for the purpose of hauling off trees by members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who have offered their services for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Erwin and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

The Council entered a discussion concerning the holes in the City streets, Mayor Chapman suggested to Council that these damages be repaired. Councilman Erwin entered motion that the Mayor be authorized to see to having the streets fixed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper offered the following Resolution:

" I, Hugh Draper, move that the following Resolution be adopted:

" Whereas, the City of Nitro shall hold an Election of officers on the Sixth day of June, 1944. as provided by Section 4 , Article 3, Chapter 8, Code of 1931, State of West Virginia. therefore Be it:

" Resolved, that all nominations be made by certificates and signed by the required number of voters, and filed with the City Recorder not later than the 6th. day of May, 1944, as provided by Section 16, Article 3, Chapter 8, Code of 1931, of the State of West Virginia.

" Be it further Resolved: that each Candidate shall pay the sum of Five ( \$ 5.00 ) dollars, at time of filing certificate with the Recorder, said sum to be entered in the General Receipts of the City of Nitro.

" Be it further Resolved: That the Election shall be held in the building known as the City Office."

Councilman Erwin seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council was declared.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion for adjournment carried.

Lloyd M. Chapman  
Lloyd M. CHAPMAN, Mayor

T. A. Lewis  
T.A. Lewis, Recorder.



MAY 16, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 16th. day of May, 1944.

There were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor; T.A. Lewis, Recorder, and W.L. Wintz, Frank Keener, L.F. Erwin, L.O. Grass, and Hugh Draper members of the said Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 18th. day of April, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of Financial Statement for the month of April, 1944, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

The Recorder presented to the Council, certificates of Candidates for nomination to office in the municipal election to be held on the 6th. day of June, 1944. The Council entered into a discussion upon the eligibility of said candidates. It was finally decided that each candidate present to the Recorder his tax receipts for the year of 1943. Councilman Keener entered motion that the certificates of nomination for office be accepted, motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

The following persons were named to serve on the Election Board;

S.F. Montague,	Receiving	and	Counting	Commissioner.
R.M. Tormey,	"	"	"	"
Mrs. Marie Blake,	"	"	"	"

Frank Collins,	Receiving	and	Counting	Clerk.
George Grove,	"	"	"	"
W.W. Alexander,	"	"	"	"
L.F. Hartranft,	"	"	"	"

Councilman Grass entered motion that the Above persons be approved to serve on the Election Board, Councilman Wintz seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman asked for the Council's approval of the appointment of O.C. Little as a regular member of the Fire Department. Councilman Erwin motion that the appointment be approved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman presented to the Council application of George K. Moore, for fireman. No definite action was taken upon this matter at this time.

Mayor Chapman called the Council's attention to the fact that a tree was obstructing the light from a street light on 3rd. Ave. stating that the light could be moved to a nearby pole, which holds an alarm box. Councilman Draper entered motion that the Appalachian Electric Power Company be notified to transfer the street light to the pole which holds the alarm box, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the ballots to be used in the Municipal election to be held on the 6th. day of June, 1944, be purchased from the Nitro Press. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the City of Nitro purchase another strip of land adjoining the land already purchased for the City lot, motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the City truck be repaired, Councilman Grass seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

The Council and several Citizens, who were present at this meeting entered into a discussion concerning the recent poisoning of several dogs in Nitro. Councilman Grass entered motion that the Mayor contact the Prosecuting Attorney of Kanawha County and ask for assistance in helping to locate the person who is responsible for the poisoning of the dogs, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
LLOYD M. CHAPMAN, Mayor.

*T. A. Lewis*  
T. A. LEWIS, Recorder

JUNE 12, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in special session on the 12th. day of June, 1944.

There were present:

Llody M. Chapman, Mayor; W.L. Wintz, Frank Keener, and L.O. Grass; members of the said Council.

In the absence of T.A. Lewis, Recorder, Councilman Wintz acted as Recorder.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman, who stated to the Council that the purpose of the meeting was for the Council to act as a Board of Canvassers to certify to the Results of the Municipal election officers, held on the 6th. day of June, 1944, their duty being to carefully and impartially examine the returns of the election held in said City.

Mayor Chapman called for the unlocking of the ballot boxes and to lay before the Council the Ballots voted, the Ballots not used, tally sheets, and Certificate as certified to by the election board.

The Count of the ballots disclosed that there were five-hundred and twelve ( 512 ) duly qualified votes, and four ( 4 ) challenged votes, and one (1) ballot which was destroyed, making a total of five hundred and seventeen ( 517 ) ballots used. This count checking with that of the election board.

The certificate of Results signed by:

L.F. Hartranft, G.H. Grove -	Receiving Board Clerks.
Marie Blake, R.M. Tormey -	" " Commissioners
F.O. Collins, W.W. Alexander-Counting	" " Clerks.
Sam F. Montague -	" " Commissioner.

read as follows:

For the office of Mayor:

Walter R. Blodgett -	Three hundred and five ( 305 )
Lester R. Stone -	One " " eleven ( 111 )
Lloyd M. Chapman -	Ninety-seven ( 97 )

For the office of Recorder:

Grace Lewis -	Four hundred and forty three ( 443 )
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For the office of Council:

Hugh A. Draper -	Three hundred and eighty nine ( 389 )
Fred R. Hill -	Four " " thirty ( 430 )
W.L. Wintz -	Three " " ninety five ( 395 )
L.F. Erwin -	Three " " twenty three ( 323 )
L.O. Grass -	Two " " ninety five ( 295 )
Harry Marshall -	Three " " seventy six ( 376 )

Councilman Keener entered motion that the results of the election as certified to by the election board be accepted and approved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion that the Challenge of the votes of Dora Jane Cain, William Cain, Lillian May Cahmberlain, Lesle Allen Burdette, said cahllenges signed by L.F. Hartranft and G.H.Grove, Clerks of the Election Receiving Board, be sustained by the Council, Councilman Grass seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

Councilman Keener entered motion the the Ballot signed by L.F.Hartranft and G.H.Grove, Clerks of the Election Receiving Board, said ballot which was destroyed by the voter, be sustained by the Council, The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council was declared carried.

The members of the Council proceeded to burn the ballots which were not used in the election.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Lloyd M. Chapman*  
Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T.A. Lewis*  
T.A. Lewis, Recorder

June 20, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 20th. day of June, 1944.

There were present:

Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor; Frank Keener, W.L. Wintz, and L.O. Grass members of the said Council.

In the absence of T.A. Lewis, Recorder, Councilman Wintz acted as Recorder.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman.

Mayor Chapman called for the reading of the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 16th. day of May, 1944. There being no objections or corrections minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Chapman called for reading of minutes of special session of Council held on the 12th. day of June, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Chapman called reading of the Financial Statement for the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

A statement for the amount of \$ 9.44 for attending Circuit Court, March 13, 1944, Case of City of Nitro vs Reuben Harrison, said statement signed by J.E. Roark, was presented to the Council. Councilman Keener entered motion that J.E. Roark be paid the amount of \$ 9.44 and charged to Street work, Councilman Grass seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman presented to the Council a statement for the amount of \$ 36.70, from the Clerk Circuit Court of Putnam County, said costs to be paid by the City of Nitro in the Case of City of Nitro vs Reuben Harrison. Councilman Grass entered motion that the bill be paid to the Clerk Circuit Court of Putnam County, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read to Council a statement, which had been presented by Chief of Police, for the amount of \$ 3.50, for a book of bridge toll tickets and recommended that the amount of \$ 3.50 be paid to Chief of police Bert Castle, Councilman Wintz entered motion that the bill be paid, Councilman Keener seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Mayor and members of the Council and several citizens, who were present at this meeting entered into a discussion on the question of the recent dog poisoning in Nitro. It was disclosed that no definite action had been taken on this matter.

Councilmen Grass and Keener raised an objection and question at to why the ballots for the Municipal election held on June 6, 1944, had not been bought from the company designated in the motion entered by Councilman Draper and seconded by Councilman Grass, in regular session of May 16, 1944. Mayor Chapman informed the Council that said motion was out of order at the time made and read to the Council the City ordinance # 30, governing Municipal elections, which states: "That all duties perscribed by General Law for holding of General elections to be proformed by the board of ballot Commissioners, the Clerk of Circuit Court, and the Clerk of the County Court, shall be proformed by the Recorder of the said town with respect to elections to be held therein. After some discussion Councilmen Keener and Grass withdrew their objection.

Councilman Grass entered motion that the curb forms be moved from the rear of the City office, to the fire station where they should be prepared for storage. Councilman Wintz seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman read to the Council an application of O.C. Little for Chief of police. Councilman Grass entered motion that the application be placed in the files of the City, Councilman Wintz seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Mayor Chapman and members of the Council entered into a discussion upon the eligibility of the incoming Council, to hold office. Mayor Chapman read to the Council a list of seven of the ten candidates who participated in the June election, said candidates who had qualified by showing their 1943 tax receipts to the Recorder. There was no definite action taken on this matter at this time.

Mayor Chapman read to the Council an objection, signed by W.W.Alexander and Walter R.Blodgett, said objection stating that the signers requested that the Municipal election to be held on June 6, 1944 be held in accordance with Election Laws of the state of West Virginia, and objecting to holding the election in one voting precinct. Said objection served on T.A.Lewis, Recorder, June 5, 1944 at 3:30 P.M. Mr Alexander, who was present at this meeting, stated that he wished the objection to be filed as a record in the files of the City.

Councilman Grass presented to Mr. Blodgett- Mayor elect, an American flag for the City building. Mayor Chapman recommended to Council that Councilman's Grass' gift be accepted and a vote of thanks be extended to Councilman Grass. Councilman Wintz entered motion that Councilman Grass' gift be accepted and a vote of thanks to Councilman Grass, Councilman Keener seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Chapman gave a short talk and in conclusion offered his seat as Mayor of Nitro to Mayor elect Blodgett. Mr Blodgett came forward and accepted and gave a short talk to the outgoing members of the administration and asked for their cooperation with the future administration. The meeting was adjourned.

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Lloyd M. Chapman, Mayor

*T.A. Lewis*  
T.A. Lewis, Recorder.

July 5, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro held a special session on the 5th, day of July, 1944. There were Present:

Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and W.L. Wintz, Hugh Draper, Harry Marshall, and Fred Hill members of Council of Said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett addressed the Council at length, bringing to their notice what the aim of the present Council should be in governing of City affairs, pointing out the increasing problem of juvenile delinquency in Nitro and stating he wished the cooperation of the Council as well as the citizens of the town in helping to get this state of affairs adjusted in the proper manner.

Mayor Blodgett presented to the Council an application for Chief of Police of Reginald L. Hundley. Mr. Hundley was asked into the meeting and formally introduced to members of the Council by Mayor Blodgett. Mr. Hundley was questioned by the members of the Council as to his past experience in law enforcement.

After some discussion Councilman Draper entered motion that the present police officer be discharged, effective as of the 15th. of July, 1944. Councilman Hill seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Mr. Hundley be employed as chief of police, subject to 60 days trial, services to begin on or before the 15th. day of July, 1944. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett stated to the Council that Grace Lewis had been elected to serve as Recorder and the Salary for this position had been previously set at one hundred (\$100.00) per month, and made the recommendation to the Council that Grace Lewis be appointed as Treasurer at Salary of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month. Councilman Draper entered motion that Mayor Blodgett's recommendation be approved and accepted, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett asked the Council's approval of the application for bonds for the Mayor and Recorder-Treasurer, which had been filed with the Pocatolico Insurance Co. Councilman Hill entered motion of approval of the application being filed with the Pocatolico Insurance Co., Councilman Marshall seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council the following Resolution, said resolution to be filed with the Kanawha Valley Bank, Charleston, W. Va. :



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RESOLVED: That the Kanawha Valley Bank of Charleston, W.Va. be and hereby authorized and directed to pay checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, drawn on this Corporation, including those drawn to the individual order of a signer, when signed in the following manner:

( Number of Signatures required on each instrument)  
Three.

( Manner of signing)      WALTER R. BLODGETT, Mayor  
                                 GRACE LEWIS                      Recorder  
                                 GRACE LEWIS                      Treasurer

I further certify that the following are officers of this Corporation, having been elected to hold office until their successors are elected:

Mayor: WALTER R. BLODGETT  
Recorder: GRACE LEWIS  
Treasurer: GRACE LEWIS (Appointive)

Witness by hand and the official seal of this Corporation this 5th. day of July, 1944.

Grace Lewis, Recorder

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me by Grace Lewis, this 6th. day of July, 1944.

G.C.Alderson

Notary Public

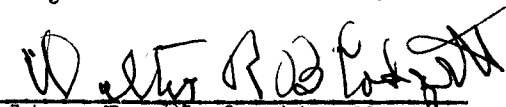
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My Commission expires, June 28, 1947.

Councilman Marshall entered motion the Resolution be adopted, motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Hill entered motion that Fire Chief Jividen be paid five dollars( \$ 5.00 ) for gasoline for the month of June, 1944 but that effective July 1, 1944 the payment of five dollars ( \$ 5.00 ) to the fire chief for gasoline be discontinued. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

July 18, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 18th, day of July, 1944.

There were present:

Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and H.B. Marshall, L.F. Erwin, W.L. Wintz; members of the Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 20th. day of June, 1944. There being no objections or corrections, minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of special session of Council, held on the 5th. day of July, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer read to the Council Financial Statement of the City for the month of June, 1944 of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Councilman Wintz suggested that a letter of thanks be written to The Tyler Mountain Bus Line, for their check for the amount of fifty dollars ( \$ 50.00 ) to the City of Nitro for the rebuilding of 40th. Street Bridge.

Mayor Blodgett stated to the Council that the curb forms, which had been requested to be moved from the rear of the office building, in the regular session of Council, held on the 20th. day of June, 1944, had been moved to the premises of the fire station.

The Recorder read to the Council a letter which had been written to the former Mayor Chapman, by H.M. Kilgore, in regard to application by the City of Nitro for an International truck which had been disapproved by the War Production Board and referring the City of Nitro to the Honorable W.A. Odom - chief of the Fire Protection Section, for permission to purchase a fully equipped truck.

The Recorder read to the Council a letter from Robert H. Kidd, State Fire Marshal, said letter recommending Earl Pierce for Fire Chief for the Nitro Fire Department.

The Recorder read to the Council letter addressed to the Mayor and Council of Nitro and signed by the workers of the Nitro Fire Department - Bryce Jividen, Stanley Willard, William Warner and Carl Little, said letter making the following request: 1st. That the workers of the Nitro Fire Department be placed on eight hour shifts. 2nd. Requesting back pay for the firemen retroactive to October 2, 1942. Stating that the 72 hour shift worked by the Nitro Fire Department was not in conformity with the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 nor the Executive Order 9240 issued by the President of the United States.

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and basing their second request on the Wage Stabilization Act of October 2, 1942. After considerable discussion by the Mayor and members of the Council, Councilman Wintz entered motion that Mayor Blodgett be authorized to contact Mr. Robert Kidd, State Fire Marshal, and Mr. Edgar B. Sims and the Dept. of Labor Wage Hour Division and obtain advise and information in regard to the request made by the firemen of the Nitro Fire Dept.. Councilman Erwin seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett informed the Council that the holes in the streets in Twenty-first, Fourtyth Street and on Second Avenue, had been patched and that most of the junk in the rear of the City office had been sold to a junk dealer.

Councilmen Erwin and Wintz brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council several matters that had been ruled upon by the former Council but had not been completely cleared up. The matters being namely: several old wooden structures in different section of town which are fire hazards; the hedge on the property of Mr. Painter on 30th. Street, which had been ordered to be cut a year ago; a fire plug, which was to be placed in 40th. Street across the bridge; a marker for the City limits up 40th. Street and a health officer. Mayor Blodgett stated he would see to these matters in the near future.

Police chief Hundley pointed out to the Council that there were several badly needed repairs on the police car. Councilman Marshall entered motion that the police car be repaired, Councilman Erwin seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Walter R. Blodgett  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder.

July 20, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in special session on the 20th. day of July, 1944.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and W.L.Wintz, L.D.Erwin, and H.B.Marshall members of the Council of the Said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett, who stated to the Council that the meeting had been called for the purpose of a report on information obtained from the War Labor Board, in regards to the letter received from the members of the Nitro Fire Dept., and read to the Council at regular session of Council on the 18th. day of July, 1944, also to determine action to be taken toward this matter.

Mayor Blodgett informed the Council that he had called on the manager of the War Labor Board and had been informed that this being a municipality that the War Labor Board had no connection in anyway with wages and wished to have nothing to do with this situation.

Mr. Earl Pierce was present at this meeting. The members of the Council questioned Mr. Pierce as to his past experience in fighting fire.

After some discussion Councilman Draper entered motion that Mr. Earl Pierce be hired as fire chief of the Nitro Fire Dept., services to begin on or before the 1st. of August, 1944 and the present fire chief be retained as regular fireman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

There being no other business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder.

August 4, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in special session on the 4th. day of August, 1944.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and Fred Hill, W.L. Wintz, L.F. Erwin, and H.B. Marshall, members of the Council of the said City.

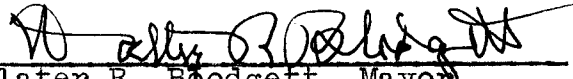
Mayor Blodgett called the meeting to order and stated to the Council that the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing purchase of a fire truck. Stating further that at this particular time there was the opportunity to purchase a used Seagraves truck. The Seagraves truck having been brought from South Charleston for trial use at the Nitro Fire Dept.. Chief Pierce drove the Seagraves fire truck up to the City hall for the Councilmen to inspect and examine.


Mr. Thumb stated to the Council that the City could purchase the Seagraves for fifteen hundred ( \$ 1500.00 ) dollars, with one hundred dollars ( \$100.00 ) trade in on the LaFrance truck of the Nitro Fire Dept. If the LaFrance was not to be traded in the purchase price would be sixteen hundred dollars ( \$1600.00 ) and the terms being eight hundred dollars ( \$ 800.00 ) down and a year to pay the balance with six percent interest.

Mayor Blodgett stated to the Council that he had consulted Mr. J.E. Hulsizer, Secretary to the Civic Benefits Association and had been advised that since the City had had one hundred and twenty-five dollars ( \$ 125.00 ) donation toward a new fire truck, that the City pay said sum of \$ 125.00 on fire truck and the Civic benefits Association would take care of the balance. At Mr. Hulsizer suggestion Mayor Blodgett ask Mr. Thumb if his Company would take fifteen hundred dollars ( \$ 1500.00 ) cash for the said Seagraves truck.

Mr. Thumb stated that he would have to consult his Company upon this question and would call Mayor Blodgett in regard to this matter next day.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 10, 1944

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA &amp; PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a special meeting of the Council of the municipality of the City of Nitro, held in the Council chambers thereof, in the City building on Thursday the 10th. day of August, 1944, there were present:

Walter R. Blodget, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recording officer and Hugh A. Draper, Fred Hill, H.B. Marshall, W.L. Wintz members of the Council of said municipality.

In accordance with Section 14, Article 8, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, Second Extraordinary Session, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES  
ESTIMATE

Estimate Form No. 1

( 1 ) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year, EXCEPT FROM THE LEVY OF TAXES to be made for the year.

Balance in hands of City treasurer.....	\$	576.76
Redemption and Sale of delinquent lands.....		25.00
Taxes uncollected.....		263.26
General licenses.....		650.00
Building and other permits.....		50.00
Capitations.....		500.00
Fees.....		25.00
Bicycle license.....		150.00
Amusement tax.....		750.67
Revenue-State Liquor Commission.....		2,601.20
Police Court Fines & Costs.....		500.00
Civic Benefits Association, fire protection.....		15,126.11
Miscellaneous.....		100.00
Total estimated Receipts.....		<u>21,318.00</u>

## ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES:

1. Salary of Mayor .....	\$ 400.00
2. Salary of Recorder .....	1200.00
3. Salary of Treasurer .....	600.00
5. Salary of City Attorney .....	150.00
8. Salary of Chief and Extra Police .....	2100.00
9. General Expenses Police Department .....	500.00
10. Salaries of Chief and 3 firemen.....	7850.00
11. New fire equipment .....	100.00
12. General expenses Fire Department.....	500.00
17. Janitor Compensation and supplies.....	25.00
18. Expenses keeping and feeding prisoners.....	5.00
21. Stationery, office supplies and equipment.....	40.00
22. Postage.....	20.00
Water-fire protection, streets and sewers.....	6000.00
24. Water- other purposes.....	80.00
25. Light for street light.....	1199.52
26. Light-other purposes.....	133.00
27. Fuel.....	200.00
28. Ice.....	5.00
29. Telephone and telegraph.....	145.00
32. Advertising and legal publications.....	125.00
34. Premiums on official bonds.....	40.00
Expenses-aid to poor.....	50.00
Municipal dues.....	30.00
New-equipment- Street Department.....	15.00
Maintenance of Streets and Alleys.....	1230.48
Payment on City lot for City Building.....	600.00
Constructions of new streets and sidewalks, sewers....	100.00
Workmens compensation premiums.....	70.00
Audit by tax commissioner.....	60.00
Contingent expenses.....	200.00
Delinquent taxes and discounts.....	275.00
Police Court trial fees.....	300.00
Total Current Expenses.....	\$ 24,348.00

Total estimated disbursements.....	\$ 24,348.00
Less estimated receipts.....	21,318.00
Amount to be raised by levy.....	\$ 3,030.00

And the Council doth determine and estimate that it will be necessary to raise by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for current municipal purposes the amount of \$ 3,030.00 and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Nine and one half cents ( 9.5¢ )	on Class No. I property,	
Nineteen " ( 19 ¢ )	on Class No. II " and	
Thirty eight " ( 38 ¢ )	on Class No. IV "	

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the assessment ~~thereon~~ therein as follows:

CLASS	ASSESED VALUATION	AUTHORIZED RATES	PROPOSED RATES	TAXES LEVIED ( WHOLE DOLLARS
Number I Personal Property	\$ 39,250.	9.5 ¢	9.5 ¢	\$ 4
Public Utility Property	..... 138,500.	9.5 ¢	9.5 ¢	13.
Total Class No.I	<u>177,750.</u>			<u>17.</u>

## Number II

Real Estate..... 397,050. 19 ¢ 19 ¢ 754.

## Number IV

Real Estate..... 328,870. 38 ¢ 38 ¢ 1,250.

Personal Property 89,225. 38 ¢ 38 ¢ 339.

Public Utility  
Property ..... 176,300. 38 ¢ 38 ¢ 670.

Total Class No.IV 594,395. 2,259.

TOTAL LEVY \$ 1,169,195. \$ 3,030.

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MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES - INTEREST AND SINKING FUND  
ESTIMATE

The Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for interest sinking fund and amortization requirements of bonded indebtedness, ~~tax~~ legally incurred by vote of the people as provided by law, since the adoption of the tax limitation amendment, owing by said municipality as follows:

BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

Date of vote Authorizing Issue	Original amount of Issue	Amount of Bonds Outstanding	Amount Required for		
			Sinking Fund	Interest	Total
10/20/38	\$ 16,000.	\$ 13,500.	\$ 500.	\$ 371.	\$ 871.

Delinquent Taxes and Exonerations Estimated at 10 % \$ 87.

Total Amount to be Raised by a Levy of Taxes \$ 958.

and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed



to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

# AUTHORIZED RATES

Three cents ( 3 ¢) on Class No. I property,  
Six " ( 6 ¢) on Class No. II property, and  
Twelve " ( 12 ¢) on Class No. IV property,

for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment there in as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied ( Whole Dollars)
Number I			
Personal Property....	\$. 39,250.	3¢	\$ 1.
Public Utility Prpoerty.....	<u>138,500.</u>	3¢	<u>4.</u>
Total Class I	\$ 177,750.		\$ 5.
Number II			
Real Estate.....	\$ 397,050.	6¢	\$ 238.
Number IV			
Real Estate.....	328,870.	12¢	394.
Personal Property	89,225.	12¢	107.
Public Utility Prpperty ///.....	<u>176,300.</u>	12¢	<u>211.</u>
Total Class No. IV	594,395.		712.
TOTAL LEVY	1,169,195.		955.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANA WHA & PUTNAM

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, TO-WIT:

I, Grace Lewis Recording officer of the said Municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the Council of said municipality on the 10th. day of August, 1944.  
Given under my hand this 10th. day of August, 1944

*Grace Lewis*  
Recorder

August 15, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro Met in regular session on the 15th. Day of August, 1944. There were present:

Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and L.F. Erwin, Fred Hill, H.B. Marshall, and H.A. Draper members of the Council of the said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 18th. day of July, 1944. The Recorder called to the attention of the Council that in said minutes, that the minutes of the regular session of Council of the 20th. day of June, 1944 were approved as read, and stating further that the former Mayor Chapman had refused to sign said minutes of the 20th. day of June, 1944 for reasons that he, Mr. Chapman, thought that the said minutes should include a statement which had been made by Mr. Blodgett regarding his 1943 taxes. After a discussion by the Council, it was decided that no definite action had been taken by the Council of June 20, 1944 and that it was not necessary to include any statements made by any individual other than members of the Council in the minutes of the meetings. The minutes of regular session of Council on the 18th. day of July were approved as read.

The Mayor called for reading of minutes of special session of Council held on the 20th. day of July, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of special session of Council held on the 4th. day of August, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of Minutes of special session of Council on the 10th. day of August, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Blodgett pointed out to the Council that he had engaged Mr. L.F. Poffenbarger as counsel for the City of Nitro in the case of the controversy of the Nitro Fire Department. Mr. Poffenbarger, who was present at this meeting, stated to the Council that he would be glad to help the City out at any time but that he could not at the present time take a retainer.

Attorney Poffenbarger read and explained to the Council rules of the Firemen's Civil Service Commission, as stated in the West Virginia Code.

The Recorder stated to the Council that since the Civil Service Commission of the Nitro Fire Department had at a meet-

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ing held on the 8th. day of August, 1944 had reinstated B.J.Jividen, S.A.Willard, W.A.Warner and O.C.Little on the Nitro Fire Department as of August 1, 1944, and that on The 11th. day of August, 1944 the said W.A.Warner and O.C.Little had resigned and had been paid for services from the 1st. day of August to the 11th. day of August inclusive and that on the morning of the 12th. day of August the said B.J.Jividen and S.A.Willard had walked off the job at the Nitro Fire Department. The Recorder stated further that she wished the opinion of the members of the Council upon the payment of the said B.J.Jividen, S.A.Willard, W.A.Warner and O.C.Little.

After some discussion, Councilman Hill entered motion that B.J.Jividen and S.A.Willard should be paid for services from the 1st. day of August to the 11th. day of August, inclusive, and also approving the payment of W.A.Warner and O.C.Little for services from the 1st. day of August to the 11th. day of August, inclusive, Councilman Erwin seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council a statement from the Burroughs Adding Machine Company for the sum of nine dollars and forty-five cents ( \$ 9.45 ), for repairs on the adding machine. Councilman Draper entered motion that the said sum of ( \$ 9.45 ) be paid the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Councilman Hill seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Attorney Poffenberger be paid fifteen dollars ( \$ 15.00 ) for his legal services up to date, Councilman Erwin seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Erwin brought the Council's attention a store building on 40th. Street, Second Avenue. The Council also discussed the questions of garbage collections and a building inspector.

Councilman Draper entered motion that J.E.Roark be retained as building inspector for the City of Nitro, Councilman Erwin seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 21, 1944

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
 COUNTIES OF KANAWHA & PUTNAM,  
 MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a special session of the Council of the Municipality of Nitro, Nitro, West Virginia, held in the Council chambers thereof on Monday, the 21st. day of August, 1944; Present Walter R. Blodgett Mayor, Recording Officer Grace Lewis and Hugh A. Draper, W.L. Wintz, Fred R. Hill members of the Council of said Municipality.

CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL LEVY  
 ORDER

The Council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for regular municipal purposes will be \$ 3,030.00, according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 10th. day of August, 1944, and said estimate having been published as required by law, and no one appearing to oppose the same or to take exception thereto, and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levy proposed therein, be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Nine & one half cents ( 9.5¢ ) on Class No. 1 property,

Nineteen " ( .19¢ ) " " " II "

Thirty eight " ( .38¢ ) " " " IV "

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied (Whole dollars)
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 39,250.	9.5 ¢	\$ 4.
Public Utility property	<u>138,500.</u>	<u>9.5 ¢</u>	<u>13.</u>
Total Class No. 1	....\$ 177,750.		\$ 17.

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CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied ( Whole dollars)
Number II			
Real Estate	\$ 397,050.	.19¢	\$ 754.
Number IV			
Real Estate	528,870.	.38¢	1,250.
Personal Property	89,225.	.38¢	339.
Public Utility Property	176,300.	.38¢	670.
TOTAL Class NoIV	594,395.		2,259.
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,169,195.		\$ 3,030.

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# MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES - INTEREST AND SINKING ORDER

## BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

The Council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year to pay the interest on and provide a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal of a bond issue of \$ 16,000. will be \$ 958. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 10th. day of August, 1944, and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levies proposed therein be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

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## AUTHORIZED RATES

Three cents ( 3 ¢ ) on Class No. I Property,  
 Six " ( 6 ¢ ) " " " II " and  
 Twelve " ( 12 ¢ ) " " " IV "

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment there-  
 in, as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes levied (whole dollars)
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 39,250.	3 ¢	\$ 1.
Public Utility Property	138,500.	3 ¢	4.
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Total Class No. I	177,750.		5.
Number II			
Real Estate	379,050.	6 ¢	238.
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Number IV			
Real Estate	328,870.	12 ¢	394.
Personal Property	89,225.	12 ¢	107.
Public Utility Property	176,300.	12 ¢	211.
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Total Class No. IV	594,395.		712.
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TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,116,195.		\$ 955.
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
 COUNTIES OF KANAWHA & PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

I, GRACE LEWIS Recording Officer of said municipality, do  
 hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record  
 of orders made and entered by the Council of said municipality

August 21, 1944 cont'd

on the 21st. day of August, 1944.

Given under my hand this 21st, day of August, 1944.

  
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RECORDER

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( official title )

September 19, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 19th. day of September, 1944.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and W.L. Wintz, Fred Hill, H.B. Marshall and H.A. Draper members of the the Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett called reading of the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 15th day of August, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of special session of Council held on the 21st day of August, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council Financial Statements for The months of July and August of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

The question of the Blakes Creek annex was brought to the Council's attention by Mayor Blodgett who stated further that a small bridge crossing Blakes Creek needed repairing. Councilman Draper stated that the Nitro Company, owners of said property, were to take care of the upkeep of the property and make all necessary repairs till such time that fifty houses were erected on said property.

The question of Collection of garbage was again discussed by the Mayor and Council. There was no definite action taken on this question at this time.

The question of dog taxation and dogs running at large in the City was brought to the Council's attention. There was no definite action taken on this question at this time.

Mayor Blodgett appointed the following Councilmen as a Finance Committee: W.L. Wintz, Fred Hill, and H.B. Marshall.

The Recorder presented to the Council the following statements: Kanawha Valley Leader - for publication of Levy Estimate \$ 25.17; Pocatalico Insurance Agency - for official bonds for the Mayor, Recorder-Treasurer, Policeman \$ 53.75; The Union Mission, Inc. - four mattress and two pillows, for the fire department \$ 28.50; A.W. Cox Department Store - for bed linens and towels for fire department \$ 38.64; Valley Motors Sales - repairs for the police car \$ 94.54.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the bills be paid. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.



September 19, 1944 cont'd

There being so further business to come before the Council  
at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
WALTER R. BLODGETT, Mayor

  
GRACE LEWIS, Recorder.

October 17, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 17th. say of October, 1944.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and H.B. Marshall, W.L. Wintz and H.A. Draper members of Council of said City.

Mayor Blodgett called the meeting to order.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 19th. day of September, 1944. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council the Financial Statement for the month of September, 1944 of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Mayor Blodgett informed the Council of the Court proceedings of the suit filed against Mayor Blodgett, City of Nitro and the Fireman's Civil Service Board by the discharged firemen, of August 1, 1944.

Mayor Blodgett informed the Council that the Company who were piping the gas line through this area and who were responsible for the damages to the bridge over Blacks Creek had repaired some of the needed repairs to said bridge.

The question of garbage collections was again discussed by Mayor and Council. No definite action was taken at this time.

The question of cleaning the slip on 31st Street and 3rd. Avenue was discussed by the Mayor and Council. No definite action was taken on this question at this time.

The Recorder presented to the Council the following statements for their approval of payment: West Virginia League of Municipalities - \$ 29.83 for municipal dues; Smith and Brooks - for supplies for the fire department \$ 26.25; supplies for the office \$ 15.20- making a total for Smith and Brooks \$ 41.45; Benjamin Auto Electric Company \$ 12.00- repairs on the police car; Valley Motor Sales - \$ 11.14 repairs on the police car.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the foregoing bills be paid, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.


The Recorder informed the Council that Rudy Harrison of Gallipolis, Ohio, had inquired about a peddlers license to sell produce in Nitro for about three months. The Council decide that according to the City Ordinance Mr. Harrison would be compelled to have a peddlers license for the balance of the fiscal year.

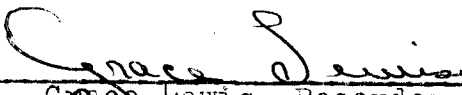
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The point was brought out that Mr. Walley had inquired about a license for the Nitro Theatre which he was only operating two nights a week and would only be operating for a few weeks longer. The Council decided that Mr Walley could operate the Nitro Theatre for a few weeks longer without a license.

The question of drainage of the school play ground was brought before the Council and discussed. No definite action was taken at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

November 21, 1944

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 21st. day of November, 1944.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and L. L. Wintz, L. E. Marshall, and Fred Hill, members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 17th. day of October, 1944. There being no objections or corrections, minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council the Financial Statement for the month of October, 1944 of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Mayor Blodgett read to the Council a letter received from the State Underwriters Association, said letter concerning the Nitro Fire Department and stating that Nitro would be put in 8th. place instead of 6th. unless there were four paid firemen on the Department and twelve volunteers, stating further that there was insufficient equipment at the fire station at the present time. The Mayor stated to the Council that at present there were four paid firemen and twelve volunteers on the fire department.

Mayor Blodgett recommended to the Council that the Chief of Police's salary be raised from one hundred sixty two dollars and fifty cents ( \$ 162.50 ) per month to one hundred seventy five dollars ( \$ 175.00 ) per month. Councilman Wintz entered motion that the Mayor's recommendation to pay the Chief of Police one hundred seventy five dollars ( \$ 175.00 ) per month be approved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Mayor brought to the Councils attention the question of the bad drainage of the school playground, stating he had met with Mr. Snyder, Nitro School Principal, Mr. Smith, President of the Parent Teachers Association and Mr. Bluebaugh, Maintenance Director, of the Kanawha County Schools, and had discussed this matter and had decided there should be a new drain to take care of this condition. After some discussion by Mayor and Council, the Council decided that this matter was entirely up to the County School Board.

Nominations were declared in order for the election of a successor to fill the unexpired term left vacant on the Council by the death of L. E. Erwin. Mayor Blodgett offered the name Jerome Collins to fill the vacancy, there were no other nominations offered. Upon vote by the Council Jerome Collins was unanimously elected to the Council.

November 21, 1944 cont'd

The Question of garbage collections was again discussed by Mayor and Council. Mayor Blodgett called the Councils attention to the fact that Mr. Pauley of 40th. Street Road wanted to collect garbage in Nitro. There was no definite action taken on this question.

The Recorder presented to the Council a statement which had been presented to the City by E.V. Hendel, asking to be reimbursed for expenses incidental to his duties as Civil Service Commissioner during the month of October, 1944, expenses amounting to fourteen dollars and sixteen cents ( \$ 14.16 ). After some discussion this matter was tabled for further reference.

The Recorder presented to the Council the following statements for their approval of payment - The Charleston Gazette, sixteen dollars and thirty six cents ( \$ 16.36 ); for publication of Levy estimate of 1943. Parsons-Brindle Tire Company, seventeen dollars and twenty cents ( \$ 17.20 ) the original bill for tire for the police car - a credit memo seven dollars and sixty two cent ( \$ 7.62 ) on the old tire, balance due nine dollars and fifty eight cents ( \$ 9.58 ). George Hennegan - eleven dollars ( 11.00 ) for recap tire for the police car. The Union Mission - twenty-four dollars and twenty five cents ( \$ 24.25 ) for three mattresses and five pillows for the fire department.

Councilman Mintz entered motion that the foregoing bills be paid, Councilman Hill seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett stated to the Council that Mr. Speegle of the State Health Department had called upon him in regards to sewage being emptied into Armour's Creek. Mayor Blodgett stated further that this condition arose from some 35 or 40 residents in that vicinity having contacted the sewer, consequently causing a brake in said sewer and the sewage was being emptied into Armour's Creek and that Mr. Speegle had informed him that since the City officials were aware of said condition that if in the event of an epidemic of some disease in the town and the cause could be traced to said condition that the City could be sued for not having made steps toward remedying said condition. Mayor Blodgett went on to state to the Council that he had made a trip to Winfield to consult the prosecuting attorney in regards to the proper procedure to right said sewage condition. Mayor Blodgett read to the Council a letter under date of January 12, 1945 from the prosecuting attorney of Putnam County, stating that a notice was enclosed in said letter and advising Mayor Blodgett that said notice should be served upon the tenants and property owners served by sewer mentioned in said notice. Mayor Blodgett read to the Council said notice:

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

It was brought to the attention of the Council of the City at its meeting held, pursuant to its charter, on the 16th. day of January, 1945, that sewage carried and conveyed by the sewer serving the 40th. Street or Armour's Creek extension of the City of Nitro, and serving Nitro Heights or E.J. Bailes Division, outside the limits of the City of Nitro, all a part of Area S as Nitro was originally laid out and in Putnam County, West Virginia, is discharged and emptied into Armour's Creek, thus constituting a public nuisance and a menace to health.

Your property is served by said sewer and you and each of you who are served by said sewer are notified to repair said sewer and abate said nuisance within fifteen days from this date; and should you fail so to do proceedings will be instituted in Court to abate said nuisance.

Done by order of the Council of the City of Nitro, this 16th. day of January, 1945.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder

*Walter R. Blodgett*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor.

Councilman Draper entered motion that a copy of the foregoing notice be served on the property owners and tenants of property served by sewer mentioned in said notice, the motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett called to the Council's attention that he had been informed by Mr. Mollahan of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, that the Company was unable to obtain the 80 candle power lights which had formerly been used in the Street Lamps and that it was necessary to use 100 candle power lights in the Street Lamps. The 100 Candle Power lights would increase the Street lighting from 71 - 80 Candle power @ \$ 1.20 per light and 12 - 80 candle power @ \$ 1.40 per light. making the total months bill \$ 102.00 to 83 - 100 candle power lights @ \$ 1.30 per light, making the total months Street lighting bill \$ 107.00.

Mayor Blodgett informed the Council that Mr. Peck of the West Virginia Water Service Company had approached him on the question of the Water Company putting a manhole with a buster pump on Third Avenue in order to have more water pressure for the Crescent City residents. After some discussion the Council agreed that this plan would be alright.

Mayor Blodgett read to the Council a petition signed by B.J. Jividen, S.A.W. llard, I.E. Ellis and H.H. Brown, members of the fire department, asking for an increase in salary of fifteen dollars ( \$ 15.00 ) per month. After some discussion it was agreed upon that the Mayor investigate the prevailing rates of firemen in the near by towns before the Council should take action on this matter.

It was pointed out that Mr. H.M. Drake had approached the Mayor in regards to renting the City lots to build a temporary structure on, to be used as a skating rink. After considerable discussion by the Mayor and Council it was decided that the City did not wish to rent the lots.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion for adjournment carried.

Walter R. Blodgett  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

February 20, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 20th. day of February, 1945.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and Fred Hill, H.B. Marshall, W.L. Wintz and H.A. Draper members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 16th. day of January, 1945. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council the Financial Statement of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the month of January, 1945.

Mayor Blodgett pointed out to the Council that there was a street lamp at Sixth Street, First Avenue which had not been included in the present contract of the City of Nitro with the Appalachian Electric Power Company. Mayor Blodgett explained that in order to include this lamp in the new contract it would be necessary to request the Appalachian Electric Power Company to install a street lamp at Sixth Street First Avenue. Mayor Blodgett read to the Council a letter to the Appalachian Electric Power Company requesting a street lamp installed at Sixth Street, First Avenue.

Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Mollenhan of the Appalachian Electric Power Company were present at this meeting. Mr. Cunningham informed the Council that the present contract for Street lights for the City would expire March, 1945 and that he had with him the copies of the new contract. The new contract calling for 84 - 100 candle power lamps at \$ 1.30 per light. Mr. Cunningham read to the Council the following contract.



**This Agreement** made and entered into this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1945,  
by and between APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, a corporation (hereinafter sometimes  
called "Contractor"), and the City of Nitro, state  
of West Virginia, (hereinafter sometimes called "Municipality").

## WITNESSETH

The parties hereto, each in consideration of the covenants and agreements of the other as hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

1. Contractor agrees to provide and maintain a street lighting circuit in the Municipality, consisting of the following number, candle-power and type of lamps, viz:

## NUMBER AND TYPE OF LAMPS NOW INSTALLED ON EXISTING FACILITIES

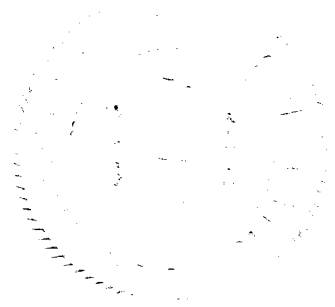
Number of Lamps	Candle-Power Manufacturer's Rating	Type
.....	600	Standard Overhead
.....	400	" "
.....	250	" "
<u>84</u>	100	" "
.....	80	" "
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## NUMBER AND TYPE OF LAMPS REQUIRING NEW FACILITIES OR ADDITIONS TO PRESENT FACILITIES

Number of Lamps	Candle-Power Manufacturer's Rating	Type
.....	600	Standard Overhead
.....	400	" "
.....	250	" "
.....	100	" "
.....	80	" "
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together with electric energy through a general system of overhead distribution, sufficient to operate said lamps continuously from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise, every night and all night, approximately Four Thousand (4000) hours per annum during the term of years hereinafter set forth. Said lamps shall be so maintained and operated that they will give the maximum amount of illumination obtainable under commercial conditions.

2. Contractor agrees to install such additional lamps of respective candle-power and types above specified as the Council of the Municipality may on its written order, from time to time, require, payment for the service of such additional lamps to be at the rate hereinafter specified, provided, however, that one additional lamp of not less than 100, candle-power shall be installed for each extension of 300 feet from



Whereupon Councilman H. A. Draper introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the proposed contract for street lighting between the City and the Appalachian Electric Power Company, dated the 14th day of February, 1945, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified, and that the Mayor and Recorder be and they are hereby authorized to accept and execute same for and on behalf of the City of Nitro.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Recorder be and he is hereby instructed to incorporate said proposed contract in the minutes of this meeting as a part of the permanent records of the Council.

Councilman H. B. Marshall seconded the resolution and the vote on said resolution was, as follows:

Fred Hill Aye H. B. Marshall Aye

W. L. Watts Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Aye

H. A. Draper Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Aye

Resolution duly enacted and adopted.

There appearing no further business ready for transaction, the Council adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Walter B. Lodge  
Mayor

Eugene J. Lewis  
Recorder

(APPEX SEAL)



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between the City and the American Electric Power Company, dated  
the 1st day of May, 1957, and the same is  
being approved and ratified, and that the same and approved be and  
they are hereby authorized to execute and execute same for and on  
behalf of the City of Toledo.

THE CITY OF TOLEDO, Ohio, by its Mayor, and its Board of  
Trustees, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct  
copy of the original of the same.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Toledo, Ohio, this 1st day of May, 1957.

Attest: 10-1-57 M. B. H. Mayor Will H. H.

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Execution duly certified and signed.

There appearing to further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct  
copy of the original of the same.

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February 20, 1945 cont'd

After some discussion Councilman Draper entered motion that the new contract with the Appalachian Electric Power Company for 84 - 100 candle power lights at \$ 1.30 per light for a period of ten years be accepted by the City of Nitro. Councilman Marshall seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council the following statements for their approval of payment: Watts Printing Company - 100 payroll sheets for the fire departemnt \$ 10.15; Valley Motor Sales - supplies, repairs and labor for the police car \$ 57.78; Wiseman and Jones Garage - chains and hooks for the police car and two batteries for the fire department - \$ 30.65.

Councilman Hill entered motion that the foregoing bills be paid, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett called to the Council's attention the question of the back pay of B.J.Jividen and S.A.Willard, former firemen of the Nitro Fire Department, whose pay having been order paid by Court decision. Mayor Blodgett informed the Council that Mr. Jividen and Mr. Willard had signed over the said back pay to Mr. O.C.Little. Mayor went on to inform the Council that according to the records B.J.Jividen was due \$ 384.59 less withholding tax \$ 18.25 and S.A.Willard was due \$ 360.91 less withholding tax \$ 7.30 for period of August 12, 1944 to October 25, 1944. Mayor Blodgett stated that he had talked to Mr. Clayton, attorney for Mr. Jividen and Mr. Willard and that he had agreed to settle for the amount of \$ 693.20.

After considerable discussion by Mayor and Council it was decided that Mayor Blodgett should contact the Civic Benefits Association in regard to the expenses of the back pay for Mr. Jividen and Mr. Willard and also the expense of the court cost.

Mr. E.V.Hendel, who was present at this meeting, stated to the Council that he had lost twelve hours work in order to attend the trial of B.J.Jividen and S.A.Willard vs Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor City of Nitro and E.V.Hendel, Civil Service Commissioner at Winfield in October, Consequently he had presented to the City for \$ 14.16 for expenses incidental to his duties as Civil Service Commissioner. After considerable discussion by Mayor and Council it was decided that the proper authority should be contacted in regard to the City having the right to pay said costs and as to what fund this should be charged to.

Mayor Blodgett called to the Council's attention of several streets that were in a bad condition which would have to be repaired this spring. The question of funds for such work was discussed and it was finally decided that a bond issue would be the only means of raising enough money to take care of all necessary repairs. It was decided that the question of

a bond issue for the City should be investigated before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Blodgett discussed with the Council the question of garbage collection.

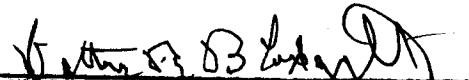
Mr. W.H.Jones, a former member of the Nitro Firemens Volunteer Association was present at this meeting and stated to the Council that he wished to know how the sum of four ~~thousand~~ hundred fifty dollars ( \$ 450.00 ) had been named as damages in the suit of W.R.Blodgett et al vs E.W.Pierce et al when the total amount of the profits of the Firemen and Policemans Ball had only been three hundred fifty six dollars ( \$ 356.00 ) and Mr. Jones went on to ask why the suit could not be dropped without each man having to sign a waver. Mayor Blodgett stated that the idea of having each man to sign a waver was prevent anyone of the defenants from bring suit against himself ( Mayor Blodgett ).

Mr. Stamm, a former member of the Nitro Firemens Volunteer Association was present at this meeting and stated to the Council that the Volunteer Firemen had previously offered to turn over to the Mayor and Police all money, profits of the Firemen and Policeman Ball and that this offer had been refused and that the Volunteer Firemen had offerdd for the Policeman an equal share of the money as was allocated for one man's equipment about \$ 30.00 and that this offer had been refused.

Mr. B.L.Higginbotham, a former member of the Nitro Firemens Volunteer Association, who was present at this meeting stated that if the suit was withdrawn that all supplies for the firemen's equipment which had been purchased out of the proceeds of said dance, by the Volunteer Firemen Association, the balance of the proceeds and an itimized list of all receipts and expenditures would be turned over to the City of Nitro to be disbursed as the Council so desired. This idea seemed agreeable to everyone.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that the Council hereby repudiate any action that the Mayor may have taken in the suit that E.W.Pierce, W.H.Jones, B.L.Higginbotham, Charles O'Dell, R.G.Jarvis, R.J.Valieau, J.W.Stamm all of who are being sued by W.R.Blodgett, Mayor Town of Nitro, Brice Jividan, Chief of Fire Department, of the Town of Nitro, and R.L.Hndley Chief of the Town of Nitro, who sue in behalf of and for the use of benefits of the Fire Department of the Town of Nitro, The Police Department of the Town of Nitro and all Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Nitro of a plea of debt, of which suit the Council had no knowledge of at the time suit was filed. Councilman Wintz seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder



March 20, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 20th. day of March, 1945.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and W.L. Wintz, Fred Hill, and H.A. Draper members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of regular session Council held on the 20th. day of February, 1945. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council the Financial Statement of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the month of February, 1945.

Mayor Blodgett explained to the Council that the case of W.R. Blodgett et al vs E.W. Pierce et al was called for the 15th. day of March, 1945, but that there had been an agreement made and the case had been settled out of court. The Volunteer Firemen's Association had agreed to pay all the court cost and attorneys fee and that the Volunteer Firemen would maintain their association and keep the money left after court cost and attorneys fee had been paid, in their treasury.

Mayor Blodgett informed the Council that he had contacted the Civic Benefits Association in regard to the back pay of B.J. Jividen and S.A. Willard and that the Civic Benefits Association had informed him that they did not have the money to pay said back pay. Mayor Blodgett stated further that Mr. Jividen and Mr. Willard had signed their back pay over to Mr. O.C. Little and that Mr. Little now held judgement against the City of Nitro.

The question of E.V. Hendel's statement as Civil Service Commissioner arose. The Recorder read to the Mayor and Council a letter received from the State Tax Commissioner in answer to a letter concerning the right of the City to pay said statement. The Tax Commissioner stated in said letter that such an expense account was an obligation of the City and was properly payable out of the current expense account of the City.

Councilman Hill entered motion that Mr. Hendel be paid the amount of fourteen dollars and sixteen cents ( \$ 14.16 ) for expenses incidental to duties as Civil Service Commissioner in October. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett informed the Council that he had paid out fifteen dollars ( \$ 15.00 ) of his own money for a Court Reporter at the trial of B.J. Jividen et al vs W.R. Blodgett, Mayor Town of Nitro, October 24, 1944 at Winfield, and he had also

paid fifteen dollars ( \$ 15.00 ) for a Court Reporter at a trial for Mr. Jividen and Mr. Willard before the Civil Service Board, January 26, 1945.

It was suggested that Mayor Blodgett prepare an itemized statement of the money he had advanced for said Court Reporters and present same to the City for a record.

Councilman Drpaer entered motion that Mayor Blodgett be reimbursed thirty dollars ( \$ 30.00 ) for money advanced for Court Reporters at the Jividen and Willard trials at Winfield October 24, 1944 and before the Civil Service Board, January 26, 1945. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council, for their approval of payment, a statement in the amount of twenty five dollars and eighty-eight cents ( \$ 25.88 ) from the Valley Motor Sales for repairs and labor on the police car. Councilman Draper entered motion that the foregoing statement be paid. Councilman Wintz seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett informed the Council that the Junior Chamber of Commerce were ready to stencil the street numbers on the telegraph poles on the corners of each street and that it had previously been agreed that the City would furnish the paint for said work. It was agreed the City should purchase the paint for the stenciling at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Walter R. Blodgett  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder



April 10, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in special session on the 10th. day of April, 1945.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and Hugh Draper, H.B. Marshall, and Fred Hill members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett, who explained to the Council that this meeting had been called in order to make a decision about paying of the back salary of B.J. Jividen and S.A. Willard. Mayor Blodgett went on to explain that the said back pay had been ordered paid by Court decision and that O.C. Little had been made assignee for B.J. Jividen and S.A. Willard and that Mr. O.C. Little now held judgment against the City of Nitro in the amount of seven hundred - eighty four dollars ( \$ 784.00 ). Mayor Blodgett explained that he had gone to Winfield and had talked to Mr. B.T. Clayton, Attorney for Mr. Little, in regard to this matter and Mr. Clayton had informed him that Mr. Little would attach every possession of the City of Nitro within a few days. Mr. Clayton made an offer to settle this matter out of Court for the sum of six hundred ninety three dollars and twenty one cents ( \$ 693.21 ) which is the back pay for Mr. Jividen and Mr. Willard less the withholding tax and one-fourth of the court costs of the case of B.J. Jividen et al vs W.R. Blodgett, Mayor Town of Nitro.

Mayor Blodgett stated to the Council that the Civic Benefits Association had not been able to lend any assistance and that it was up to the City to pay this expense. Mayor Blodgett explained that at the present time there were sufficient funds in the City treasury to meet this expense and recommended to the Council that the City pay the amount of six hundred - ninety three dollars and twenty - one cents ( \$ 693.21 ) to B.T. Clayton, Attorney for O.C. Little.

After considerable discussion by Mayor and Council, Councilman Hill entered motion that a check be drawn on the City treasury for the settlement of the back pay of B.J. Jividen and S.A. Willard in the amount of six hundred - ninety three dollars and twenty one cents ( \$ 693.21 ) said check be made payable to B.T. Clayton, Attorney for B.J. Jividen, S.A. Willard, and O.C. Little and that an attorney for the City be obtained to settle same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

There was some discussion by the Mayor and Council of repairing the streets of the City.

There being no other business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Walter R. Blodgett  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

APRIL 17, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 17th. day of April, 1945.

There were present Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and W.L.Wintz, Fred. Hill, Jerome Collins, Hugh Draper, and H.B.Marshall, members of the Council of said City.

Mayor Blodgett called the meeting to order.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 20th. day of March, 1945 and minutes of special session of Council held on the 10th. day of April, 1945. There being no objections or corrections minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council the Financial Statement for the month of March, 1945 for the General fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

The Recorder presented to the Council, for their approval of payment, a statement in the amount of one hundred twenty dollars and seventy cents ( \$ 120.70 ) court costs in the case of B.J.Jividen etal vs W.R.Blodgett, Mayor Town of Nitro and judgement cost taken against the City of Nitro by O.C.Little.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the aforementioned court costs, in the amount of one hundred twenty dollars and seventy cents ( \$ 120.70 ) , be paid to J.W.Anderson, Clerk of the Circuit Court. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett and the Council entered into a discussion on the repairing of the streets. Mayor Blodgett explained that the State Road Had been repairing 40th. Street Road in Putnam County and had repaired 40th. Street on through to First Avenue. He stated also that he had in mind to contact a Charleston Contractor and make an arrangement about having a coat of black top put on the twenty first street from the bridge up to the end of the Street. His plan had been to get the cost of having the black top put on the street and submit same to the property owners.

Mayor Blodgett explained also that the bad drainage condition in front of Krogers Store would be righted when the State Road Came through and fixed the main highway.

Minutes of April 17, 1945 cont'd

Mayor Blodgett called to the Council's attention a letter received from the Nitro Junior Chamber of commerce and written to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Blodgett<sup>N</sup> called Mr. Bela, Secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to explain the purpose of the letter to the Council.

Mr. Bela explained to the Mayor and Council that it had been customary to erect monuments to the Country's heroes and throughout the country communities were planning a "living Memorial" such as libraries, Municipal auditoriums, picnic parks, swimming pools etc. Stating further that a City Park and Swimming Pool were considered a prime need to this community and would be beneficial to both young and old and that the Jaycees considered the most logical site for a City Park to be the Area facing Twenty-first Street bounded by Second Avenue and Third Avenue and extending back to Twenty-third Street.

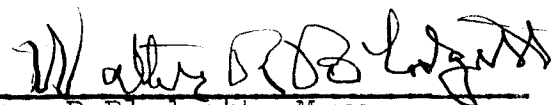
Mr. Bela pointed out to the Mayor and Council that to a private buyer the cost of land was quite high and that its sale to the City would probably be at a great reduction and suggested that a committee from the Council be appointed to make the required investigations of the said property owned by the Nitro Industrial Corporation. Mr. Bela offered the services of the Jaycees on this subject at any time.

The plan of the City Park and Swimming Pool as a Memorial to the service men and women of Nitro was discussed by the Mayor and Council and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who were present at this meeting. It was agreed that the plan was very favorable and would serve as good recreation for the community. It was also agreed that the site chosen by the Jaycees was an ideal place for the Memorial Park.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that Mayor Blodgett appoint a committee to investigate and formulate plans for acquiring the property between Second and Third Avenue from Twenty-first Street to Twenty-third Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett appointed as a committee for investigating the afore mentioned property: Councilman Marshall, Councilman Draper and Councilman Collins.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

May 15, 1945

The regular session of Council of the City of Nitro for May, 1945 was called for the 15th. day of May. There was present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor and Grace Lewis, Recorder.

Due to the fact that no Councilman appeared there was not any meeting for the month of May, 1945.

Walter R. Blodgett  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 19, 1945

The regular session of Council of the City of Nitro was called for the 19th. day of June, 1945

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder, and H.B. Marshall councilman of said City.

There not being enough Councilman to constitute a quorum the meeting was adjourned.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

JULY 17, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 17th. day of July, 1945.

There were present: Wlater R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and H.B. Marshall, Jerome Collins, W.L. Wintz Hugh Draper, Fred Hill members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of the last session of Council held on the 17th. day of April, 1945 and explained that there had not been any meeting of the Council in the months of May and June due to the fact that there was not a quorum present on either regular meeting night. The minutes of the regular session of Council held on the 17th. day of April, 1945 were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council the Financial Statement of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the months of April. May and June, 1945.

The Recorder presented to the Council a statement from the Valley Motor Sales in the amount of three hundred forty dollars and sixty cents ( \$ 340.60 ) for repairs and labor on the police car. After a discussion Councilman Collins entered motion that this statement be paid, the motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The subject was brought up that the building inspector, Mr. Roark had ask for the City to have printed building permits forms, Councilman Marshall entered motion that the City have printed building permits in triplicate forms, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett called to the Council's attention the bad drainage condition at Krogers Store.

The question of Street Markers to be painted on the telegraph poles by the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was discussed. It was pointed out that some paint would be tested on the poles first and if this plan was not successful then the Junior Chamber of Commerce would try to devise a more suitable means for Street Markers.

The Mayor and Council entered into a discussion in regard to the building line on Twenty-first Street between First and Second Avenue. It was agreed that the present building line should be the established building line. Councilman Marshall entered motion that a letter be written to each property owner, on Twenty-first Street in the Business Section between ~~the~~ First Avenue and Second Avenue,

asking their opinion in regard to deeding to the City the ground located between the present building and the sidewalk, in effort to maintain the present building line and provide for future widening of the Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Mr. Nalley be contacted in regard to obtaining a theatre license for the Nitro Theatre for the year beginning July 1, 1945 and ending June 30, 1946. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper brought to the Council's attention the bad situation of dogs disturbing people at nights and destroying property. After some discussion it was decided that a notice should run in the Kanawha Valley Leader stating that the dogs should be kept tied up or they would be killed.

There being no further business to come before the Council at ~~this~~ this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Walter R. Blodgett  
Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO , To-wit:

At a special session of the Council of the Municipality of Nitro held in the Council chambers thereof, in the City building on Friday, the 10th. day of August, 1945 there were present:

WALTER R. BLODGETT, Mayor GRACE LEWIS, Recording Officer  
and H.B.MARSHALL, HUGH A DRAPER, JEROME COLLINS,  
W.L.WINTZ, FRED R. HILL  
members of the Council of said municipality.

In accordance with Section 14, Article 8, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, Second Extraordinary Session, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of the taxes for the current fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

#### CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ESTIMATE

( 1 ) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year, EXCEPT FROM THE LEVY OF TAXES to be made for the year.

Balance in the hands of the City Treasurer	\$ 254.21
Redemption and sale of delinquent lands	25.00
General Licenses .....	850.00
Building and other permits .....	50.00
Capitations .....	550.00
Fees .....	40.00
Amusement Tax .....	900.00
Revenue - State Liquor Commission .....	2,601.20
Police Court - fines and costs .....	1,000.00
Civic Benefits Association .....	15,400.00
Miscellaneous .....	160.59
Total estimated receipts	<u>\$21,831.00</u>

Delinquent Taxes and Exonerations Estimated at 10% \$ 96.

Total Amount to be Raised by Levy of Taxes \$ 1,054.

and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

#### AUTHORIZED RATES

Three cents ( 3 ¢ ) on Class No I property,  
Six " ( 6 ¢ ) on Class No II "  
Twelve " ( 12 ¢ ) on Class No IV "

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	ASSESSED VALUATION	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied ( Whole Dollars )
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 81,045.	3 ¢	\$ 24.
Public Utility Property	122,500.	3 ¢	37.
Total Class No. I	203,545.		61.
Number II			
Real Estate	416,220.	6 ¢	249.
Number IV			
Real Estate	315,870.	12 ¢	379.
Personal Property	109,475.	12 ¢	131.
Public Utility Property	178,600.	12 ¢	214.
Total Class No IV	603,945.		724.
TOTAL LEVY	\$1,223,710.		\$1,034.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM ,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, TO-WIT:

I, GRACE LEWIS RECORDING OFFICER of said municipality, do

hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 10th. day of August, 1945.

Given under my hand this 10th. of August, 1945.



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSIONER


To the Common Council of the Municipality of NITRO

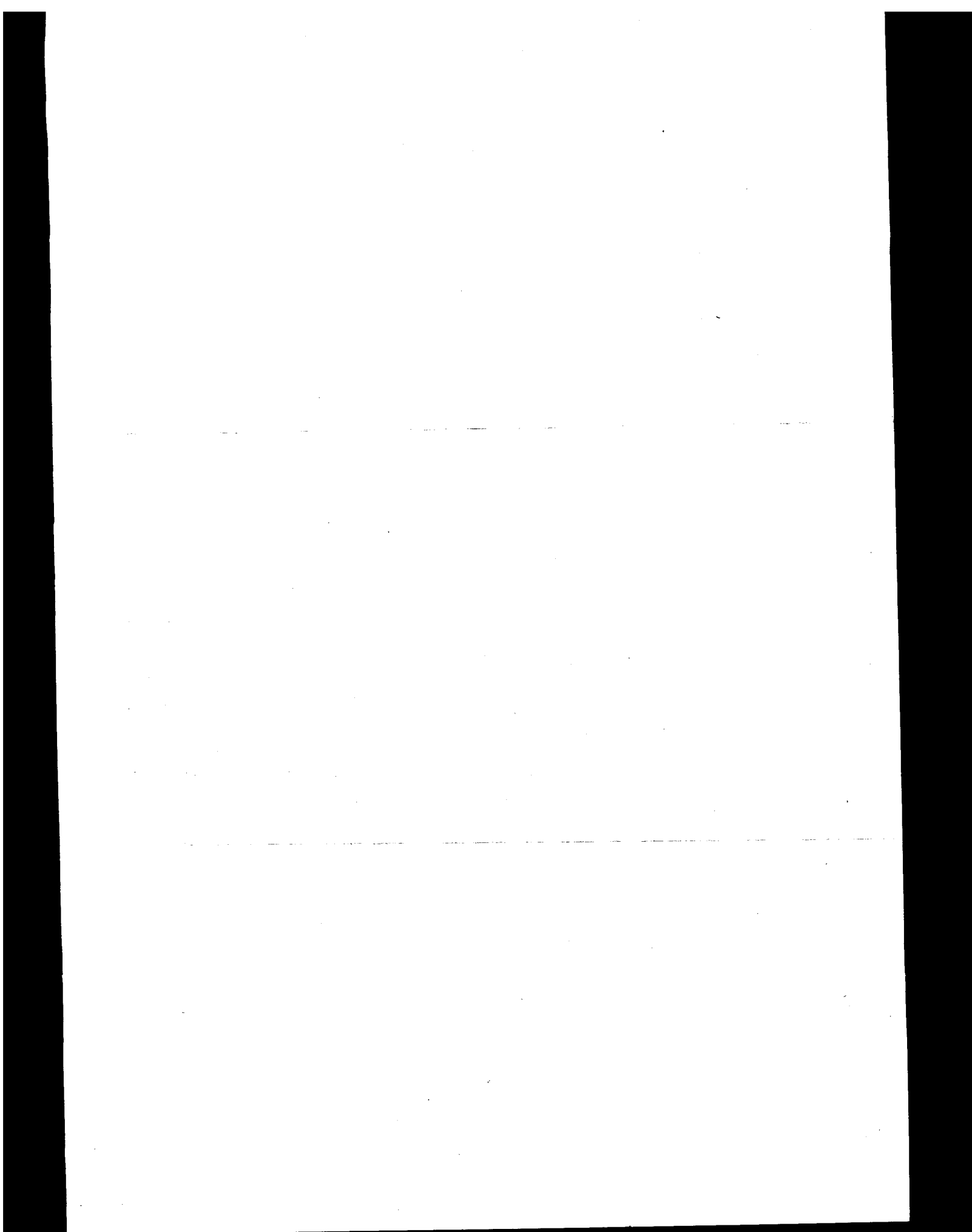
Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me, as Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, under the provisions of Section 23, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, second extraordinary session (House Bill No. 234), the levies proposed by you for your municipality are hereby approved, subject to the following exceptions:

NONE

The undersigned, as Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, makes the following findings with respect to the levies proposed to be laid in excess of the rates prescribed by constitutional limitations: The levies for current expenses imposed by your common council are no more than are indispensable to the ordinary discharge of the governmental functions of the municipality, and the obligations for the payment of which such levies are proposed are contractual and regularly authorized by vote of the people and represented by outstanding bonds, the obligations of which were created prior to the adoption of the tax limitation amendment; and, except for the levies proposed to be laid for such indebtedness, the respective obligations thereof will be impaired.

Given under my hand this the 17th day of August, 19 45

  
Tax Commissioner



August 21, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 21st. day of August, 1945.

There were present: Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; H.B. Marshall, W.L. Wintz, Jerome Collins, and Fred Hill members of the Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blodgett.

Mayor Blodgett called for reading of minutes of the regular session of Council held on the 17th. day of July, 1945 and the Levy Estimate meeting held on the 10th. day of August, 1945. The minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council the Financial Statement of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the month of July, 1945.

The Council entered into a discussion regarding the building line on Twenty-first Street between First Avenue and Second Avenue. The Recorder read to the Council a portion from the City Ordinance # 44 which states that the building line on Twenty-first Street from First Avenue to Second Avenue shall remain as now established - 15 feet set-back from the property line. It was then decided by the Council that the letter as mentioned in the minutes of July to each of the property owners on Twenty-first Street in the Business Section should be disregarded.

Mayor Blodgett stated to the Council that he had contacted a party, who owned a mowing machine, and he intended to have the weeds and grass cut from the gutters and the sidewalks in various sections of town.

The Recorder presented to the Council for their approval of payment a statement from the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, for repairs on the adding machine, in the amount of seven dollars and twenty-eight cents ( \$ 7.28 ) Councilman Hill entered motion that this statement be paid, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council a Service Agreement with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company at an annual rate of nine dollars and eighty cents ( \$ 9.80 ). After some discussion by the Council, Councilman Wintz entered a motion that the City enter contract with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company for a year, for services consisting of ordinary mechanical adjustments. The motion was seconded By Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, the

motion was declared carried.

Mayor Blodgett called Mr. Nalley of the Nitro Theatre by Telephone in regard to a City License for the Nitro Theatre. Mr. Blodgett then informed the Council that Mr. Nalley had told him he would immediately obtain a theatre license for the Nitro Theatre.

Councilman Marshall informed the Council that the Committee on the Memorial Park had met with the Recreational Committee and a Committee from the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and had discussed plans for a Recreation Memorial Park for Nitro. The tract of land between Second and Third Avenue and extending from Twenty-first Street to Twenty-third Street as previously chosen for the Park was not all available, since the Nitro Industrial Corporation wished to reserve a part of the land for residential section- therefore the Committee had chosen another tract of land. Councilman Marshall presented to the Council a drawing of a tract of land on the river bank above the Water Plant which Mr. Alderson of the Nitro Industrial Corporation, had informed the Park Committee was available. Councilman Marshall also informed the Council that the plans for the new school building for Nitro did not include a ball field and there would have to be provisions made for a baseball and football field and the plot of land in question was adequate to take care of a base ball diamond, picnic ground, swimming pool, etc. Councilman Marshall stated further that he had ask the Recorder to write a letter to the City Attorney in regard to the right of the City to acquire land not adjacent to the City. The Recorder read to the Council the reply from L.F. Poffenbarger, Attorney, stating that the City did have the right to acquire land not adjacent to the City, by means of bond issue, gift or public subscription. Councilman Marshall stated that the price of the land would amount to more if obtained by bond issue than by public subscription and that public subscription was the most favorable idea. Councilman Marshall suggested that the Council name himself, Reverend Montgomery, of the Nitro Civic Committee, and Mr. Ridenour of the Recreation Committee, as a Committee to see Mr. Payne of the Nitro Industrial Corporation in regard to purchase price of the tract of land above the Water Plant.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that Councilman Marshall, Reverend ~~Montgomery~~ and Mr. Ridenour be appointed as a Committee, to Contact Mr. Andrew Payne of the Nitro Industrial Corporation in regard to purchase price of the above mentioned tract of land. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

The Recorder read to the Council the approval of the State Tax Commissioner, George P. Alderson, of the Levy Estimate.

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Recorder read to the Council the Levy Order as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a regular session of the council of the Municipality of NITRO, held in the Council Chamber thereof on Tuesday, the 21st day of August, 1945; Present Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor, Recording Officer Grace Lewis, and H. B. Marshall, FRED R. HILL, R. J. Collins, W. L. Wintz members of the Council of said Municipality.

CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPALITY LEVY  
ORDER

ORDER Form No. I

The Council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for regular municipal purposes will be \$ 3,279. , according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 10th. day of August, 1945, and said estimate having been published as required by law, and no one appearing to oppose the same or to take exception thereto, and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levy proposed therein be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Nine & one-half	cents	( 9.5 ¢ )	on Class No I property
Nineteen	cents	( 19 ¢ )	" " " II "
Thirty-eight	cents	( 38 ¢ )	" " " IV "

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied (whole dollars)
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## Number I

Personal Property	\$ 81,045.	9.5 ¢	\$ 77.
Public Utility Property	<u>122,500.</u>	9.5 ¢	<u>116.</u>
Total Class No. I	203,545.		193.

## Number II

Real Estate	416,220.	19 ¢	791.
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## Number IV

Real Estate	315,870.	38 ¢	1200.
Personal Property	109,475.	38 ¢	416.
Public Utility Property	<u>178,600.</u>	38 ¢	<u>679.</u>
Total Class NO.IV	603,945.		2295.
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,223,710.		\$ 3279.

MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES \* INTEREST AND  
SINKING ORDER

ORDER FORM NO, 3

BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8 , 1932 .

The Council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by the levy of taxes for the current fiscal year to pay the interest on and provide a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal of a bond issue of \$ 16,000. will be \$ 1,054. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 10th. day of August, 1945, and said estimate having been published as required by law and no one appearing to oppose the same or to take exception there to and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levies proposed therein be approved

August 21, 1945 cont'd

and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

# AUTHORIZED RATES

Three	cents	( 3 ¢ )	on Class No. I property,
Six	cents	( 6 ¢ )	on Class No. II property, and
Twelve	cents	( 12 ¢ )	on Class No. IV property,

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied ( whole dollars )
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 81,045.	3 ¢	\$ 24.
Public Utility Property	<u>122,500.</u>	3 ¢	<u>37.</u>
Total Class No. I	203,545.		61.
Number II			
Real Estate	416,220.	6 ¢	249.
Number IV			
Real Estate	315,870.	12 ¢	379.
Personal Property	109,475.	12 ¢	131.
Public Utility Property	<u>178,600.</u>	12 ¢	<u>214.</u>
Total Class No. IV	<u>603,945.</u>		<u>724.</u>
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,223,710.		\$ 1,034.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA & PUTNAM

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO , To-wit:

I, GRACE LEWIS RECORDERING OFFICER OF said municipality do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 21st. day of August , 1945.

Given under my hand this 21st. day of August, 1945.

Grace Lewis

Recorder  
( Official Title )

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Walter R. Blodgett, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder



September 17, 1945

The regular session of the City Council was held on the 17th. day of September, 1945.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder, Fred Hill, H.B. Marshall, Hugh Draper and W.L. Wintz members of the Council of said City.

In the absence of Mayor Blodgett the meeting was called to order by the Recorder.

Councilman Marshall was selected from the Council to preside over the meeting.

The minutes of the regular session of Council held on the 21st. day of August were read, there being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder read to the Council the Financial Statement of August, 1945 of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

The Recorder presented to the Council for their Approval of payment, the membership dues to the League of Municipalities in the amount of twenty nine dollars and eighty three cents ( \$ 29.83 ). Councilman Draper entered motion that the dues for the year 1945-46 be paid to the League of Municipalities., the motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

The question of dogs running at large in Nitro was again discussed by the Council. Mr. Snyder, principal of the Nitro School, who was present at this meeting explained to the Council the bad situation of the dogs staying around the school grounds and entering the class rooms while the classes were in session. The problem was discussed and Councilman Marshall ask the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, present at this meeting, if the Jaycees would take this dog question as a project and investigate this problem in other towns and see if a solution could be worked out for Nitro.

It was pointed out that the Moose Club wished to place a neon sign at 5th. Street, First Avenue, as a guide to the Moose Club on First Street. After some discussion it was decided that the Moose Club should have letter or a petition of approval of the residents in the area of Fifth Street before the Council could grant permission to place a neon sign at said point.

Councilman Hill entered motion that the regular

meeting night of the City Council be changed from the third Tuesday to the Second Friday of the month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Marshall called upon Mr. Ridenour, member of the Memorial Park Committee for a report of the findings of the Committee appointed by the Council. Mr. Ridenour read to the Council the following report:

September 12, 1945

To the Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council -  
Nitro, W.Va.

#### NITRO RECREATION PARK

We, the members of a committee appointed by the City of Nitro to investigate the possibilities of purchasing suitable property for development into a recreational area wish to make the following report:

1. Members of the Committee met with Messers. C.K. Payne, Andrew Payne and G.C. Alderson at the Nitro Industrial Corporation offices in Nitro Friday, August 31. Interest was expressed by the Committee in the plot situated east of and adjoining the Water Company property (approximately fifteen acres) and plans for the potential developments of this property for recreational purposes were discussed.

Mr. C.K. Payne stated that the proposed property is currently priced at two thousand dollars ( \$ 2000.00 ) per acre. The Nitro Industrial Corporation is interested in the Civic development of Nitro and will cooperate in providing recreational facilities to the citizens of Nitro. Time was requested for the Committee's proposal and a purchase price would be quoted later.

2. Mr. Alderson notified the Committee Monday, September 10, that he had been authorized to offer the proposed property to the City of Nitro for recreational purposes at the price of fifteen thousand dollars ( \$ 1500.00 ). Option will be granted for a period of six months.

Because of legal and engineering expense of surveying and preparing the option for this property, a deposit of one hundred dollars ( \$ 100.00 ) is requested with the understanding that credit will be allowed on the purchase price in the event the option is exercised.

Respectfully submitted

H.B. Marshall  
M.V. Ridenour  
A.B. Montgomery

Mr. Ridenour also read to the Council a photostatic copy of the letter from Andrew A. Payne to Mr. Alderson offering the fifteen acres, to be used for a community center at a price of fifteen thousand dollars ( \$ 15000.00 ) cash with a six months option.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the City of Nitro acquire an option on 15 acres of land adjoining the Water Plant and that one hundred dollars ( \$ 100.00 ) be paid to the Nitro Industrial Corporation for the option. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Hill brought up the subject that at the present time the City owned three lots on twenty<sup>7</sup>th Street and that the City had agreed to buy the two adjoining lots. Councilman Hill stated further that in case the City did not wish to purchase the two adjoining lots that the American Legion were interested in buying them. Mr. Bush a representative of the American Legion, who was present at this meeting, stated to the Council that it was the Legion's plan to build a Legion home in Nitro and that if the two lots in question were available that the American Legion wished to buy them. After some discussion it was decided that the City is still interested in purchasing the two adjoining lots to their property.

The question of hiring a new police was brought before the Council and after some discussion it was decided that this question should be tabled until a future date when the Mayor was able to attend the Council meeting.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the Appalachian Electric Power Company, install if possible a street light at the east corporate line on Fortieth Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council ~~man~~ motion was declared carried.

It was pointed out that the manhole cover that had been voted upon to be purchased and placed on Twenty-third Street near Krogers store should be purchased and installed right away.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder & Acting  
Mayor



OCTOBER 17, 1945

The regular session of the City Council was held on the 17th. day of October, 1945.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder; H.B.Marshall Jerome Collins, W.L.Wintz, and H.A.Draper members of the City Council.

In the absence of Mayor Blodgett the meeting was called to order by the Recorder. Councilman Marshall was selected from the Council to preside over the meeting.

The minutes of the regular session of the Council held on the 17th. day of September were read, there being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The Financial Statement of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the month of September was presented to the Council.

Councilman Marshall informed the Council that Mr. Andy Bela of the Junior Chamber of Commerce had contacted a party in Charleston, who was in charge of caring for the dogs in the City of Charleston and that the said party was willing to come before the Council and explain how the dog situation was handled in Charleston.

Letters of recommendation from C.H.Castro, Justice of the Peace and C.F.Stewart, Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Dunbar, recommending Mr. A.L.Gammon as chief of police for Nitro were presented to the Council.

Councilman Collins entered motion that the Council approve Mayor Blodgett's appointment of A.L.Gammon as Chief of police, the motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that police bond be secured for A.L.Gammon. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council a statement from L.F.Poffenbarger in regard to acquisition of lands in the amount of ten dollars ( \$ 10.00 ). Councilman Wintz entered motion that this statement be paid, motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the seventy-five dollars ( \$ 75.00 ) contributed to the City each month by the Civic Benefits Association for Street repairs be placed in the Street Department Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the City of Nitro set up a Fund to be known as the Park Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Marshall pointed out to the Council that one of the Councilman should be selected as a representative of the Council and act as Chairman to meet with the various Civic organizations to formulate developments for the City Park.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that Councilman Collins be appointed Chairman of the Park Committee to represent the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Collins entered motion that the Appalachian Electric Power Company install a Street light on 5th. Street, Third Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Jennings Weese was present at this meeting and pointed out to the Council a bad drainage situation on 18th. Street, Third Avenue, brought about by Crecent City Addition.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the sewer problem at 18th. Street- Third Avenue be taken up with the State Health Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder, Acting  
Mayor.

November 9, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 9th. day of November, 1945.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder; H.B. Marshall, Jerome Collins, W.L. Wintz, and H.A. Draper member of Council of said City.

In the absence of Mayor Blodgett the meeting was called to order by the Recorder. Councilman Marshall was selected from the Council to preside over the meeting.

The minutes of regular session of Council held on the 17th. day of October were read, there being no objections or corrections, minutes were approved as read.

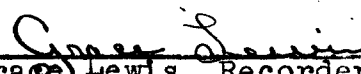
The Recorder presented to the Council the Financial Statement of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the month of October.

The question of street repairs was discussed by the Council, as to what could be done in the way of repairing the streets. It was decided that putting cinders on 18th. Street hill leading to Crescent City Addition and on the streets not paved was about all that could be accomplished during the winter months.

Mr. Cowl, a representative of the Federal Works Agency, was to be present at this meeting but was unable to attend. However, Mr. Cowl had sent word that he would meet in the City office with the City Council on the next Tuesday, in regard to getting federal aid for the recreation park plans.

The question of selling bicycle license for the year 1946 was brought up. It was decided that the City should purchase bicycle license for the coming year to be sold for one dollar ( \$ 1.00 ) each.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder, Acting Mayor.

December 1, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in special session on the 1st, day of December, 1945.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder; H.B. Marshall H.A. Draper, Jerome Collins, and W.L. Wintz; members of Council of said City. There was also present at this meeting Mr. H.W. Bryan, Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder.

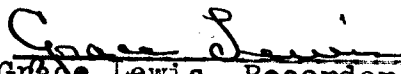
It was explained that this meeting had been called for the purpose of getting some legal advice on several questions concerning the City.

The question of the Mayor signing the checks was discussed by the Council and attorney. Mr. Bryan advised that due to the fact that Mayor Blodgett was so ill that the Council should authorize a member of the finance Committee to sign the checks with the Recorder-Treasurer and that the Council should pass a resolution to that effect. The Council decided that this question could be settled at a future Council meeting.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Mr. Bryan be retained as City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Council questioned the Attorney as to how much power the Council had in regard to the police. Mr. Bryan informed the Council that they had the right to employ a police or to dismiss one and to set forth rules for the police to abide by.

There being not further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder, Acting Mayor.



DECEMBER 11, 1945

The Council of the City of Nitro met in special session on the 11th. day of December, 1945.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder; Jerome Collins; H.B.Marshall; Fred Hill; and W.L.Wintz members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder.

It was explained that this meeting had been called in order to authorize a Councilman to sign the checks with the Recorder-Treasurer, during the Mayor's illness.

The Recorder presented to the Council a letter from the Cashier of the Kanawha Valley Bank instructing that duplicate signature cards be signed with authorative signatures and returned to the bank with a certified copy of the excerpt of the minutes of the meeting authorizing the signatures indicated.

Councilman Collins entered motion that Councilman W.L. Wintz be authorized to sign, checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of maney, drawn on the City of Nitro and that the following resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

#### RESOLUTION:

Resolved: That the Kanawha Valley Bank of Charleston, West Virginia, Be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn on the corporation, including those drawn to the individual order of the signer, when signed in the following manner:

( Number of signatures required on each instrument ) Three.

( Manner of signing )

Councilman	-	W.L.Wintz
Recorder	-	Grace Lewis
Treasurer	-	Grace Lewis

I further certify that the following are officers of this corporation having been elected to hold office until their successors are elected:

Councilman	-	W.L.Wintz
Recorder	-	Grace Lewis
Treasurer	-	Grace Lewis

Witness by hand and the official seal of this Corporation the 12th. day of December, 1945.

Grace Lewis, Recorder.

The Recorder presented to the Council a statement for gasoline for the police car, from the Center Esso Station in the amount of \$ 43.22. After ~~some discussion~~ discussion Councilman Hill entered motion that this bill be paid. Motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council a statement from the Dunbar Taxi Company in the amount of \$ 2.00, taxi fare for a fireman, who was called to the Fire Department during an emergency. After some discussion, Councilman Collins entered motion that the Dunbar Taxi Company be paid. Motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Council entered a discussion concerning the Police Department. The point was brought out that several citizens had complained to the Councilmen about the police car being out of town so much for reasons other than police work.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that the gasoline stations of Nitro be notified that all gasoline for the Police car should be purchased by a written requisition, issued by the Recorder. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that the Police keep a blotter, consisting of the calls made, arrests made, and the whereabouts of the police car at all times, in order that the Council may have some knowledge as to the police activities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mr. Bryan suggested to the Council that a committee of two members of the Council be appointed as a police committee to work with the Recorder in the police affairs and also check and inspect the police department and report back to the Council.

Councilman Hill entered motion that the Council appoint a police committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that Councilman Hill and Councilman Draper be appointed as a Police Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The problem of Mrs. Grace Higginbotham's, that the mailman was driving over the curb to her property on 23rd. Street, in taking the mail in and out of the Post office, was discussed by the Council. After some discussion it was decided that the Council could not do much concerning this matter except have the police speak in regard to the matter to the Post master or the party delivering the mail.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis,, Recorder and Acting  
Mayor.

January 11, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 11th. day of January, 1946.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder; W.L. Wintz, H.B. Marshall; Fred R. Hill, Jerome Collins, and Hugh Draper members of the Council of said City.

There also was present at this meeting Mr. Bryan, City Attorney and Mr. Lameier, representative of the Magnus Company of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder, who informed the Council that since Mr. Lameier ~~was~~ come to speak to the Council in regard to the City purchasing the Water Works Plant that the reading of the Financial Statements for the months of November & December and the minutes of the three previous meetings would be postponed to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Lameier proceeded to inform the Council that his Company had financed the local bridge through revenue bonds and if the Council desired any information of the Magnus Company such could be obtained from the town of St. Albans. Mr. Lameier went on to inform the Council that the West Virginia Water Service Company had been operating, for the past three months, under a new organization, and that he did not know if the Company would be interested in selling said company to the City of Nitro, however if the Company was willing to sell, the Magnus Company would like to finance the purchase through revenue bonds. The Council discussed this matter to some extent with Mr. Lameier. One question that was brought out was the Water Company located in Nitro was furnishing water to several different towns near by and would this fact hinder the purchase, if the Company would want to only sell the part of plant supplying Nitro with water. Mr. Lameier advised that the first step would be to approach the Water Company and see if they had any desire of selling said Company.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that the City Attorney and the Recorder investigate the City's legal status on this question of the City purchasing the Water Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hill and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Recorder brought the question of garbage collection before the Council and stated that the office had received several complaints regarding the present garbage pick-up. The Recorder presented to the Council two applications for garbage collectors: 1st. Carl Walker, Belle, W.Va., who has several army trucks and would pick-up the garbage in Nitro once a week at the rate of 75¢ per month. 2nd. Albert Vealey, Nitro, who wants to collect garbage for the people whose garbage is not being hauled by the present collector, at the rate of \$ 1.00 per month. After some discussion the Council decided that a change in garbage collectors would not be made at this time.

The fact was brought up that there was a vacancy in the office of Mayor, being created by the death of Walter R. Blodgett and the Recorder stated that according to the Code the Council were to elect someone to fill a vacancy. Nominations were declared in order for the office of Mayor of Nitro.

Councilman Draper nominated Fred R. Hill, Councilman for Mayor.

Councilman Collins nominated Harry Marshall, Councilman for Mayor.

Councilman Wintz moved nominations for Mayor be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins.

Since two Councilmen had been nominated for the office of Mayor, election of either would create a vacancy in the Council - nominations for Councilman were declared in order.

Councilman Draper nominated Richard Zerbe for the office of Councilman.

Councilman Hill nominated W.W.Alexander for the office of Councilman.

Councilman moved that nominations be closed, motion was seconded by Councilman Draper.

The Council proceeded to cast their votes for Mayor and Councilman by way of secret ballot.

The Recorder called upon Mr. Bryan, City Attorney to count the votes.

The Results were as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR

Fred R. Hill	-	four ( 4 ) votes
Harry Marshall	-	two ( 2 ) "

FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN  
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Richard O. Zerbe	-	Four	( 4 )	votes
W.W.Alexander	-	Two	( 2 )	"

Upon report of the City's financial standing by the Recorder, Councilman Draper entered motion that the Recorder be authorized to purchase from the Nitro Industrial Corporation an additional lot adjoining the three owned by the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The question of several unpaved streets needing cinders was discussed. It was pointed out that at the present time the City could not obtain cinders from the Viscose Company. It was decided that since the problem was urgent that it would be adviseable to haul cinders from out on Poca River to put on the street needing cinders.

The Recorder presented to the Council a copy of 1945 Supplement of the Code of West Virginia and the statement for same amounting to seven dollars ( \$ 7.00 ) from the Michie Company.

Councilman Collins entered motion that the City purchase the above mentioned supplement, motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The question of signing of checks for the Community Park Fund was discussed by the Council. It was decided that the Mayor and Recorder-Treasurer sign the checks. Council Collins entered motion that the following resolution be adopted and sent into the Kanawha Valley Bank. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED: That the Kanawha Valley Bank of Charleston, West Virginia Be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn on the corporation, including those drawn to the individual order of the signer, when signed in the following manner:

( Number of signatures required on each instrument )	Three
( Manner of signing )	Mayor - Fred R. Hill
	Recorder - Grace Lewis
	Treasurer - Grace Lewis

I further certify that the following are officers of this corporation having been elected to hold office until

their successors are elected:

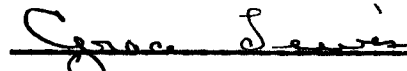
Mayor	-	Fred R. Hill
Recorder	-	Grace Lewis
Treasurer	-	Grace Lewis

Witness by hand and the official seal of this corporation  
the 11th day of January, 1946.

Grace Lewis, Recorder

The bad condition of the sidewalks along first avenue, being such that they were almost impassable, was discussed by the Council. In discussing this question, the Council was undecided as to who the responsibility of the upkeep of the sidewalks fell to. It was decided that this question should be checked through the records and see who had previously assumed this responsibility.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.



Recorder and Acting Mayor.

FEBRUARY 8, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 8th. day of February, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and Hugh A. Draper, H.B. Marshall, R.O. Zerbe, and Jerome Collins members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill.

Mayor Hill called for the reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 9th. day of November, 1945, special session of Council held on the 1st. day of December, 1945, special session of Council held on the 11th. day of December, 1945 and regular session of Council held on the 11th. day of January, 1946. There being no objections or corrections minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder presented to the Council Financial Statements for the months of November and December, 1945 and January. 1946.

Councilman Collins entered motion that the Financial Statements be approved as read, the motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council, for their approval of payment, statements from D.C. Thumm for five ( 5 ) gallons of Carbontetrachloride - statement in amount of \$ 31.00, Wiseman and Jones Garage, for repairs and labor on City truck, - statement in amount of \$ 27.00. Councilman Marshall entered motion the statements be paid, the motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Collins entered motion that the following Resolution be adopted, Authorizing Fred R. Hill, Mayor to sign checks drawn on the City of Nitro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

#### RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED: That the Kanawha Valley Bank of Charleston, West Virginia, Be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money drawn on the Corporation, including those drawn on the individual order of the signer, when signed in the following manner:

( Number of signatures required for each instrument ) three.

( Manner of signing )



minutes of February 8, 1946 cont'd

MAYOR - Fred R. Hill  
RECORDER - Grace Lewis  
TREASURER - Grace Lewis

I further certify that the following are officers of this corporation having been elected to hold office until their successors are elected:

MAYOR - Fred R. Hill  
RECORDER - Grace Lewis  
TREASURER - Grace Lewis

Witness by hand and the official seal of this corporation the 8th. day of February, 1946.

Grace Lewis, Recorder.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that in January he had called a special session of Council, purpose of the meeting was to appoint a new police. Since there had not been a quorum present the meeting was not held, there fore he had appointed Mr. M.L.Foley as police of Nitro.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion the Mayor's appointment of Mr. M.L.Foley, as police, be approved, motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill introduced to the Council, Mr. Litton, of the Tyler Mountain Bus Company. Mr. Lit ton informed the Council that he was interested in getting a City Franchise with the City of Nitro in order to operate the Tyler Mountain Buses over the City Streets. The Mayor and Council discussed this question to some extent with Mr. Litton, pointing out the streets most suitable for bus travel, Charter fee and a loading zone. The idea of giving the Tyler Mountain Bus Company the right to operate on certain streets of Nitro, seemed to be favorable with the Council, therefore Mr. Litten informed the Council that he would attend the next Council meeting and make the necessary plans for obtaining a franchise with the City of Nitro.

The question of garbage disposal was discussed by Mayor and Council. Mayor Hill suggested that a garbage disposal unit may prove to be a good investment for the City and obliterate a number of problems arising from the present means of disposal. It was decided that the number of Property owners should be checked and an estimate made on the cost of handling garbage through a disposal unit.

In discussing the garbage question, Councilman Collins informed the Council that Mr. Murin of the American

## Minutes of February 8th. cont'd

Viscose Corporation had brought to his attention the fact that garbage hauled from within the City limits was being dumped on land adjoining the Viscose property and that a part of the trash and garbage was blowing onto the Viscose property. This problem was discussed by the Council and it was decided that Mayor Hill speak to the City garbage collector in regard to this matter and instruct him to dispose of the garbage at the old dump below the plants.

Mr. Harris, who was present at this meeting advised the Council that he would like to apply to the City Council for the right to collect garbage in Nitro. Mr. Harris stated that he would put on two trucks and haul garbage twice a week. It was finally decided that Mr. Shamblin the present garbage collector and Mr. Harris be notified to attend the next regular session of Council and the garbage problem would be discussed further.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that during the last week the State Road Commission had been doing some work, in the nature of draining First Avenue-Route 25, and since this was being done he intended to purchase a manhole cover to be placed at 23rd. Street, 1st. Avenue to aid the drainage problem there.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that according to the Code the Council could require each male citizen of the town over 21 years and under 50 years to work two days on Street work or donate the equivalent of two days to the Street Department. This matter was discussed by the Council and decided that may aid in getting some work accomplished on the Streets.

In discussing this problem of repairing the streets, it was brought out that an effort should be made to pave and gutter the Streets that were not paved and repave ~~in~~ Second Avenue and lay sidewalks in various sections of town. Two of the Councilmen volunteered to contact an Engineer and have plans and estimates drawn up for afore mentioned work.

Councilman Collins entered motion that the existing Zoning Commission, consisting of members - J.C.Jordan, J.C Pickens, H.M.Drake, R.O.Zerbe and G.C.Alderson, be reappointed, with Mr. Jordan as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Collins entered motion that the Civic Committee, submit in writing to the City Council, their recommendations regarding the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Minutes of February 8th. cont'd.

Councilman Zerbe stated to the Council that Mr. Snyder, principle of the Nitro, School, had informed him that the dogs were creating a deplorable situation at the school. Mayor Hill informed the Council that the police was making an effort to take care of the dogs.

The question of a bad street crossing on 21st. Street and Second Avenue was brought out by Councilman Draper. Mayor Hill suggested that a traffic light should be placed at said crossing. Councilman Draper entered motion that a traffic light be purchased and installed at 21st. Street and Second Avenue and operated by a control switch at the school. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The question of installing street lights in several locations of town was discussed by Mayor and Council. Councilman Draper entered motion that Street lights be installed by the Appalachian Electric Power Company at the following locations:

Between 21st. Street and 22nd. Street	1st. Avenue Bank Street
" 22nd. "	" 23rd. " 1st. Avenue
Corner 22nd. "	" 2nd. Avenue

The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Fred R. Hill  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

Note: When the foregoing minutes were read at the regular session of Council on the 8th. day of March, it was pointed out by Councilman Zerbe that hereafter Carbon Tetrachloride should be purchased from a Company where it could be obtained more reasonable, since the price mentioned in said minutes was considered exceedingly high.

March 8, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 8th. day of March, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; H.B. MARSHALL, Jerome Collins, Richard Zerbe members of the Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill.

Mayor Hill called for reading of Minutes of regular session of Council, held on the 8th. day of February, 1946. There being no objections or corrections minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder presented to the Council the Financial Statements of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the month of February, 1946.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the Financial Statements be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill called on Mr. Litton of the Tyler Mountain Bus Company, who was present at this meeting, for information concerning a franchise for the Tyler Mountain Bus Company to operate buses over the city streets, as was discussed at the regular session of the Council held on the 8th. day of February, 1946.

Mr. Litton advised that the Council pass a resolution giving their approval of the Tyler Mountain Bus Company operating buses over the City Streets of Nitro and a copy of said resolution to be sent to the Public Service Commission.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion the City Council approve principle franchise of the Tyler Mountain Bus Company operating buses on the City Streets of Nitro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mr. Litton informed the Council that a hearing for the Tyler Mountain Bus Company in regard to this matter, before the Public Service Commission had been scheduled for the 25th. day of March. Mr. Litton expressed his wish for the Mayor or some member of the Council to be present at this hearing.

Mayor Hill advised the Council that the matter of the City securing a garbage disposal unit be disregarded for the time being.

Mayor Hill advised the Council that the signal light for 21st. Street and 2nd. Avenue was on order and also the Appalachian Electric Power Company were making preparations to install lights as ordered in Meeting of the 8th. day of February.

The Council was informed by Mayor Hill that it had been necessary to appoint temporarily two new firemen - Kenneth King and Robert Lentz- to replace Ovie Payne and C.R.Sturgeon, who had resigned as of the 5th. day of March.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that the residents of Crescent City Addition above 18th. Street had ask that a light be placed above 18th. Street on the hill.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion the Appalachian Electric Power Company install, if possible, a street light above the end of 18th. Street on the hill. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Collins entered motion the Appalachian Electric Power Company move the Street light on pole between 23rd. Street and 24th. Street on 3rd. Avenue to pole on 23rd. Street, 3rd. Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill informed the Council of the matter of residents of Crescent City Addition asking that a fire hydrant be placed on the hill in order to assure the residents of better fire protection, and offering the aid of one resident to care for the hose that would be purchased by the City. Mayor Hill stated that he would contact Mr. Peck of the Water Company in regard to this matter.

The Recorder read to the Council a letter received from Mrs. Bryon Richards, Secretary of the Civic Committee, submitting their recommendations for Community Park Board, stating that six members be appointed and to rotate membership in the following order: 2 members to serve 3 years; 2 members to serve 2 years; and 2 members to serve 1 year.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that Ordinance be drawn up creating a Park Board, composed of 6 members, members be appointed and to rotate membership in the following order: 2 members to serve 3 years; 2 members to serve 2 years; and 2 members to serve 1 year; naming the following members: Mr. M.V.Ridenour, Mr. Walter F. Snyder to serve 3 years; Mr. H.B.Marshall, Mrs. J.W.Skaggs to serve 2 years; Mr. Charles Richiusa, Mr. H.L VanNetta to serve 1 year. Mr. Ridenour recommended as Chairman of the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

In dusscussing the garbage question Mayor Hill advised Mr. Shamblin, City gatbage collector that garbeage hauled from within the City limits was to be dumped at the old garbage dump.


The Council was advised by Mr. Bryan that an Ordinance should be drawn up governing garbage collections in order to give the Council some jurisdiction over collection of garbage. Mr. Bryan was asked to draw up a garbage ordinance.


In discussing the repairs on City Streets and paving or repaving the City streets and also the curbing and guttering of streets, Councilman Zerbe presented the following estimates submitted by an Engineer and Contracting Company:

Curb and Gutter-	\$1.65 per running foot
Paving 8"thick-	2.90 per square yard
Excavating -	1.00 per cubic yard
Repaving Street -	.60 per square yard
Repaving " in bad condition	1.65 per square yard

This matter was discussed to some extent and tabled for future discussion at the next meeting of Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

  
 Fred R. Hill, Mayor

  
 Grace Lewis, Recorder

MARCH 28, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 28th. day of March, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder, H.A. Draper, R.O. Zerbe, H.B. Marshall, and W.L. Wintz members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill, who explained to the Council that the special session had been called in order to make arrangements to purchase the land for the Community Park and to also take up any other business that may come before the Council.

It was announced that at the present time there was not enough funds in the bank to make the purchase of the land for the Community Park but that there was enough funds pledged and that by Saturday, the 30th. day of March there would be sufficient funds on hand to make said purchase.

Mayor Hill presented to the Council a petition signed by the residents of 23rd. Street and 2nd. Avenue, asking the City Council have 23rd. Street from 2nd. Avenue to the Creek graded and cindered.

The petition brought out the fact that some residents on 2nd. Avenue and 3rd. Avenue had discussed an alley way being run through back property between 2nd. Avenue and 3rd. Avenue. Councilman Marshall suggested that the property owners in this area be contacted to see if they would be willing to deed enough property to the City in said area in order to make said alley way.

Mr. Blake and Mr. Bela, residents of Nitro, who were present at this meeting, brought up the question of the bad situation of dogs in Nitro. Mr. Blake suggested that the Council pass an ordinance to the effect that all stray dogs be disposed of in some manner.

The Recorder informed the Council that Mr. Bryan, City Attorney, had advised that the Council had the power to pass an ordinance to the effect that dog owners keep their dogs penned up and any dog found running the city street, the owner of same will be subject to a fine. This information led to a discussion of providing for a dog catcher and dog pound. Mr. Maloney, former Mayor of Dunbar, who was present at this meeting, informed the Council that the sheriff of the County was supposed to dispose of stray dogs if they were called upon by the City authorities to do so. After some discussion it was decided the City attorney be asked to draw up an ordinance, providing for the owners of dogs to keep the dogs penned up and also to check the law regarding the stray dogs being picked up by the sheriff of the county.

Mr. Maloney of the Kanawha-Putnam Automobile Company stated to the Council that his Company had opened for business on Bank Street, in the old Dawson garage place, and that it was their desire to obtain permission from the City Council to install two pumps on the sidewalk edge-one being placed at the edge of the drive way going into the building and the other placed nearly in line with the main door entrance- the pumps to be placed on the bottom step and raising the bottom step level with the top step on the edge of the sidewalk.

This question was discussed by the Council to some extent. Councilman Wintz brought out the point that having pumps in said places would hinder the parking along Bank Street, since this area was a parking area and placing pumps in this area would cut off several feet of parking area. It was decided that the Council could restrict parking in this area in front of Mr. Maloney's place of business.

Mr. Bela informed the Council that the Junior Chamber of Commerce had learned that the State Road Commission in Kanawha County were intending to resurface First Avenue from the Kanawha-Putnam line through to the end of City limits in Kanawha County. The Junior Chamber of Commerce had written a letter to Burl Sawyers and requested the resurfacing and curbing of First Avenue (Route 25) in Nitro from the Putnam County line to the southern city limits, asking that the work be commenced this spring and also asking if consideration had been given to rebuilding or resurfacing of Route 25 highway from Nitro to Sattes and mentioning the crossing at Lock Street. Mr. Sawyers had replied that there were plans to put a light surface on the highway in Nitro. Mr. Bela suggested that the Council have a letter written to Mr. Sawyers requesting some attention be given to Route 25 as soon as possible and that special attention be given to the Crossing at Lock Street.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that the Recorder write a letter to Burl Sawyers requesting the State Road Commission to resurface Route 25 in Nitro from the Putnam County line, the road to be the same width as the road in Putnam County in Nitro, that the highway be curbed and guttered and that special attention be given to the bad crossing at Lock Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe presented to the Council a copy of an ordinance to create a municipal recreation commission for the City of Nitro, and defining the purpose and duties of said Commission. This ordinance was discussed by the Council. There was a question raised as to the last sentence of the first paragraph of Section 5. It was decided that the Council would take action upon the ordinance at the next meeting.



Mayor Hill informed the Council that Mr. Foley's duties as Chief of Police had terminated as of the 27th. day of March and that he had temporarily appointed Mr. George R. Allman of Weston, W.Va. as police. Mayor Hill read a letter of recommendation from the Atlas Power Company, highly recommending George R. Allman. Mayor Hill ask the Council that they wait until they had met Mr. Allman before taking any action of approval of his appointment.

Councilman Draper Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Councilman Draper recalled his motion for adjournment.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the Kanawha-Putnam Automobile Company be allowed to proceed in putting in gasoline pumps and restrict parking area in front of place of business of said Company, provided satisfactory plans were submitted by Mr. Maloney to Mayor Hill, before work is started.

Councilman Wintz objected to this motion stating that the matter mentioned in motion had been decided upon to be taken up at the next regular session and that this meeting had been adjourned.

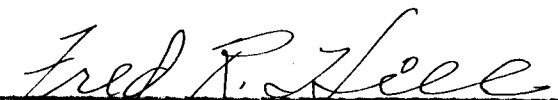
Councilman Draper stated that there had not been a second to his motion for adjournment.


Mayor Hill called for reading of Councilman Draper's motion in regard to allowing the Kanawha-Putnam Automobile Company to proceed with putting in gasoline pumps- Mayor Hill ask if there was a second to this motion. Councilman Marshall seconded the motion, and upon vote by the Council - Those voting in favor of motion: Councilmen Draper, Zerbe, and Marshall. Those voting against motion: Councilman Wintz. The motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe suggested John Weisler as Street Commissioner.

Mayor Hill suggested that this matter could be decided upon at the next regular session of the Council on the 12th. day of April.

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment, Mayor Hill declared the meeting adjourned.

  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

APRIL 12, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 12th. day of April, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and W.L.Wintz, H.B.Marshall, and Jerome Collins members of the Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill.

Mayor Hill called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 8th. day of March and special session of Council held on the 28th. day of March. There being no objections or corrections, minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder presented to the Council Financial Statement of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the month of March.

Councilman Collins entered motion the Financial Statement be approved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that George R. Allman, of Weston, W.Va. , who had temporarily been appointed as police of Nitro on the 27th. day of March, had declined the appointment. Mayor Hill informed the Council further that he had temporarily appointed E.M.Hudson, former police of St. Albans, as police of Nitro. He ask that the Council wait a week or two before confirming his appointment.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that the Police Car needed two new tires and that two tires needed recapping.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that two new tires be purchased for the police car and the two old tires be recapped and the lettering "Nitro Police Dept." be reprinted on the police car. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill called on Attorney Bryan for Dog Ordinance. Mr. Bryan presented a draft of a dog Ordinance, providing for owners of dogs to keep dogs penned up and a fine for violation of same and disposal of unlicensed dogs. The Council and visitors at the meeting discussed this ordinance to some extent but did not arrive at a definite decision.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that the following

resolution be adopted-authorizing the Treasurer of the City of Nitro and President of Park Board to sign checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, drawn on the City of Nitro, Community Park Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

# RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED: That the Kanawha Valley Bank of Charleston, West Virginia, Be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn on this corporation, including those drawn to the individual order of a signer when signed in the following manner:

(Number of signatures required on each instrument) Two.

(Manner of signing) President Park Board: M.V.Ridenour  
Treasurer: Grace Lewis

I further certify the following are officers of this corporation having been elected to hold office until their successors are elected:

President Park Board: M.V.Ridenour  
Treasurer: Grace Lewis

Witness by hand and the official of this corporation the 12th. day of April, 1946.

Grace Lewis, Recorder

Mayor Hill presented to the Council BCF form 405, Agreement and Public Voucher for advance and certificate of Recording Officer, in regard to the grant of \$2,040 from the Bureau of Community Facilities Federal Works Agency.

Councilman Collins entered motion that Fred R. Hill, Mayor and Grace Lewis, Recorder be authorized to sign BCF Form 405, "Agreement and Public Voucher for Advance" and said forms be returned to Federal Works Agency - Bureau of Community Facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The suggested ordinance, in regard to creating a Municipal Commission was again presented to the Council. Attorney Bryan informed the Council that there should be a few changes made in the ordinance to conform with the Code of West Virginia. It was decided that there should be a joint meeting of the Council and the members of the Park Board on Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m., in order to make the necessary changes to said ordinance.

Mr. Chapman brought out the point that the Local Unions were not represented on the Park Board. Mr. Chapman was informed that the Civic Committee had submitted the recommendations for the Park Board and the Council had selected the Board from said recommendations.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that the City truck needed a new battery. Councilman Wintz entered motion that a new battery be purchased for the truck. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council for their approval of payment a statement from Smith & Brooks for paper cups, brooms, mops and polish. Statement in the amount of \$9.60. Councilman Wintz entered motion that this bill be paid, the motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The following resolution was presented to the Council:

RESOLUTION:

I, JEROME COLLINS, move that the following Resolutions be adopted:

"Whereas, the City of Nitro shall hold an Election of officers on the 4th. day of June, 1946, as provided by Section 4, Article 3, Chapter 8, Code of 1943, State of West Virginia. Therefore be it:

"Resolved, that All nominations be made by certificates and signed by the required number of voters, and filed with the Recorder of the City not later than the 4th. day of May, 1946, as provided by Section 16, Article 3, Chapter 8, Code of 1943, of the State of West Virginia.

"Be it further Resolved: That each candidate shall pay the sum of \$5.00 at the time of filing certificate with the Recorder, said sum to be entered in the General Receipts of the City of Nitro.

"Be it further Resolved: That the voting precincts for said election shall be in Kanawha County : Precinct No. 260; Precinct No. 261; Precinct No. 283; and in Putnam County Precinct No. 22, as established under the authority of Section 10a, Article 1, Chapter 3, Code of 1943, of the State of West Virginia."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill suggested that the question of additional Levy for street maintenance and repairs be put to the vote of the people in this June election. It was decided that this matter should be checked and discussed further at the next meeting of the Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion was made for adjournment. Mayor Hill declared the meeting adjourned.

Fred R. Hill  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

April 16, 1946 continued

"City of Nitro - Community Park Fund", and shall be disbursed only when authorized by the Board.

All officials and employees of the City of Nitro, shall so far as practicable, give their services and submit such data or information as may be required to promote and effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. The Board may accept any grant, lease, loan or devise of real estate or any gift or bequest or money or other personal property, or any donation to be applied, principal or income, for either temporary, immediate or permanent recreational use; provided, however that if the acceptance of any grant or devise of real estate, or gift or bequest or money or other personal property will subject the municipality to expense for improvement or maintenance, the acceptance hereof shall be subject to approval of the governing body of such municipality. Lands or divises, gifts or bequests, may be accepted and held subject to the terms under which such land or devise, gift or bequest, is made, given and received.

Said Board is further empowered and authorized to enter into agreements with the Kanawha County Board of Education, Kanawha County Court, Putnam County Board of Education, or Putnam County Court or any other political subdivision or groups for joint planning, exchanging uses of facilities, services, and other arrangements of mutual advantage in the conducting of a total recreation program for this area.

SECTION 6. All ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Approved in open Council under the Common seal thereof, this 16th. day of April, 1946.

Fred R. Hill, Mayor

Grace Lewis, Recorder

After adoption of foregoing ordinance it was necessary to appoint a new Board of Park Commissioners. Councilman Collins entered motion that the following be appointed as the Board of Park Commissioners:

M.V. Ridenour, president and W.F. Snyder	for a term of 6 years
Mrs. J.W. Skaggs	" " " " 4 "
H.L. VanNetta	" " " " 2 "

Councilman Marshall for his term of of ice on the City Council  
The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Charles Richiusa, who was a member of the orginal Board was omitted from the new Board at his request.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion for adjournment carried.

*Fred R. Hill*

MAY 9, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 9th. day of May, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and Jerome Collins, Hugh A. Draper, and H. B. Marshall and W.L.Wintz members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill.

Mayor Hill called for reading of the minutes of the regular session of the Council held on the 12th. day of April, 1946, special session of Council held on the 16th. day of April and special session of Council held on the 25th. day of April, 1946. There being no objections or corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The Recorder presented to the Council the Financial Statement for the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund for the month of April, 1946.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the Financial Statement be approved the motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Collins informed the Council that the Junior Chamber of Commerce had secured the iron pipe for the street markers and as soon as they could obtain the sheet metal the street markers would be erected.

The question of the Council confirming E.M.Hudson as police of Nitro was discussed to some extent by the Council. Several points were brought up concerning the work of Mr. Hudson and also the fact that the state police of Nitro had failed to obtain the cooperation of Mr. Hudson. The Applications for police, on hand, were presented to the Council, however there were not any of the applications considered favorable. The Council after some deliberation over the matter decided to confirm Mr. Hudson as police for the present time with the opinion expressed that he could be dismissed at any time by the Mayor.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that E.M.Hudson be confirmed as police of Nitro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council - those voting in favor of motion were Councilmen Collins, Draper and Marshall. The motion was declared carried.

The certificates for nomination for office were presented to the Council.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the Council accept the certificates of notation for offices as follows:

FOR MAYOR

Fred R. Hill  
Lloyd M. Chapman  
W.W. "Bill" ALEXANDER

FOR RECORDER

Grace Lewis

FOR COUNCIL

Harry B. Marshall  
Hugh A. Draper  
C.C. Richiusa  
Andy Bela  
Jerome Collins  
C.M. Cobb  
L.O. "Pop" Grass  
W.P. "Squinty" Wilson  
W.L. Wintz  
C. Cavet White

The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that the bridges up Twenty-first Street and out Blakes Creek had been repaired. Mayor Hill informed the Council further that the City truck had broken down and the Holman Motor Service Garage had informed him that the motor of the truck was ruined and the truck needed a new motor. The garage had a reconditioned motor, the cost of which would amount to \$250.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that the Mayor be authorized to shop around and purchase a second hand motor for the truck at the most reasonable price possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Wintz informed the Council that Mr. Lemma wanted the permission of the Council to patch the holes on 2nd. Avenue between 22nd. and 23rd. Streets. This information was discussed to some extent by the Council and it was decided that since this area needed repaving and guttering that the property owners in said area be contacted to see if they would be willing to pay by assessment for the repaving and guttering of said area before taking any action toward Mr. Lemma's offer. Councilman Collins suggested that a letter of appreciation be written to Mr. Lemma thanking him for his offer and explaining the above mentioned plan.



The question of putting to the vote of the people in the June election the special levy raising the present rate 50% for the street maintenance and repairs was discussed by the Council.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that the following resolution be adopted, the motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ADDITIONAL (MUNICIPAL) LEVY TO THE VOTERS OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA.

That at a (Regualr) meeting of the Council of the City of Nitro, State of West Virginia, held on the 9th. day of May, 1946 the following order was made and entered of record to-wit:

The Council of the City of Nitro, being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, as last amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the current expenses of the City of Nitro, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held to increase such levies, it is hereby ordered:

1. That the purpose for which additional funds are needed is as follows: Street Maintenance and Repairs.

2. That the amount for each purpose is as follows: Street maintenance and repairs \$1500 for each fiscal year for a period of three years.

3. That the total amount for said purpose or purposes is \$1500. for each fiscal year for a period of three years.

4. That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the Municipality of Nitro is as follows:

Class I, \$203,545.; Class II, \$416,200.; Class IV, \$603,945.; Aggregate, \$1,223,710.

5. That the proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each class of property is as follows: Class I, 4.75¢; Class II, 9.5¢; Class IV, 19¢.

6. That the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1946, July 1, 1947, and July 1, 1948.

7. That the question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at a General Election to be held on the 4th. day of June, 1946.

8. That notice calling such election shall be given by publication of this order at least once each week for two successive weeks before said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the territory in which the election is held. If there is only one newspaper published in the county, said publication shall be made therein. Printed copies of this order shall also be posted at each place of voting at least ten days before said election. All provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable, except that a separate ballot shall be used in connection with any other election.

9. That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in form as follows.

"Special election to authorize additional levies for the years 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49 and for the purpose of Street Maintenance and Repairs, according to the order of the Council entered on the 9th. day of May, 1946."

"The additional levy shall be on Class I property 4.75¢ on Class II property 9.5 cents; on Class IV property 19 cents

(    ) For the Levies

(    ) Against the Levies

Instructions: Those favoring the additional levies, place (X) in the square before "For the Levies"; Those against such levies, place (X) in the square before "Against the Levies".

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO

BY Fred R. Hill, Mayor

Attest: Grace Lewis, Recorder

Councilman Marshall brought up the question of a number of dead elm trees on the property between the side walk and the curb in various section of town and that the fact some property owners thought it was the responsibility of the City to take the dead trees out and dispose of same. After some discussion it was decided to have the attorney draw up an ordinance providing for the property owners to care for the sidewalk and the property between the sidewalk and the curb.

Councilman Wintz informed the Council that there had been reports on the Tyler Mountain bus drivers stopping the buses on 21st. Street and 1st. Avenue therefore blocking the traffic on 21st. Street. It was brought out that the Transit Company buses and the Greyhound buses had been g

guilty of the same offence. It was decided that the only remedy to this problem was for the City to define and mark off a bus loading area for the said buses.

There was some discussion of repairing the streets and it was decided this should be taken care of as soon as possible.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion was made and seconded for adjournment. Mayor Hill declared the meeting adjourned.

Fred R. Hill  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

MAY 15, 1946

The council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 15th. day of May, 1946.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder; and H.B. Marshall, H.A.Draper, Jerome Collins, and R.O.Zerbe members of Council of said City.

The Recorder acted as Mayor in the absence of Mayor Hill.

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder.

It was explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of selecting the Election Boards for Precinct #260, Precinct #261, and Precinct #283, Kanawha County; and Precinct #22, Putnam County, for the City Election to be held on the 4th. day of June, 1946.

The following persons were selected to serve as Commissioners and Poll Clerks for Precinct #260, Kanawha County:

COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Fay Harper (D)  
Mr. Ezra Gillispie (R)  
Mrs. Margaret Boggess (D)

POLL CLERKS

Mr. Jewel McClanahan (D)  
Mr. J.A.Luikart (D)

Councilman Draper entered motion that the afore going persons named as Commissioner and Poll Clerks for Precinct #260, Kanawha County be accepted as Election Board for Precinct #260. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The following persons were selected to serve as Commissioners and Poll Clerks for Precinct #261, Kanawha County:

COMMISSIONERS

Mrs. Hilda Kilgore (D)  
Mr. Harlan Wysong (R)  
Mr. Homer Putney (D)  
Mr. Paul Reynolds (D)  
Mrs. Geraldine Smith (D)  
Mr. John Santrock, Sr. (R)

POLL CLERKS

Mr. H.A.Rexroad (D)  
Mr. L.F.Hartranft (D)  
Dr. E.S.Blake (R)  
Mrs. Merle Robins (R)

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the foregoing persons named as Commissioners and Poll Clerks for Precinct #261, Kanawha County be accepted as Election Board for Precinct #261. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The following persons were named to serve as Commissioners and Poll Clerks for Precinct #283, Kanawha County:

COMMISSIONERS

Mr. A.L.Jordan (D)  
Mr. R.G.Sylvester (D)  
Mr. Sam Montague (R)  
Mr. Wlater F. Snyder (D)  
Mr. Harold Romine (R)  
Mr. H.W.Houk (R)

POLL CLERKS

Mr. W.A.B.Vivian (R)  
Mr. M.W.Harman (R)  
Mrs. T.F.Baumgartner (D)  
Mr. I.N.Hunter (D)

Councilman Collins entered motion that the foregoing persons named as Commissioners and Poll Clerks for Precinct #283, Kanawha County be accepted as Election Board for Precinct #283. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The following persons were named to serve as Commissioners and Poll Clerks for Precinct #22, Putnam County:

COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Z.S.Raynes (R)  
Mr. H.O.Lyons (R)  
Mr. H.L.VanNetta (D)  
Mr. R.H.Cooper (R)  
Mr. Clarence Schowen (D)  
Mrs. R.M.Tormey (D)

POLL CLERKS

Mr. G.F.Hayes (R)  
Mr. R.M.Tormey (D)  
Mr. Hugh Moore (D)  
Mrs. Audra Cogar (R)

Councilman Marshall entered motion that the foregoing persons named as Commissioners and Poll Clerks for Precinct #22 Putnam County be accepted as Election Board for Precinct #22. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder and Acting Mayor

MAY 15, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 15th. day of May, 1946.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder; and H.B.Marshall, H.A.Draper, Jerome Collins and R.O.Zerbe members of Council of said City.

The Recorder acted as Mayor in the absence of Mayor Hill .

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder.

It was explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of appointing a Street Commissioner and to take up any other business that may come before the Council.

Councilman Draper entered motion that John Wiesler be appointed as Street Commissioner for Nitro, effective as of the 16th. day of May, 1946. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that L.O.Grass be appointed as Sanitation Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the City require each male resident of the town, who is not under 21 or over 50 years of age and who is not a pauper to work two days on the public roads, streets and alleys of Nitro under the direction of the Street Commissioner, or release from such work upon the payment of \$8.00 to the Street Commissioner, the money so paid to be used in the improvement of such roads, or streets, or alleys, effective as of the 16th. day of May, 1946. This order made as established by Chapter 8, Article 4, Section 11, Code of 1943, State of West Virginia. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder and Acting Mayor

MAY 23, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 23rd. day of May, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; W.L.Wintz, Jerome Collins, R.O.Zerbe and H.A. Draper members of Council of said city.

There was also present: John Wiesler, Street Commissioner and L.O.Grass, Sanitation Commissioner.

The purpose of the meeting was to select Commissioners and Poll Clerks to fill the vacancies on the election boards set up by the Council on the 15th. day of May, 1946 also to designate the boards as Receiving and Counting boards and to select Ballot Commissioners for each election board for Precincts #260, #261, #283, and #22, and to take up any other business that may come before the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill.

Councilman Collins entered motion that Mrs. R.L.Stover (D) and Mr. Elmer Miller (R) be appointed to serve as Commissioner to replace Mr. Ezra Gillispie and Mrs. Margaret Boggess Commissioners for Precinct #260, Kanawha County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that Mr. Fay Harper be named as Ballot Commissioner for precinct #260, motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that Mr. Merle Robins (R) be appointed to replace Mrs. Merle Robins as Poll Clerk on Election Board #261. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The following designation of Counting and Receiving Boards for Precinct #261 was presented:

RECEIVING BOARD

Mr. John Santrock, Sr.	Commissioner
Mrs. Hilda Kilgore	"
Mrs. Geraldine Smith	"
Mr. L.F.Hartranft	Poll Clerk
Mr. Merle Robins	" "

COUNTING BOARD

Mr. Harlan Wyson	Commissioner
Mr. Homer Putney	"
Mr. Paul Reynolds	"
Mr. H.A.Rexroad	Poll Clerk
Dr. E.S. Blake	" "

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the foregoing designation of Receiving and Counting Boards for Precinct #261 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Mr. John Santrock, Sr. be named as Ballot Commissioner for precinct #261, Kanawha County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Collins entered motion that Mrs. Evelyn Hulshizer (D) and Mrs. Grace L. Peck (R) be appointed to replace Mr. Sam Montague and Mr. R.G. Sylvester as Commissioners for Precinct #283, Kanawha County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The following designation of Receiving and Counting Boards for precinct #283, Kanawha County was presented:

#### RECEIVING BOARD

Mrs. Evelyn Hulshizer	Commissioner
Mrs. Grace L. Peck	"
Mr. A.L. Jordan	"
Mr. M.W. Harman	Poll Clerk
Mr. I.N. Hunter	" "

#### COUNTING BOARD

Mr. Walter F. Snyder	Commissioner
Mr. Harold Romine	"
Mr. H.W. Houk	"
Mr. W.B.A. Vivian	Poll Clerk
Mrs. T.F. Baumgartner	" "

Councilman Collins entered motion that designation of Receiving and Counting Boards be accepted for precinct #283 Kanawha County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that Mr. M.W. Harman be appointed as Ballot Commissioner of election board for precinct #283, Kanawha County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Mrs. Howard Childers (D) be appointed to replace Mr. Hugh Moore as Poll Clerk on election board of Precinct #22, Putnam County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The following designation of Receiving and Counting Boards for Precinct #22, Putnam County were presented:



RECEIVING BOARD

Mr. R.M.Tormey	Poll Clerk
Mr. G. F. Hayes	" "
Mr. H.O.Lyons	Commissioner
Mr. H.L.VanNetta	"
Mr. Clarence Schowen	"

COUNTING BOARD

Mr. Zerah Raynes	Commissioner
Mr. R.H.Cooper	"
Mrs. R.M.Tormey	"
Mrs. Audra Cogar	Poll Clerk
Mrs. Howard Childers	" "

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the foregoing designation of Receiving and Counting Boards for Precinct #22, Putnam County be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that Mr. R.M.Tormey be appointed as Ballot Commissioner for Precinct #22, Putnam County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that Mr. John Wiesler Street Commissioner be authorized to accept Mr. Luigi Lemma's offer in regard to improving the street on Second Avenue, between 22nd. and 23rd. Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The Council ask that the Recorder contact Attorney Bryan in regard to enforcement of an order made by the Council on the 15th. day of May, 1946 of the assessment of all male residents in the town of Nitro working two days on the City Streets or paying \$8.00 to the Street Commissioner.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the Council meet in a special session every Monday night at 7:30 P.M. for the discussion of Street work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper informed Mr. Grass, Sanitation Commissioner that the town was not kept as clean as could be and that there were several unsanitary places over town and that the Council had appointed him as Sanitation Commissioner to try to clean up the town.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that Mr. Grass be given the authority to require inhabitants of unsanitary

premises and unsanitary places of business to comply with specifications set up by the Commissioner and in case of neglect to do so to enforce this in manner provided by the State Code. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the Sanitation Commissioner be issued a badge by the City of Nitro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Zerbe entered a motion that the Recorder be authorized to write a letter to the Sheriff of Kanawha County and the Sheriff of Putnam County and ask for their aid in disposing of the stray dogs in Nitro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Fred R. Hill  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 3, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 3rd. day of June, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and W.L.Wintz, Jerome Collins, R.O.Zerbe, and H.B.Marshall members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill.

The meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing repairs on the city streets and means of enforcement of the order of Council to require male residents, between the ages of 21 and 50 years to work on the streets two days or pay \$8.00 to the City.

The Council entered into a discussion with the Street Commissioner concerning the manner in which the street work would be conducted and also the material needed and labor to be used.

In discussing the order made by the Council on the 15th. day of May, 1946, in regard to requiring each male resident to work on the streets for two days or pay an assessment of \$8.00 to the City - The Council was advised by the attorney that this measure should be in form of an ordinance and duly adopted by the Council. The Council ask that the Attorney draw up an ordinance to cover said order and provide a penalty for violation fo same.

The Council ask that norices be sent to each male resident of Nitro between the ages of 21 and 50 years of age, by the 15th. day of June, 1946. Notices to provide a preference of work or pay and to be returned to the City office within three days, of receipt.

Councilman Wintz entered motion that all veterans of World War II be exempted, for 1 year after discharge date, from working on the City streets or paying \$8.00 to the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Mr. E.M.Hudson, former police, stated to the Council that on the 31st. day of May he had been given his check, by Mayor Hill, who informed him that this check was his last one, dismissing him from his police duties. Mr. Hudson stated further that he thought he should have been given notice of dismissal. Mr. Hudson talked further to the Council regarding his work as police of Nitro and his not being allowed to drive the police car to and from his home to work.

The Council entered into a discussion concerning this matter, bringing out the point that the Mayor had the right to dismiss a police whenever he saw fit. Mr. Hudson ~~was~~ ask about working further for the City at which he informed the Council that he thought the Council should give him 15 days pay without his working further for the City.

After some discussion by the Council and Mayor, the point was brought out that Mr. Hudson had come back to work on the 1st. day of June, 1946 and had been ask, by the Mayor, for the keys to the office and the car. The Attorney advised that perhaps this one day may be questioned as to whether or not he had been discharged the day before or when he was ask for the keys.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the Council follow the recommendation of the Mayor and follow the advise of the Attorney and that no action be taken on payment of the 15 days until the Tax Commissioner had been consulted. There was not second to this motion.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that 15 days pay be allowed Mr. Hudson, without his working further, subject to the approval of the Tax Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council those voting in favor of motion were Councilmen Marshall, Collins, Wintz. The motion was declared carried.

There being not further business to come before the Council at this time a motion was made and seconded for adjournment. Mayor Hill declared the meeting adjourned.

Fred R. Hill  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 10th. 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 10th. day of June, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and H.B. Marshall, R.O. Zerbe, W.L. Wintz, and H.A. Draper members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill, who explained that the meeting had been called in order that the Council acting as a Board of Canvassers should canvass the City election held on the 4th. day of June, 1946 and also to take up any other business that may come before the Council.

The Recorder proceeded to lay before the Council the Ballots voted, Challenged Ballots, Certificates of results and the Tally Books for Precinct #260, Precinct 261, and Precinct #283, Kanawha County and Precinct #22, Putnam County.

The results were as follows:

Precinct #260, Kanawha County:

130 Ballots for Municipal officers.  
129 Ballots for Special Levy.  
2 Challenged Ballots

Precinct #261, Kanawha County:

210 Ballots for Municipal officers  
210 Ballots for Special Levy.  
1 Challenged Ballot.

Precinct #283, Kanawha County

223 Ballots for Municipal officers.  
223 Ballots for Special Levy.  
1 Challenged Ballots.

Precinct #22, Putnam County:

224 Ballots for Municipal officers.  
224 Ballots for Special Levy.  
3 Challenged Ballots.

Making a total of 737 Ballots cast for Municipal officers.

Making a total of 736 Ballots cast for Special Levy.

Making a total of 7 Ballots Challenged.

Councilman Draper entered motion that all Challenged Ballots with the exception of the Ballots of Jesse Owsley, Roy Rhodes, and Mary McDaniels, who are living outside the city limits, be accepted by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Certificates of Results were not certified by the Council as a Recount had been called by Harry B. Marshall and C. Cavet White, candidates for Council. The meeting for Recounting votes was scheduled for the 12th. day of June, 1946 at 4 P.M.

The Recorder presented to the Council, for their approval of payment, the expense of the Election boards and rental fees which were as follows:

## Precinct #260:

Fay Harper	\$5.00
J.A.Luikart	5.00
Lucy Stover	5.00
J.F.McClanahan	5.00
Edna Scully	5.00

## Precinct #261:

John F. Santrock	5.00	Paul Reynolds	\$5.00
Hilda Kilgore	5.00	L.F.Hartranft	5.00
Geraldine Smith	5.00	Earl H. Cooper	5.00
Norma McGill	5.00	E.S.Blake	5.00
Mary King	5.00	Ruby Smith	5.00

## Precinct #283:

Marion W. Harman	5.00	Evelyn Hulshizer	5.00
A.L.Jordan	5.00	Grace L. Peck	5.00
Ruby L. Wallace	5.00	Wm. A.B.Vivian	5.00
H.W.Houk	5.00	Blanche Baumgartner	5.00
Walter F. Snyder	5.00	Ivan N. Hunter	5.00

## Precinct #284:

Z.S.Raynes	5.00	Cecilie Torney	5.00
H. O.Lyons	5.00	Bertie Childers	5.00
H.L.VanNetta	5.00	Audra Cogar	5.00
C.M.Schowen	5.00	J.D.Lyons	5.00
R.H.Cooper	5.00	R.H.Torney	5.00

8th. Street Grocery	10.00	Rental
M.L.Lawless	5.00	Janitor Service
District 50 United Mine Workers of America	10.00	Rental.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the City pay the afore-going expenses of the Election boards, rental and janitor services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by The Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council, for their approval of payment, a statement from the Kanawha valley Leader, in amount of \$69.80, for publication of Ballots, Notices and printing of Ballots also statement from The Johnson Watson Company, in amount of \$2.26 for Election supplies.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the Aforesaid statements be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill presented to the Council an objection filed on the 1st. day of June, 1946 by L.M.Chapman - objecting to the Council certifying the name of W.W. Alexander as candidate for Mayor, naming his reason for objecting that through examination of Tax Records of the Kanawha County, failed to disclose that Mr. Alexander has been assessed with or paid taxes to the Sheriff

of Kanawha County, either real or personal property and requesting that the Council make immediate investigation of the eligibility of W.W.Alexander, as candidate for Mayor.

This matter was discussed by the Mayor, Council and City Attorney. Mr. Chapman stated that the matter rest in the hands of the Council and ask that all candidates for office in the city election be checked as to eligibility to hold office. The Attorney was ask to check into this matter of W.W.Alexander being eligible to hold office.

Mr. Bryan attorney presented to the Council an Ordinance in regard to male residents working on the City streets or paying \$3.00 to the City.

The Ordinance read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CERTAIN MALE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY TO WORK ON THE PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS AND ALLEYS OR FURNISH AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE; RELEASE FROM SUCH WORK BY PAYMENT OF A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF MONEY; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY, OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA:

Section 1. Every male resident, with the exceptions hereinafter provided, of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, who is not under Twenty-one (21) years of age or over fifty (50) years of age, and who is not a pauper, shall be required to work on the public roads, streets and alleys of said City for a period of two (2) days each year under the direction of the Superintendent of Roads, Streets and Alleys, or furnish an acceptable substitute. Provided, any such male resident shall be released from such work and from furnishing such substitute upon payment to said Superintendent of the sum of Eight Dollars (\$8.00). All money so paid to said Superintendent under the terms and provisions hereof shall be used in the improvement of the public roads, streets and alleys of said City.

Section 2. The following persons shall be exempt from the terms hereof: All persons who have been in the Military or Naval service of the United States of America, on active duty, within one (1) year, prior to April 1, of the year for which the work is to be done, and regularly ordained ministers of the Gospel.

Section 3. The work required hereunder by each person liable therefor, shall be performed between the first day of March and the 15th. day of August, of each year, including the year One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-six. Each person liable for work hereunder shall be notified by the Superintendent at least thirty (30) days in advance of the time he is expected to report to said Superintendent at the place

designated in such notices, of the time and place he, or an substitute for him, is to report, to ~~preform~~ such work. If such person does not wish to report for such work or furnish an acceptable substitute, he shall within (15) days after receiving such notice, pay to said Superintendent the sum of Eight Dollars (\$ 8.00) , as hereinbefore provided.

Section 4. All persons liable for the performance of work hereunder who shall willfully fail to report or to furnish an acceptable substitute for work at the time and place required by the hereinbefore described notice of the Superintendent, and who shall fail to pay the said sum of Eight Dollars (\$8.00) for release from such work within the time hereinbefore required, shall be fined not less than the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and not more than the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the foregoing Ordinance be adopted by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that John Wiesler be appointed as Superintendent of Roads, Streets and Alleys as designated in Statute. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council for their approval of payment a statement from Attorney Bryan, in the amount of \$175.00 for Services up to date.

Councilman Marshall entered motion that Attorney Bryan be paid \$175.00 for legal services, motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

A statement from the Southern Supply Company in the amount of \$30.40 for lumber and nails for the Street Department was presented to the Council. Councilman Marshall entered motion that this bill be paid, motion was seconded by Councilman Wintz and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council a statement from Holman Motor Sales in the amount of \$275.49 for repairs on the city truck and charging battery and tuning motor of the police car. Councilman Wintz entered motion that the bill be paid, motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

Fred R. Hill  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor



June 12, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 12th. day of June, 1946.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder, R.O.Zerbe, Jerome Collins, H.B.Marshall, and H.A.Draper members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder who acted as Mayor in the Absence of Mayor Hill.

This meeting had been called for the purpose of recounting the votes cast for Council at the City election held on the 4th. day of June, 1946. The recount having been called by Harry B. Marshall, C. Cavet White, and W.P.Wilson, candidates for said office.

The Council proceeded to recount the votes cast in Precinct #260, Precinct #261, Precinct #283, and Precinct #22.

The recount showing the following results:

C.Cavet White	-	333
Harry B. Marshall	-	368
H.A.Draper	-	446
C.C.Richiusa	-	380
Andy Bela	▼	373
Jerome Collins	-	422
C.M.Cobb	-	207
L.O.Grass	-	397
W.P.Wilson	▼	338
W.L.Wintz	-	332

The Council was assisted in the recount by George Magoun.

There being no further business to come before the Council at that time a motion for adjournment carried.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Acting Mayor

June 17, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 17th. day of June, 1946.

There were present Grace Lewis, Recorder; R.O.Zerbe, H.A.Draper, and Jerome Collins members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder who acted as Mayor in the absence of Mayor Hill.


The purpose of the meeting was to check plans in regard to sending out notices to all male residents of Nitro between the ages of 21 and 50 years of age, regarding the work on the streets for two days or paying to the city the sum of \$8.00.

The Council decided to send the notices to all male residents over the age of 21 years.

The Council selected citizens of Nitro to canvass the streets of Nitro and prepare an accurate census of all male residents.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that George Magoun be paid \$5.00 for assisting in the recount, of Council votes, held on the 12th. day of June, 1946. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion for adjournment carried.

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder and  
Acting Mayor.

June 20, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 20th. day of June, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder, R.O.Zerbe, H.A.Draper, and Jerome Collins members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill.  
The meeting had been called in order the the Council might certify the results of the Election held on the 4th. day of June, 1946.

The Recorder presented to the Council the certificate of results which read as follows:

FOR MAYOR:

W.W.Alexander	- 353
Lloyd M. Chapman	- 220
Fred R. Hill	- 209

For Recorder:

Grace Lewis	- 631
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For Council:

Hugh A. Draper	- 446
C.C.Richiusa	- 380
Andy Bela	- 373
L.O.Grass	- 397
Jerome Collins	- 422
Harry B. Marshall	- 368
C.Cavet White	- 333
W.P.Wilson	- 338
W.L.Wintz	- 332
C.M.Cobb	- 207

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the candidate for Mayor(W.W.Alexander) receiving the highest number of votes, the five candidates for Council ( H.A.Draper, C.C.Richiusa, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins, and L.O.Grass) receiving the highest number of votes and the candidates for Recorder ( Grace Lewis )unopposed be declared elected to their respective offices, terms beginning the 1st. day of July, 1946. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was declared carried.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

Fred R. Hill  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor

June 27, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 27th. day of June, 1946.

There were present: Fred R. Hill, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and R.O. Zerbe, H.B. Marshall, Jerome Collins and H.A. Draper members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill.

The minutes of meetings of Council held on the 9th. day of May, 15th. day of May, 23rd. day of May, the 3rd. day of June, 10th. day of June, 12th. day of June, 17th. day of June and the 20th. day of June, 1946 were presented to the Council.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the foregoing minutes be approved by the Council, in lieu of reading, the motion was seconded by Councilman Marshall and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council the Financial Statement for the month of May, 1946, of the General Fund and of the Street Improvement Fund.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the Financial Statement be approved, motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Hill informed the Council that Mr. Shamblin, the present garbage collector, was signing over his K licenses for garbage hauling to Chris Higginbotham, who was going to haul the garbage in the future.

There was considerable discussion on the garbage question, by the Council. The point was brought out that the service had not been satisfactory - since the general opinion was that the towns needed a pick up of garbage twice a week. It was proved that the opinion of all present that there should be some form of contract between the City and the garbage collector in order that the Council might have some jurisdiction over the garbage collector and that an Ordinance should be drawn up to govern the garbage collections.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Councilmen Marshall and Zerbe be appointed as a committee to investigate garbage disposal in the surrounding towns. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The question of the dogs running at large in Nitro was again discussed. The Council ask the Recorder to check with the Attorney about a dog ordinance.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*Grace Lewis*  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

*Fred R. Hill*  
Fred R. Hill, Mayor

July 1, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 1st. day of July, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and Jerome Collins, Andy Bela, C.C. Richiusa, L.O.Grass, and Hugh A. Draper members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

This meeting had been called in order that the new Council might discuss the project of repairing the streets and also any other business that may come before the Council.

There were several citizens present at this meeting who ask questions of the Council in regard to the Street repairs - such as - which streets in Nitro will benefit by the present repair project, who would the City get to do the repair job, the question of the poor drainage system on various streets, the material that would be used in patching the streets, the attention given and material used for streets that were not paved.

In answering these questions Mayor Alexander stated that there was a big job, in repairing the streets, ahead of the present Council and that they were going to make every effort possible to get the streets of Nitro fixed. All streets paved or unpaved, regardless of section of town, will be repaired.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he would have the Supervisor of Roads, in this section, to go over the streets of Nitro and prepare an estimate as to what the street repairs would cost and that he had talked with the State Road Commissioner and had been told that it might be possible for the State Road to bring competent crews in and do the repairs on the City streets for the cost of the labor, material and fuel. As soon as possible he would contact the proper authorities of the State Road Commission and get a contract drawn up for the repairs and present same to the Council, for their approval, in a future meeting.

A Resident from the Pinegrove Addition stated that the residents in this section had ask the City several years ago to have installed three street lights and a fire hydrant, but had failed to obtain same. The Recorder was ask to check into this matter.

The question was brought out that there were fire hydrants in various sections of town that were not needed and that it was the opinion of the Council that these fire hydrants might be moved to sections of town where fire hydrants were needed.

Mr. Zerbe, former Councilman, was present to give a re-

pert on the garbage question as to information obtained from the clerk of Dunbar. Mr. Zerbe stated that Dunbar have a fairly new system for garbage collection, which has not been in operation long enough to see if it will prove satisfactory- the garbage pick up is administered by the City - they have two trucks, provide for payment at the City hall, each resident given a card which is marked upon each payment. The annual fee being \$12.00. The arrangement prior to present system provided for a different color card to be used upon each payment, card to be posted near garbage can and collector of garbage could tell by the color of card whether or not the garbage hauling had been paid for the present time. The best solution for Nitro would be that the Council adopt a Sanitation Ordinance in connection with garbage collection, have a bonded man to assure service, card issued to each resident, card punched upon payment for collection.

The point was brought out that in all towns where the City assumed the responsibility of garbage collection the City came out the loser.

The Recorder was ask to check with the attorney in regard to Sanitation Ordinance.

Councilman Collins entered motion that Mayor Alexander and Councilman Draper be appointed to draw up a set of rules and regulations for the Police of Nitro, said rules and regulations to be posted on the police desk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the Mayor's appointment of P.R. Johnson as police be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman Richiusa as member of the Park Board, to fill vacancy created by the termination of term of office of H.B. Marshall on the 30th. day of June, 1946.

Councilman Draper entered motion that the Council confirm the appointment of Councilman Richiusa as member of the Park Board. Councilman Bela seconded the motion and upon vote by the council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Grass brought out the subject of the Bicycle Ordinance being violated - as to the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks.

Councilman Grass entered motion that the Police be instructed to keep bicycle riders off the sidewalks. Councilman Collins seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Draper brought out the fact that the City should not request bicycle owners living outside the city limits to buy licenses for their bicycles.

The Recorder presented to the Council the following resolution to be sent to the Kanawha Valley Bank:

RESOLUTION:

Resolved: That the Kanawha Valley Bank of Charleston, West Virginia, Be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, drawn on this Corporation, including those drawn to the individual order of a signer, when signed in the following manner:

(Number of signatures required on each instrument)	Three
(Manner of signing)	Mayor: W.W.Alexander
	Recorder: Grace Lewis
	Treasurer: Grace Lewis

I further certify that the following are officers of this Corporation having been elected to hold office until their successors are elected:

Mayor:	W.W.Alexander
Recorder:	Grace Lewis
Treasurer:	Grace Lewis

Witness by hand and the official seal of this Corporation the 1st. day of July, 1946.

Grace Lewis, Recorder

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the foregoing Resolution be adopted by the Council, the motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The matter of boys using profain language outside of some of the public restaurants and confectionery shops was discussed. It was decided by the Council that the city police should check into this matter and try to remedy said condition.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the minutes of each Council meeting should, after having been approved by the Council, be published in the Kanawha Valley Leader. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Councilman Bela informed the Council that Blakes Creek flooded over at times during heavy rains, the flow of the water being obstructed by the over hanging branches and twigs. Councilman Bela stated further that it might be a good idea for the Council to pass an Ordinance to require all owners of property along the creek to keep the branches and brush cleaned out.

It was suggested by Mayor Alexander that all the Council members should look into this condition and see what could be done to remedy the matter.

Councilman Draper suggested that the Council should investigate towns operating under the Circuit Court Charter as to their sources of revenue.

Councilman Draper entered motion that a committee of two be appointed to investigate sources of revenue, by visiting progressive towns of West Virginia, for the purpose of making Nitro a better town. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilmen Draper and Collins as a Committee of two to visit and study towns of West Virginia operating under the Circuit Court Charter.

The point was brought out that a new census should be taken in Nitro in order to have a more accurate tabulation of population.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*

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W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder



July 16, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 16th. day of July, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and C.C.Richiusa, Hugh A. Draper, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins and Andy Bela members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

Mayor Alexander called for reading of minutes of meetings, all of the Council, held on the 27th. day of June and 1st. day of July, 1946.

Councilman Collins entered motion the foregoing minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Draper and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council copies of the Financial Statement of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund for the month of June, 1946.

Councilman Collins entered motion the Financial Statement be approved, motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that on the 16th. day of July, Mr. Sawyers, District Supervisor of Roads, had been in Nitro and that he and Mr. Sawyers had driven over the streets, in order that Mr. Sawyers might see the condition of the streets. Mayor Alexander informed the Council further that after seeing the streets, Mr. Sawyers had pointed out to him that on 2nd. Avenue and 21st. Street, Above the bridge, where the pavement was in bad condition, the road would need to be built up with a stone and asphalt mix, tamped down and topped with a 37 gage mix. Second Avenue between 22nd. Street and 23rd. Street would have to be ditched on either side of the road, the ditches to assure drainage should be cleaned out quite often. Mr. Sawyers gave the figure of from 200 to 250 tons of mix to repair the streets. For labor and material to be used on 2nd. Avenue, 21st. street, grading around 3rd. avenue hill, Mr. Sawyers estimated the cost between \$2000. and \$2500. Mayor Alexander stated that Mr. Sawyers is to prepare a contract, for material and labor of repairing the streets, and present same to the Council. Mr. Sawyers had informed the Mayor that at the present time all state crews were engaged on jobs but he thought that within 3 weeks or so he would be able to obtain a crew for the work in Nitro.

Two residents of Crescent City Addition were present at the meeting and pointed out to the Council the badly needed repairs to road to Crescent City Addition, there was also the need of street lights in this area and the fact that there was not a map available showing the location of streets and roads in this section.

Councilman Bela entered motion that a committee of three be appointed to make a survey of the town and study the lighting system and report back to the Council their findings and recommendations in regard to street lights. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilmen Grass, Bela and Collins as a committee to make survey of the town in regard to the lighting system.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the Recorder contact the Real Estate Company, in connection with Crescent City Addition, or the Clerk of the County Court, in Kanawha County, in effort to obtain a photostatic copy of map of Crescent City Addition. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed as Finance Committee - Councilmen Draper and Collins.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Councilman Grass be appointed as Desk Sargent and Jailor, at a salary of \$40.00 per month, effective as of the 15th. day of July, 1946. Motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

The matter was brought up for discussion in regard to window panes being broken out in the school building, report having been made at the city office that 19 window panes had been broken out in one night, the door to the gymnasium had been broken and the fountain on the Athletic Field had been torn out. The Council decided that the police be instructed to make frequent rounds in the area of the school in effort to prohibit the destruction of property.

Mayor Alexander advised the Council that several of the business places he had contacted were willing to make a donation toward a merchant police fund, and it was his opinion that enough money could be obtained through pledges of business houses and associations to pay another full time police.

Councilman Draper brought out the point of the business block of Nitro being dirty and trash over the street. It was decided by the Council that the Sanitation Commissioner with the aid of a helper might be able to clean up the business block and remedy said condition.

The Recorder presented to the Council an application of C.M. Cobb for Building Inspector and City Engineer. The matter was discussed and tabled for future reference.

The subject of Nitro having an ordinance providing for an annual license for Electrician, plumber, carpenter, masonry and other types of work was discussed by the Council.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Attorney be in-

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structed to check with surrounding towns in regard to afore mentioned ordinance and license. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

A dog ordinance was presented to the Council. After some discussion this matter was tabled for future reference, due to the fact said ordinance was found inadequate and not workable.

The matter of shrubs and hedge, in various sections of town, needing to be cut or trimmed, was discussed by the Council. It was decided that any complaints in regard to this matter should be filed at the city office and the police would contact owner of the hedge or shrubs and instruct owner to cut or trim the hedge.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

July 30, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 30th. day of July, 1946.

There were present: W.W. Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins, H.A.Draper and C. C. Richiusa members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

Mayor Alexander called for reading of minutes of meeting of Council held on the 16th. day of July, 1946.

Councilman Collins entered motion minutes be accepted, motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander called for report from Committee, in regard to survey of street lights. The Committee advised that a report on street lights would be made at the next Council meeting.

Upon question of rules and regulations for police, the Council was advised by Mayor Alexander that said rules and regulations had not been completed.

In discussion of the case of E.M.Hudson vs. the City of Nitro, the Council was advised by Mayor Alexander that appeal had been taken upon said case.

It was suggested by the Council the Water Company be ask to make a check on fire hydrants in town as to the fire hydrants located in sections where hydrants were not of any use.

In discussion of roads and streets in Crescent City Addition, the Council was advised by the Recorder that request for map of said addition had been written to the Clerk of the County Court, Kanawha County but up to date there had not been a reply.

Councilman Richiusa suggested Mr. Merle Robins as City Engineer and suggested further that Mr. Robins be ask to attend next meeting of the Council in order that Council might discuss, with him, work of City Engineer.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council of a dog biting a small boy and suggest that City Council should take immediate steps in coping with bad dog situation in Nitro. The Council entered into discussion of proposed ordinance presented at meeting of the 16th. day of July and the possibility of providing a dog pound for Nitro.

Councilman Draper entered motion that a committee of three be appointed to study dog situation and make proposal as to remedy of said situation at the next Council

meeting. Councilman Bela seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilmen Bela, Richiusa and Grass as a committee to study dog problem in Nitro.

In discussing the matter of the City government taking a census in Nitro in an effort to increase the liquor profits, Mayor Alexander informed the Council that in talking with the Liquor Commission in regard to this matter he had been advised to contact the Federal Bureau of Census, in order to be certain a census taken by the City would be acceptable. The Recorder was instructed to write a letter to Bureau of Census in regard to taking a census of Nitro.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that in talking with Mr. Sawyers, District Supervisor of Roads, last week, Mr. Sawyers had told him that state crews should be available to begin work in Nitro in approximately three weeks.

Mayor Alexander suggested Mr. Sherdian Smith as Street Commissioner, stating that Mr. Smith had experience in road building. The Council suggested Mr. Smith be ask to attend the next Council meeting in order that Council might discuss with him plans for streets.

The matter of paving the unpaved streets was discussed by the Council. The Council was informed by the Recorder that petitions for paving and repaving and curb and guttering had been given out about 6 months ago and up to date two petitions with the required number of signatures had been filed at the city office.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the business places had pledged to donate funds for a merchant police and that the Civic Benefits Association had agreed to donate \$60.00 toward salary of full time police. Therefore the city had assurance of enough funds to pay another full time policeman, making it possible to hire another man to work the night shift. Mayor Alexander suggested M.L.Foley as a police to work the night shift.

Councilman Bela entered motion M.L.Foley be confirmed as merchant police, effective as of the 1st. day of August, 1946, at a salary of \$165.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The matter of having an extra police to work on Friday and Saturday nights was discussed by Mayor and Council. It was decided that applications of those desiring part time police work would be accepted for consideration.

Councilman Draper entered motion that Council extend appointment of Mr. J.E.R.ark as Building Inspector for the present Councils term of office. Motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Mr. Sawyers of the State Road Commission intended to send a man to look over the unpaved streets and sections that needed grading, in order to determine what work could be done.

Councilman Bela reported that the Street Lighting Committee, in making a survey of the town had decided that the streets needed approximately 34 additional street lights, in various sections of town and that further report would be made at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 15, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 15th. day of August, 1946.

There was present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and Andy Bela, L.O.Grass, and Jerome Collins members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that there was need of an amendment to Ordinance #56, regarding the closing hours of the retail grocery stores, in Nitro, and that the grocery mens association had ask that Ordinance #56 be amended providing for closing the grocery stores on each Wednesday afternoon.

The Recorder read to the Council the following draft of amendment to said ordinance.

"Amendment to Ordinance #56, Page 127, adopted by the Common Council at a special session held on the 15th. day of August, 1946.

Amendment to Ordinance #56:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Nitro, that all retail grocery stores within the Town of Nitro, West Virginia, shall not maintain and operate stores on Wednesday of each week, the year round. The closing hour for grocery stores on each Wednesday shall be 12:30 P.M."

Councilman Bela entered motion the foregoing draft be amendment to Ordinance #56 be adopted, by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Council discussed again the question of garbage collections in Nitro, the fact that complaints have continued to be made in regard to present garbage collections. Application of Curtis Bailey was presented to the Council. The Council decided to notify Mr. Bailey to be present at the next meeting of the Council for further discussion of this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 19, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 19th. day of August, 1946.

There was present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and L.O.Grass, Charles Richiusa, Andy Bela and Jerome Collins members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

The meeting had been called in order that the Council might prepare the Levy Estimate for the current year and to take up any other business that may come before the Council.

The Recorder presented to the Council the following estimate:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a special session of the Council of the municipality of Nitro held in the Council chambers thereof, in the City building on Monday, the 19th. day of August, 1946, there were present:

W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recording Officer; and Chas. C. Richiusa, L.O.Grass, R. Jerome Collins, and Andrew Bela members of the Council of said municipality.

In accordance with Section 14, Article 67, Acts of 1933, Second Extraordinary Session, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES  
ESTIMATE

(1) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year, EXCEPT FROM THE LEVY OF TAXES to be made for the year.

Balance in hands of City Treasurer	\$ 1,826.21
Balance in hands of sheriff	
Redemption and sale of delinquent lands	25.00
Taxes uncollected	17.70
General Licenses	825.00
Building and other permits	150.00
Capitations	500.00
Fees	2,000.00
Merchant Police Fund	2,400.00



Amusement Tax	\$ 1,300.00
Revenue-State Liquor Commission	2,581.96
Police Court - Fines and cost	1,300.00
Civic Benefits Association	15,768.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total estimated receipts	<u>\$ 28,793.87</u>

## ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES:

Salary of Mayor	\$ 400.00
Salary of Recorder	1,200.00
Salary of Treasurer	600.00
Salary of City Attorney	300.00
Compensation of assistants and clerks	15.00
Salaries of Chief and 1 police	4,830.00
General expenses of Police Department	1,441.00
Salaries of Chief and 3 Firemen	7,675.00
New fire equipment	50.00
General expenses of Fire Department	551.00
Janitors' compensation and supplies	30.00
Expenses keeping and feeding prisoners	5.00
Stationery, office supplies and equipment	85.00
Postage	35.00
Water-fire protection, streets and sewers	6,000.00
Water-other purposes	70.00
Light for street lighting	1,571.79
Light-other purposes	140.00
Fuel	170.00
Ice	25.00
Telephone and telegraph	170.00
Freight and drayage	2.00
Advertising and legal publications	100.00
Premiums on official bonds	125.00
Election expenses	300.00
Expenses- aid to poor	50.00
Attorneys' fees, court cost and damages	300.00
Municipal dues	29.83
New Equipment- Street Department	20.00
Payment on city lot	600.00
Maintenance of street and alleys	5,100.00
Maintenance of sewers	100.00
Construction of new streets, sidewalks and sewers	100.00
Workmens compensation premiums	90.00
Audit by Tax Commissioner	100.00
Refunding erroneous payments	7.00
Contingent expenses	500.00
Delinquent taxes and discount	500.00
Police court - Trial fees	600.00
	<u>33,537.87</u>

A.

Judgement outstanding	\$ 175.00
Total amount outstanding	
June 30, 1946	175.00

B.

Amount of above obligations proposed to be paid  
from current levy \$175.00

Total estimated disbursements (A+B) 33,712.87  
Less estimated receipts 28,793.87

Amount to be raised by levy must agree with  
TOTAL LEVY below 4,919.00

And the Council doth determine and estimate that it will be necessary to raise by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for current regular municipal purposes the amount of \$ 4,919. and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Fourteen & one-quarter cents (14.25 ¢) on Class No. I Property,  
Twenty-eight & one-half " ( 28.5 ¢ ) " " " II "  
Fifty -seven " ( 57 ¢ ) " " " IV "  
for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuations	Authorized Rates	Proposed Taxes Rates Levied
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 85,200.	9.5 ¢	4.75 ¢
Public Utility			14.25 ¢
Property	99,400.	9.5 ¢	4.75 ¢
Total Class No. I	<u>184,600.</u>		<u>142.</u> 263.
Number II			
Real Estate	440,550.	19 ¢	9.5 ¢
			28.5 ¢
Number IV			
Real Estate	300,220.	38 ¢	19 ¢
Personal Property	103,100.	38 ¢	19 ¢
Public Utility			57 ¢
Property	193,100.	38 ¢	19 ¢
Total Class No. IV	<u>596,420.</u>		<u>1101.</u> 3400.
TOTAL LEVY	<u>1,221,570.</u>		<u>4919.</u>

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MUNICIPAL BOND PEUPOSES - INTEREST AND SINKING FUND  
ESTIMATE

The council proceeded to make an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for interest, sinking fund and amortization requirements of bonded indebtedness, legally incurred by a vote of the people as provided by law, since the adoption of the tax limitation amendment, owing by said municipality, as follows:

BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

Date of vote authorizing Issue	Original amount of Issue	Amount of bonds Outstanding	Amount Required for		
			Sinking Fund	Interest	Total
10/20/38	\$ 16,000.	\$ 12,400.	\$ 600.	\$ 341.	\$ 941.

Delinquent Taxes and Exonerations Estimated at 10% 94.

Total Amount to be Raised by a Levy of Taxes \$1,035.  
and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed  
to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class  
of property, viz:

Three cents ( 3 ¢ ) on Class No. I Property,  
Six " ( 6 ¢ ) " " " II " and  
Twelve " ( 12 ¢ ) " " " IV "

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein  
as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuations	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 85,200.	3 ¢	\$ 26.
Public Utility Property	99,400.	3 ¢	30.
Total Class No. I	<u>184,600.</u>		<u>56.</u>
Number II			
Real Estate	440,550.	6 ¢	264.
Number IV			
Real Estate	300,220.	12 ¢	360.
Personal Property	103,100.	12 ¢	124.
Public Utility Property	<u>193,100.</u>	12 ¢	<u>232.</u>
Total Class IV	596,420.		716.
TOTAL LEVY	1,221,570.		1,036.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, TO-WIT:

I, Grace Lewis, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the Council of said municipality on the 19th. day of August, 1946.

Given under my hand this 19th. day of August, 1946.

Recorder

(Official Title)

Mayor Alexander called for reading of minutes of meetings held on the 8th. day of August and the 15th. day of August, 1946.

Councilman Collins entered motion that foregoing minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council the Financial Statement of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund, for the month of July, 1946.

Councilman Collins entered motion Financial Statement be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

A report of the Street Lighting Committee was presented to the Mayor and Council with recommendations of 34 additional lights.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that City Council follow recommendations of the Street Lighting Committee in making application to the Appalachian Electric Power Company to install the 34 street lights at the locations listed below. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

#### List of Additional street lights:

4th.	Street	1	light	East End of Street
7th.	"	1	"	" " " "
8th.	"	1	"	half way between 2nd. and 3rd. Avenue.
9th.	"	1	"	" " " " " "
10th.	"	1	"	East end of Street
11th.	"	1	"	Second Avenue
12th.	"	1	"	East end of Street
13th.	"	1	"	" " " "
14th.	"	1	"	" " " "
15th.	"	1	"	Second post from Second Avenue
16th.	"	1	"	Half way between 2nd. Avenue and 3rd. Avenue
17th.	"	3	"	Second Avenue, half way, 3rd. Avenue
18th.	"	1	"	Half way between 2nd. and 3rd. Avenue
Crescent City		3	"	on hill
19th.	Street	1	"	East end of Street
8th.	"	1	"	First Avenue
10th.	"	1	"	" "
12th.	"	1	"	" "
14th.	"	1	"	" "

16th. Street	1	Light	First Avenue
32nd. "	1	"	Second "
34th. "	1	"	" "
36th. "	1	"	" "
38th. "	1	"	" "
39th. "	1	"	" "

On 3rd. Avenue, move light from 24th. Street to 23rd. Street.

32nd. Street	1	Light	about 32nd. Street
Bank Street	1	"	" front of City Lunch
22nd. "	1	"	Second Avenue
1st. Avenue	1	"	Between 23rd. and 22nd. Streets.

In discussion of street repairs, the Council suggested that the Tyler Mountain Bus Company be ask for a donation toward the street repairs, inasmuch that the buses travel a section of Second Avenue, which is badly in need of repairs.

Councilman Grass brought up the matter of boys, who loaf around Coulls Restaurant, throwing rocks at the upstairs windows of the N.I.C. Building. It was decided, by the Council, that the police be instructed to check into this matter and see that boys and girls under age should be off the streets by 9:30 P.M.

Mayor Alexander suggested that a copy of ordinance regarding Vagrancy be obtained from the City of Charleston and a study of same be made as to applying ordinance in Nitro.

The question of property owners, who owned hedge on their property, and had neglected to keep same trimmed was discussed by the Mayor and Council. The Council suggested that notices be prepared and served by Councilman Grass, on all such owners of hedge.

The question of filth and dirt washing on to 21st. Street from the hill above 21st. Street was discussed by the Council. It was decided by the Council that this was a sanitary problem and the Sanitation Commissioner should check into said matter.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 26, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a special session on the 26th. day of August, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and L.O.Grass, Charles Richiusa, Andy Bela and H.A.Draper members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

Mayor Alexander called for reading of minutes of meeting of Council held on the 19th. day of August, 1946.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council the Levy Order for the current year and the approval of the State Tax Commissioner of the Levy Estimate for the current year.

Levy Order:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a special session of the Council of the Municipality of Nitro, West Virginia, held in the Council chamber thereof on Manday, the 26th. day of August, 1946; Present W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Recording Officer Grace Lewis, and Hugh A. Draper, Chas. C. Richiusa, Andrew Bela, and L.O.Grass members of the council of said Municipality.

#### CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL LEVY

#### ORDER

The Council having ascertained that the amount to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for regular municipal purposes will be \$ 4,919., according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 19th. day of August, 1946, and said estimate having been published as required by law, and no one appearing to oppose the same or to take exception thereto, and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levy proposed therein, be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Fourteen and one quarter	cents (14.25¢)	on Class No.I property,
Twenty-eight and one half	" (28.5 ¢)	" " " II "
Fifty-seven	" (57 ¢)	" " " IV "

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSIONER

To the Common Council of the Municipality of.....NITRO

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me, as Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, under the provisions of Section 23, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, second extraordinary session (House Bill No. 234), the levies proposed by you for your municipality are hereby approved, subject to the following exceptions:

Contingent upon compliance with the provisions of Chapter 92, Acts 1945 with respect to 'Compensation of Officers and Employees'

None

The undersigned, as Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, makes the following findings with respect to the levies proposed to be laid in excess of the rates prescribed by constitutional limitations: The levies for current expenses imposed by your common council are no more than are indispensable to the ordinary discharge of the governmental functions of the municipality, and the obligations for the payment of which such levies are proposed are contractual and regularly authorized by vote of the people and represented by outstanding bonds, the obligations of which were created prior to the adoption of the tax limitation amendment; and, except for the levies proposed to be laid for such indebtedness, the respective obligations thereof will be impaired.

Given under my hand this the 21 day of August, 19 46

  
Tax Commissioner





August 26, cont'd

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levies
NUMBER I			
Personal Property	\$ 85,200.	14.25 ¢	\$ 121.
Public Utility Property	99,400.	14.25 ¢	142.
Total Class No. I	184,600.		263.
NUMBER II			
Real Estate	440,550.	28.5 ¢	1,256.
NUMBER IV			
Real Estate	300,220.	57 ¢	1,711.
Personal Property	103,100.	57 ¢	588.
Public Utility Property	193,100.	57 ¢	1,101.
Total Class No. IV	596, 420.		3,400.
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,221,570.		4,919.

MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES - INTEREST AND SINKING  
ORDER

BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

The Council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year to pay the interest on and provide a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal of a bond issue of \$16,000. will be \$1,035. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 19th. day of August, 1946, and said estimate having been published as required by law and no one appearing to oppose the same or take exception thereto and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levies proposed therein be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

AUTHORIZED RATES

Three cents (3 ¢ ) on Class No. I Property,  
Six " (6 ¢ ) " " " II " and  
Twelve " (12 ¢ ) " " " IV " ,  
for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein,  
as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levies
NUMBER I			
Personal Property	\$ 85,200.	3 ¢	\$ 26.
Public Utility	99,400.	3 ¢	30.
Total Class No. I	184,600.		56.
Number II			
Real Estate	440,550.	6 ¢	264.

August 26, 1946, cont'd

Class	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied
NUMBER IV			
Real Estate	\$ 300,220.	12 ¢	\$ 360.
Personal Property	103,100.	12 ¢	124.
Public Utility Property	<u>193,100.</u>	12 ¢	<u>232.</u>
Total Class No. IV	596,420.		716.
TOTAL LEVY	1,221,570.		1,036.

Mayor Alexander entered a discussion with the Council on the subject of a new car for the police department. The point was brought out that the present car was in need of a great many repairs and that last year over \$500. had been expended on the car in way of repairs. Mayor Alexander pointed out to the Council that Mr. Holman of the Holman Motor Sales had offered a good trade in on the old car.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the City enter order with the Holman Motor Sales for a new 2 door DeLuxe Ford- 8 cylinder- for the police department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Grass brought up the subject of sections of the City streets that had been dug up and the paving not being replaced properly, naming the sections of streets in front of Kanawha-Putnam Automobile Company, where gasoline drums had been put in and section on 21st. Street in front of Comstock residence, where the sewer had been dug into. After some discussion by the Council, it was decided that the above named parties be notified to replace the street, with black top in as good condition as prior to excavating.

Councilman Richiusa suggested that a committee be appointed to make a study and investigations of the feasibility of the City establishing their own water works plant.

This topic was discussed to some extent. Mayor Alexander appointed Councilmen Bela, Draper and Richiusa as a committee to investigate the possibilities of the water works question.

Upon Mayor Alexander's suggestion to change Council meeting nights from every week to twice a month, Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the Council meeting be held on the 1st. and 3rd. Tuesdays of every month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council, for their approval of payment, a statement from the Fyr-Fyter Sales and Service in the amount of \$35.24, for fog nozzle, for the fire department.

August 26, cont'd

Councilman Draper entered motion that statement be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that several residents of Crawford City and area just below Nitro had approached him on the subject of said areas being taken into the corporate limits of Nitro. After some discussion it was decided that Recorder should check into proper procedure of taking these areas into the limits of Nitro.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*

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W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder

September 3, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in a regular session on the 3rd. day of September, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis Recorder, and L.O.Grass, Charles Richiusa, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

Mayor Alexander called for reading of minutes of special session of Council held on the 26th. day of August, 1946.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion regarding the anexation of area adjacent to lower city limits and area known as Crawford City. Sections of the West Virginia Code regarding anexation was read to the Council. The Recorder was ask to have attorney check further into this matter. The question of anexation was tabled for future reference.

The Mayor and Council discussed matter of gross sales tax as means of additional revenue for Nitro. The Recorder was ask to investigate this matter further before next Council meeting.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he planned to have clean up week in Nitro, beginning the 11th. of September. The City truck would pick up all trash on the curbs of the city streets.

The Recorder presented to the Council the resignation of Councilman H.A.Draper, effective as of the 4th. day of September, 1946.

Councilman Grass entered motion that Mr. Draper's resignation be accepted by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council motion was declared carried.

Nominations were declared in order for a Councilman to fill vacancy created by resignation of H.A.Draper.

Councilman Grass nominated Harry B. Marshall for Council. Councilman Bela nominated Richard O. Zerbe for Council. Mayor Alexander nominated W.P.Wilson for Council.

Councilman Collins entered motion nominations be closed, motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Council proceeded to cast their votes for Councilman, by way of secret ballot.

The results were as follows:

Harry B. Marshall	2 votes
Richard O. Zerbe	3 votes
W.P. Wilson	1 vote

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder

September 17, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met in regular session on the 17th. day of September, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis Recorder; and L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins, Charles Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe members of Council of said City.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

Mayor Alexander called for reading of minutes of regular session of Council, held on the 3rd. day of September, 1946.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Mayor and Council, copies of the Financial Statement for the month of August, of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion Financial Statement be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

The Mayor and Council entered discussion of anexation of area adjacent to lower city limits and area known as Crawford City.

The Recorder reported to the Council information supplied by Attorney Bryan regarding anexation, referring to section 591 of the Code of West Virginia, concerning minor boundary adjustment also section 465 of the Code of West Virginia, providing for petition of change of boundary lines and a vote of all qualified voters residing on such additional territory.

After considerable discussion regarding this question, Councilman Richiusa entered motion that, on receipt of petitions of area wanting to come into city limits, an investigating committee, composed of 3 men from Council and 1 representative of Civic Benefits Association, be organized with express purpose of checking into the feasibility of anexation of communities concerned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Grass brought up the matter of the vagrancy law, which had been requested of the City of Charleston. Since the said law had not been received from the City of Charleston, this matter was tabled for future reference.

The Mayor and Council discussed the legality of Ordinance #56, regarding opening and closing hours of stores of Nitro. Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he would

check with the Attorney General regarding this matter.

The Recorder presented to the Council copies of Rules, set forth by Mayor Alexander, for the Day and Night Policemen to abide by. After a couple of minor changes the Council proceeded to sign said copies of Rules.

Mayor Alexander appointed for the Police Committee to serve with the Mayor and Recorder - Councilmen Zerbe and Grass.

The Mayor and Council discussed gross sales tax for business places of Nitro. The Recorder presented to the Council letter written by the Secretary of League of Municipalities regarding this matter. Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he would discuss the matter of gross sales tax with the Attorney General and suggested further that a joint session of the Council and the local business men be held to discuss this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

October 8, 1946

The Council of the City of Nitro met on October 8, 1946.

There were present: Mayor W.W.Alexander, Councilmen Andy Bela, Charles Richiusa, L.O.Grass, R.O.Zerbe.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and asked for reading of minutes.

Councilman Zerbe made a motion that the minutes be approved as read the motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and carried.

A copy of the Charleston Vagrancy law was then read. Councilman Zerbe asked about the curfew law in Nitro and the Mayor asked that this law be read. This was done and a discussion arose as to the enforcing of said law. A discussion then was entered into as to the advisability of passing a vagrancy ordinance similar to the one enforced in Charleston. Councilman Zerbe moved that the vagrancy ordinance be passed, Councilman Grass seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander brought up the subject of gross sales tax which had been discussed at the previous meeting. Councilman Bela made a motion that this ordinance be passed using the City of Charleston ordinance as a guide and the rate be 1/5 of what is charged by the state of West Virginia. Councilman Richiusa seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Beal made a motion that this tax begin on October 1, 1946.

Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The question of boundry lines was brought up and tabled.

Ordinance 56 regulating the opening and closing of business places was discussed and the Mayor said he was advised by the Attorney General that this ordinance could not be enforced. Councilman Zerbe made a motion that ordinance 56 be abolished, Councilman Grass seconded the motion and it carried.

An amendment to the building code was then brought up. This amendment would call for the licensing, examining and inspection of electrical and plumbing work. It was decided that such an amendment was needed as a protective measure. Councilman Zerbe read the code as followed by an adjoining community and then made a motion that the Council prepare for passage a consolidated building code with the proper provision for licensing master plumbers and electricians at \$20.00; journeymen plumbers and electricians at \$5.00; renewal fees at \$5.00 for the master plumbers and electricians and \$1.00 for journeymen plumbers and electricians



with other appropriate provisions as noted in the St. Albans building code and in order to carry the provision of this motion the city clerk should prepare copies of the existing building code ordinances for study by the council in connection with the building code of St. Albans, West Virginia.

Councilman Richiusa seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The zoning laws were than discussed since a permit had been applied for to build a store in what is known as a residential area. Councilman Zerbe ~~recommended~~ made a motion that a hearing to change the zoning laws as recommended by the zoning committee, be held at 7: 30 P.M. on October 29, 1946 to-wit: "a strip nor exceeding 65 feet, in depth on the North and South sides of 40th. Street; beginning at a point 50 feet West of the Westerly line on Second Avenue and extending Eastward to the City line."

That the City Recorder mail notices to the property owners affected by the proposed change in accordance with Paragraph 515, page 214 of the West Virginia code of 1943. Councilman Richiusa seconded the motion and it carried.

The Mayor and Councilmen discussed the progress of the street repairs and it was agreed that a report be made by the Recorder of the number of men who neither worked nor paid.

The capitation tax was then discussed as a means of collecting a necessary increase in revenue. Councilman Zerbe moved that Ordinance 43, Section 1, line 2 which reads (1) one dollar, be amended to read (2) two dollars. Councilman Bela seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilman Grass than said he had been asked to see if the Nitro City Government would help Crescent City to get water lines to their location as a sanitary measure and it was decided to ask the Recorder to write such a letter to the Water Company.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W. Alexander, Mayor

October 15, 1946

The regular session of the City Council was held on the 15th. day of October, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; and L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, R.O.Zerbe, C.C.Richiusa, Andy Bela members of said Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander, who ask for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 8th. day of October, 1946.

Councilman Bela entered motion that minutes be approved as read, the motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The Recorder presented to the Mayor and Council, copies of the Financial Statement of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund for the month of September.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the Financial Statement be accepted, Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion and upon vote, motion was declared carried.

Copies of the Gross Sales Ordinance, as enacted by the Council on the 8th. Day of October, were presented to the Council and discussed.

The Recorder reported to the Council that up to date there were 238 men, between the ages of 21 and 50 years, who had neither paid the required \$8.00 for street repairs or worked 2 days on the city streets. This matter was discussed to some extent by the Mayor and Council. It was decided that work notices should be sent out, as soon as possible, to all those who have not paid or worked and that a program of work on the streets be organized.

Councilman Bela informed the Mayor and Council that he had been advised by a veteran of World War II, who had contacted the War Housing Authorities, that there were available structures, owned by the government, that could be used as temporary homes for veterans. The municipalities have access to same, providing they have available ground to erect the houses on - that the structures are delivered and erected by the agency, to the site supplied by the sponsoring party and the utility lines are run to the property line by the government and the sponsoring party are then responsible. These houses may be rented and the sponsoring party ~~xxx~~ receives all proceeds. This matter was discussed to some extent by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Alexander appointed as a committee - Councilmen Bela and Richiusa - to contact the Commander of the American Legion and determine if there were sufficient number of veterans, in Nitro without homes, who would benefit by such a program.

Councilman Zerbe brought up the subject of the business section of the town being cleaned up, recently and suggested that this should be the practice more often. It was decided that the business section should be cleaned up once a month.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of a Halloween celebration for the children of Nitro, consisting of a parade and prizes. It was decided to ask the local Junior Chamber of Commerce for their assistance with this program.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of the section of street in front of the Kanawha-Putnam garage which had not been replaced properly after placing gasoline drum. It was reported, that some time ago a notice had been served on the owner ordering the replacement of the street.. The Council decided that the owner should be reminded of this order and advised that some action should be made to replacing the street properly.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion for adjournment carried.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

November 6, 1946

The regular session of the Nitro City Council was held on the 6th. day of November, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder and L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela, C.C. Richiusa and R.O.Zerbe members of said Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 15th. day of October, 1946.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion the minutes be accepted. Councilman Bela seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

The recommendation of the Zoning Commission, regarding Business Zone extension on 40th. Street, was brought before the Council for discussion. Mayor Alexander brought out the fact that upon receipt of said recommendation, the City Council had proceeded to hold a public hearing, on the 29th. of October, 1946, regarding this matter and there had appeared residents of 40th. Street, who disapproved of extending Business Zone.

Mayor Alexander read to the Council a petition signed by 30 residents and property owners of 40th. Street and vicinity requesting that a change be made in the Building Ordinance in order to permit construction of business buildings on Second Avenue and 40th. Street.

A second petition was presented to the Council and read by Mayor Alexander - said petition protesting against the recommendation to extend the business zone on 40th. Street, 65 feet in depth on the North and South sides of 40th. Street, beginning at a point 50 feet west of westerly line and Second Avenue and extending eastward to the city line. This petition was signed by 20 percent of the property owners, included in such proposed change, or immediately adjacent, in rear or directly opposite extending 100 feet therefrom.

There followed an open discussion by Mayor Alexander, Council and those interested in such change. It was suggested that Zoning Commission be ask to revise recommendation to include Second Avenue and 40th. Street. This idea seem to meet the approval of all present.

Councilman Grass entered motion that matter be tabled and the Zoning Commission be ask to extend the Business Zone to include a greater area. Councilman Collins seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Grass brought up the subject of boys loitering around the outside of Coulls Confectionery. This brought out the point of enforcing the curfew law, prohibiting

boys and girls under the age of 16 years to be on the city streets after 9:30 P.M.

Councilman Richiusa informed the Council that several citizens had approached him regarding the local taxi cabs speeding on the city streets. Mayor Alexander stated that the police officers had been instructed to enforce our traffic laws and up to date a large number had been arrested for speeding violation.

Councilman Bela stated that he had had complaints of the Charleston Transit Company Buses, that in making the turn at the lower crossing blocking the traffic. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Charleston Transit Company asking that the Safety director be sent to Nitro to investigate this matter.

It was suggested that the Recorder check with the Building Inspector regarding building permits of buildings on 36th. Street, Second Avenue and the taxi cab stand on 22nd. Street, as these particular buildings are considered an eye-sore to the town.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

W.W. Alexander

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis

Grace Lewis, Recorder

November 19, 1946

The City Council met in regular session on the 19th. day of November, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, C.C.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe members of said Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 6th. day of November.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that minutes be approved as read. Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion and upon vote, motion carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council copies of the Financial Statement, of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund, for the month of October, 1946.

A motion was made by Councilman Richiusa to accept the Financial Statement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion carried.

The Recorder reported to the Council that a letter had been written to the Zoning Commission, asking for revision of their recommendation for extension of the Business Zone on 40th. Street.

It was reported to the Council that in checking with the Building Inspector the information received that the taxi cab stand was only a temporary building and the building in question on 36th. Street and Second Avenue was not as yet completed.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the Safety Director of the Charleston Transit Company had been in Nitro and checked with him on the question of their buses blocking traffic in making the turn at the lower crossing. The Safety Director had advised the Mayor that his company would make an effort to have buses make the turn on 41st. Street, also the bus drivers would be instructed of several safer loading zones for buses along First Avenue.

Gross Sales Forms were presented to the Council. After some discussion the Council decided to secure prices of printing forms, from different printing companies.

The subject of bicycle licenses was brought up and discussed.

Councilman Grass entered motion that bicycle license plates for the year 1947 be ordered and sold according to provisions of Bicycle Ordinance #44. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council, motion carried.

The Recorder informed the Council of a Community Christmas Tree, which is being sponsored by the Nitro Junior Women's Club, with the cooperation of other civic organizations. The Council agreed that such a program was a good idea.

The Council was informed of the meeting of the League of Municipalities to be held at Huntington, W.Va. on the 6th. and 7th. of December, 1946.

Councilman Grass inquired regarding street lights on order with the Appalachian Electric Power Company. Mayor Alexander stated that the Appalachian Electric Power Company would install said lights as soon as materials were obtainable.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the New Ford Car, for police cruiser, was here and that since the order had been placed there had been an increase in the price of the car and that with the trade in value taken into consideration the price of the new car amounted to \$789.00.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the city proceed with the car deal as set forth. Councilman Bela seconded the motion and upon vote the motion was declared carried.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of collection of the \$8.00 street repairs of the 130 men, between the ages of 21 and 50 years, who have neither worked 2 days on the city streets nor paid \$8.00 to the City. The point was brought out that the information secured from the Attorney General provided for the collection of the \$8.00. After some discussion it was decided that the records should be checked and a list be prepared, of the men eligible for work or payment, in order that ~~shit~~ it may be filed for collection of the \$8.00.

Councilman Richiusa brought up the subject of a resident on Second Avenue, who wished to build a side walk and curb, providing drainage, adjacent to property line and street. It was suggested that the Building Inspector check into this matter.

Councilman Bela brought up the subject of quarantine inforcement and also a health officer for Nitro. This subject brought out several health problems in Nitro and the Council requested the Recorder to write to the Health Department of Kanawha and ask that a representative be sent to Nitro to check into these matters.

The problem of trash and papers being scattered on the streets creating a bad appearance, was discussed by the Council. Councilman Bela suggested that the city purchase garbage cans and place them in the main sections of town as a means of keeping the town cleaner. The Council decided to

check the cost of such garbage cans and try to work out a solution to this problem.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder



December 3, 1946

The City Council met in regular session on the 3rd. day of December, 1946.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, C.C. Richiusa, and Jerome Collins members of said Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

The Mayor ask for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 19th. day of November, 1946.

Councilman Collins entered motion minutes be accepted, the motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote, motion carried.

The Mayor and Council discussed the matter of contacting the owner of the taxi cab stand, regarding dismanteling the building used for cab stand.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that since last regular meeting of the Council, several men had paid the required \$8.00 for street repairs, thus reducing the number to about one hundred of those who have neither worked two days on the city streets or paid \$8.00 and of the hundred, several men have promised to pay or work before suits are filed.

Representatives of the Nitro Junior Women's Club were present an requested of the Council the enforcement of the 9:30 P.M. curfew law. Pointing out that such enforcement would greatly reduce the rapidly increasing Juvenile Delinquency. In an open discussion of this subject it was decided to give the children under the age of 16 years a warning period extending to the 15th.day of December, that a notice to this effect be published in the local paper, after such date children, under the age of 16 years, who were found on the city streets after 9:30 P.M. a fine would be imposed on the children's parents.

Mayor Alexander stated to the Council that the Nitro Land Company, who owned the property known as the old golf course, was interested in having installed, in said area, a sweage disposal plant to accomodate the homes the company are planning to build. The company have been advised that said sewage plant may be installed by the Federal Government if the City Government should make application for same. After some discussion of this subject it was decided that the Land Company submit, to the Council, plans of the proposed vicinity.

The Council decided to omit the next scheduled meeting for the 17th. of December.

Councilman Grass entered motion the City purchase the 5th. and final lot for the city building, providing there was sufficient cash on hand at the end of December. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote, motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that city secure preliminary plans for city hall. Councilman Bela seconded the motion and upon vote, motion carried.

Mayor Alexander presented to the Council estimate submitted by the West Virginia Black Rock Company for paving @ \$5.50 per lineal foot for 2 inches of asphaltic concrete, the curb and gutter would be an additional \$2.50 per lineal foot. The Council suggested petitions to be printed and circulated on all unpaved streets needing curb and gutter.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

January 8, 1947

The City Council met in a regular session on the 8th. day of January, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela, R.O.Zerbe and C.C.Richiusa members of said Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 3rd. of December, 1946.

Council Richiusa entered motion minutes be accepted, motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the council, motion carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council copies of the Financial Statement of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund for the month of November, 1946.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of preliminary plans for city building, with Mr. W.J.Sampson. Mayor Alexander suggested that Council meet with Mr. Sampson, at a convenient time, and work out more definite plans for city building.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the Fire Chief and Firemen had filed a petition for a \$25.00 increase on the month and that he had presented this petition to the Secretary of the Civic Benefits Association. The Civic Benefits Association had agreed to increase their payment to the city, providing for raise for firemen, \$76.00 and suggested that city pay the balance of \$24.00 thus providing for an increase of \$25.00 per month for each firemen, suggesting further that the said \$24.00 may be taken from the payment of \$75.00 per month made by the Civic Benefits Association for street repairs.

It was decided that since a provision for a raise for firemen had not been allocated in the current year budget that the best idea was to accept the suggestion of the Civic Benefits Association.

Councilman Collins entered motion that Council approve the raise of \$25.00 per fireman, granted by the Civic Benefits Association, effective as of the 1st. of January, 1947. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the council, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander pointed out that firemen of other towns wore uniforms and advised that the council request the firemen of Nitro Department to purchase uniforms. It was the general consensus of opinion of the Council that this was an advisable suggestion.

Mayor Alexander pointed out that all firemen and

volunteers should have firemen badges, and suggested that city purchase badges for the fire department.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that city purchase 12 badges for the ~~volunter~~ firemen. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote, motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the council that he had had several inquiries regarding the plumber and electrician ordinance. This matter was discussed and the council decided to make an effort to have more definite details regarding said ordinance by next regular meeting.

In discussing the traffic signal light it was brought out that the larger bulbs needed for light were not available at the present time, also that there had been some complaint of the timing of the signal.

The recommendation of the Zoning Commission was presented to the Council.

The Mayor and council entered discussion with Mr. J.E. Roark, Building Inspector, regarding recommendation #1 of the Zoning Commission, which reads as follows:

"Present ordinance specifies that business buildings located on 1st. Avenue can extend only for a distance of 80 feet in the rear. Mr. Roark contends that an additional 10 feet or a total of 90 feet in depth would be more consistent and would give a clear space of 10 feet to the

adjacent property line, which would be ample. The committee agrees with him.

Councilman Bela entered motion that council accept the foregoing recommendation of the Zoning committee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, those voting for acceptance of recommendation were Councilmen Bela, Zerbe, Collins and Grass, voting against, Councilman Richiusa. The motion was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*  
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 W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*  
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 Grace Lewis, Recorder

January 9, 1947

The City Council met in special session on the 9th. day of January, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, R.O.Zerbe and C.C.Richiusa members of said council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander, who explained that this session had been called in order that the council might act upon a couple matters which needed immediate attention.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that there had been considerable difficulty in keeping the battery charged on the police car and that he had had the car checked by the Ford people and McFadden in Charleston and had been advised that the car needed a different type generator which would cost between \$65.00 and \$70.00 for the complete system and installing same, by the A.C.Ignition Company.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Mayor proceed to have installed another generator on police car. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion carried.

Mayor Alexander explained to the council that in the case of E.M.Hudson suing the city of Nitro for \$175.00, wages for the month of June, 1946, that the attorneys of each party had agreed upon a settlement of \$30.00 in full compromise to be paid Mr. Hudson providing for Mr. Hudson to pay all court cost.

Councilman Grass entered motion that city pay Mr. Hudson \$30.00, in full compromise. Councilman Collins seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

GRACE Lewis, Recorder

January 22, 1947

The City Council of Nitro met in regular session on the 22nd. day of January, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe and Andy Bela members of said Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander, who ask for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 8th. of January, and special session of Council, held on the 9th. of January, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion the foregoing minutes be approved. Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion and upon vote of the Council, motion carried.

The Recorder presented to the Mayor and Council, copies of Financial Statement of the month of December, 1946 of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion Council approve Financial Statement of December, also Financial Statement for the month of November, the approving of same having been overlooked at last session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote, motion carried.

Resolutions pertaining to relocation of certain power lines upon property known as the Recreation Park Ground, were presented to the council and Mr. Ridenour president of Park Board.

After a discussion of resolution, Councilman Zerbe entered motion the following resolutions be accepted on the part of the City of Nitro and a letter of appreciation be written to the Appalachian Electric Power Company. Councilman Richiusa seconded the motion and upon vote the motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO:

1. That the action of W.W.Alexander, Mayor of this city, in writing and delivering the following letter be, and the same is, hereby in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

August 23, 1946

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY  
301 Virginia Street East,  
Charleston, W.Va.

Attention: Mr. O.W.Dabney

Gentlemen:

During the past several months the citizens of Nitro, through public subscription, purchased a 15-acre plot of ground from the Nitro Industrial Corporation. This ground was subsequently deeded to the City of Nitro to be used specifically as a recreation park. As a recreation park belonging to the City of Nitro, it is considered within the city limits.

The power lines are located approximately 300 feet from the river bank and, as they are now located they bisect the proposed baseball field. We respectfully request that these lines be relocated nearer the river bank, thereby permitting the citizens of Nitro greater flexibility in the layout and greater utilization of the recreation property.

The property was purchased from the Nitro Industrial Corporation and is recorded in both Kanawha and Putnam Counties inasmuch as the county line bisects the property. In Kanawha County it is recorded on page 433, Deed Book 748 in Putnam County it is recorded on page 321, Deed Book 85.

Your immediate consideration of our request will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W.W.Alexander

W.W.Alexander, Mayor of Nitro

2. That the City of Nitro accepts and agrees to the following letter and all the terms, provisions and conditions therein contained.

November 2, 1946

City of Nitro  
West Virginia

Gentlemen:

Your letter of August<sup>23</sup> 1946, in reference to the relocation of certain of our power lines upon property acquired by you from the Nitro Industrial Corporation, received.

After careful consideration we have reached the conclusion that your request, contained in said letter, will be granted, upon and subject to the conditions hereinafter set out, and said power line will be moved by us, at our expense, from its present location and relocated on or near the waters of Kanawha River.

The right of way upon which said power lines is presently located is described as follows:

Beginning at the property line between the lands of the Nitro Industrial Corporation and the Recreation Area of the City of Nitro, said point being located approximately 300 feet east of the top of the bank of the Kanawha River and running across the said Recreation Area in a northerly direction 760 feet more or less, to a point near the property line of West Virginia Water Service Company; thence in a westerly direction 275 feet, east of the top of the bank of the Kanawha River; thence northerly direction 35 feet, more or less, to the property line between West Virginia Water Service Company and said Recreation Area. The present location of said power lines upon said right of way is shown in yellow on a map or plat designated "Relocation of 44 KV Line at Nitro to Clear the Recreation Area" dated July 29, 1946, which map or plat is attached hereto and made part thereof.

The center line of the right of way upon which said power lines will be relocated is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the center line of the present 44,000 volt line of Appalachian Electric Power Company running from Nitro to Bancroft, approximately 6 feet north of the intersection of the property line between the lands of the City of Nitro and Nitro Industrial Corporation with the center line of said power line and running from said stake in a westerly direction 235 feet, more or less, to a stake located approximately 54 feet east of the top of the bank of the Kanawha River; thence in a northerly direction and down the Kanawha River 735 feet, more or less, to the property of West Virginia Water Service Company at a point approximately 1 foot east of the top of the bank of the said Kanawha River. The proposed relocation of said ~~xxxx~~ power line upon said right of way is shown in red upon said map or plat which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

It is distinctly understood, however, that the said request is being granted and such relocation of said line is being made upon the express condition that the right of way upon which said lines are presently located are not and are not intended to be surrendered or abandoned by reason of the fact that said power lines are being so removed therefrom, but said rights of way owned by the undersigned Appalachian Electric Power Company shall be and remain in full force and effect and if at any time in the future objection is made by you to such relocation of said power lines as hereinabove set out or to the operation and maintenance of said line or lines as so relocated, then, in that event, the undersigned Appalchaian Electric Power Company



shall have the right, power and privilege, at your expense, of replacing said power line or lines upon the said right of way upon which said power lines are presently located.

Very truly yours,

Appalachian Electric Power Company

By G. Clayton

Its Vice President

The foregoing letter and all of the terms, provisions and conditions therein contained are hereby accepted and agreed to this 22nd. day of January, 1947.

City of Nitro

By W.W.Alexander

Its Mayor

3. That W.W.Alexander, Mayor of this City be, and he is, hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the City of Nitro to sign the acceptance and agreement at the bottom of said letter and to deliver for and on behalf of the City of Nitro to Appalachian Electric Power Company a copy thereof so signed.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the President of the Junior Women's Club had contacted him regarding the Club holding a Street Carnival in May, and wished the permission of the city council to use the section of 21st. Street between 1st. Avenue and 2nd. Avenue for carnival.

Councilman Bela entered motion that permission be granted the Junior Women's Club to use the section of 21st. Street between 1st. and 2nd. Avenue for a street Carnival. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote, motion carried.

The subject of a city attorney was brought up and discussed. Mayor Alexander suggested Dennis Knapp as City Attorney.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the Council retain Dennis Knapp as city attorney at \$15.00 per month retainer fee, the city to be billed for any additional adjustment required for Mr. Knapp's services over and above his retainer fee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Council entered discussion of a new building on 27th. Street, that was not being erected to comply with the city building code. Upon contacting the Building Inspector it was learned that owner of said building had not submitted further plans for building which would meet the requirement of Building Code. This matter was tabled until next meeting.

The question came up as to how work on city projects could be credited to payment on Street Assessment. It was pointed out that the only way credit could be given for such projects was through work assignment by city office. Those working on voluntary civic projects but still desiring to have time credited must report at city office, before work is commenced, for work assignment and have their time recorded on city books.

A copy of a bill entitled "Pension Retirement Plan For All Municipal Employees" was presented to the Council. Said bill was prepared by the City of Wheeling and is being sponsored by the Municipal League of West Virginia and other towns in the 48th. Legislature. It was decided that Council endorse said bill.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Ordinance of Plumbers and Electricians. It was decided to have copies of ordinance prepared and ready for adoption of same at next council meeting.

Attention was called to complaints made of public address system being used in cars for advertizing purposes. It was pointed out that the present nuisance law would cover this problem if such proved to be an annoyance to the public.

Councilman Zerbe called attention to high tension wires that were not insulated, in the community having a tendency to hazardous. It was decided that the power company be contacted regarding this matter.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of inadequate parking zones along First Avenue in the business district. It was suggested that perhaps permission might be obtained from the New York Central Railroad Company to use the strip of land between the highway and railroad for parking.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Gace Lewis*

Gace Lewis, Recorder

February 4, 1947

The Nitro City Council met in regular session on the 4th. of February, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela, C.C.Richiusa and R.O.Zerbe members of said council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session of council held on the 22nd. of January, 1947.

Councilman Zerbe moved that minutes be accepted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote motion carried.

The Mayor and Council entered discussion of male citizens, who have not paid the street assessment of \$8.00. It was announced that a delinquent list of same was being printed in the local newspaper on the 6th. of February, 1947.

Councilman Bela entered motion the City proceed to file suits for collection of the \$8.00, Street Assessment, the week of the 17th. of February, 1947. Councilman Grass seconded the motion and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

The amendment to ordinance #34, providing sections to cover plumbing, drainage and electrical installations, was presented to the council. The Mayor and Council proceeded to make all necessary changes to said amendment and decided to have copies printed of the Building Code, its amendments and the Zoning ordinance.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the City adopt said amendment to Ordinance #34. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Grass called attention to the fact that a number of complaints had come to him of stray dogs in the town and inquired of plans of committee for providing a dog pound.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion upon this matter. It was ~~xxxxx~~ decided, that since the committee have not been able to carry out plans for dog pound, due to impediment weather making it difficult to construct outside pound, at this time and also the lack of dog catcher, to table this matter until the last regular session in March.

A letter, containing rates of the West Virginia Water Service Company, received from the Public Service Commission was presented to the Council and discussed.

Councilman Collins suggested to Mayor and Council that city authorities write a letter to the New York Central Railroad Company in regard to a new depot for Nitro, pointing out the need of same.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis.*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

February 19, 1947

The City Council met in regular session on the 19th. of February, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, R.O.Zerbe, and C.C.Richiusa members of said Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of last session, held on February, 4, 1947.

After a correction, regarding dog pound, had been made, Councilman Zerbe entered motion minutes be approved. Councilman Bela seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried.

The Recorder presented to the Mayor and Council copies of Financial Statement of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund for the month of January, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion Financial Statement be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote, motion carried.

The Mayor and Council entered discussion regarding public address system being used in town for advertising purposes. The Council contended that such system could become annoying to the public, in view of the fact that there are a great number of shift workers in Nitro, which makes it necessary for men working night shift to sleep during the day and if complaints were filed against those using public address system the city government would be required to rule said system a nuisance.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

March 4, 1947

The City Council of Nitro met in regular session on the 4th. of March, 1947.

There present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, and C.C. Richiusa members of said Council, and Dennis R. Knapp Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session held on February 19th.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote, motion carried.

Councilman Bela presented a statement of material and labor, for printing of copies of Building Code and its amendments, in amount of \$33.45.

The question of speeding up the time of the traffic signal at 21st. Street and 2nd. Avenue was brought up and discussed. It was pointed out that since the traffic light had been installed mostly to benefit the school children that the time of the changing of signals seem to be adequate to accomodate the children crossing the street.

A letter from the New York Central Railroad Company's General Manager was presented to the Council, said letter stating that the company has under consideration plans for a new depot for Nitro, pending improvement in the labor and material situation.

In discussing the possibility of repaving First Avenue, it was pointed out that the State Road Commission hoped to get this project under way this spring and summer and in repaving the road would be widened.

Mayor Alexander pointed out that two weeks ~~thaxer~~ ago there had been 77 eligible male citizens on the list, who had not paid the \$8.00 for street repairs and that the city had collected from 60 of the 77 and that there was a possibility of collecting within the next 2 weeks, from the remainder 17 before suits were filed against them.

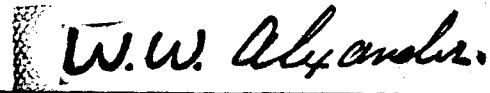
Mayor Alexander informed the Council of the Senate Bill Number 65, which was being presented to the Legislature for passage, said bill authorizing the municipalities to pass an ordinance providing a 2 percent gross sale tax on the sale of whiskey and alcoholic spirits. The enactment of such bill will bring into the Nitro Treasury additional revenues each year.


Councilman Bela called attention to possibility of retopping all the paved streets in Nitro this spring and summer. It was pointed out that streets were paved and the property owners have been assessed for such paving, that according to the state code, property owners cannot be assessed for repaving or retopping until a period of ten years has elapsed.

Mention was made of the need of sidewalks in town and that some project should be worked out to build sidewalks as soon as the cost of material and labor were more reasonable.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of the fire hydrants in Nitro being flushed frequently. It was decided a letter be written to the West Virginia Water Service Company asking that the hydrants be flushed periodically by the company or that the company grant permission to the firemen to flush out the hydrants.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, meeting was adjourned.

  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

March 18, 1947

The City Council of Nitro met in regular session on the 18th. of March, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiusa and R.O.Zerbe members of said council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of the regular session of Council held on the 4th. of March, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion minutes be approved as read, the motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote, motion carried.

The Recorder presented to Mayor and Council copies of Financial Statement of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund for the month of February, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa moved that Financial Statement be accepted, motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion carried.

Mayor Alexander read the list of 15 names of male citizens, who have not paid the \$8.00 Street Assessment in compliance with ordinance number 62. It was suggested that the city attorney write a letter to each of the men on the list, asking them to appear at the city office for a discussion with the Mayor and Attorney, regarding this matter.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of the \$8.00 law. It was pointed out that the majority of the citizens of Nitro have received more than \$8.00 worth of benefits by having the streets made passable and that upon some citizens the payment of the \$8.00 had worked a hardship. There was also mention made as to the reason of the enactment of such a law - since the streets of Nitro were in very poor condition and the town did not have funds or adequate means of raising the revenue at that time the \$8.00 law was put on as an emergency measure and in so doing enough funds had been paid into the city treasury to fix the streets. The fact was brought out that the additional tax levy passed last June by a vote of the people and an increase on capitation taxes would be applied to street repairs. In view of these sources of revenue it was recommended that the \$8.00 law be recinded.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that council recind Ordinance Number 62, as of March 1, 1947, and ordinance requireing certain male residents of the city to work on the public roads, streets and alleys or furnish an acceptable substitute; release from such work by payment of a specified amount of money; and providing penalties for



violation thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of plans to build a city building. The type of building was discussed also the amount of bonded indebtedness the city may be allowed according to the state code and the possibility of obtaining a federal loan to partially finance a city building. Councilman Richiusa volunteered to work out some plan and estimate of cost of building by next meeting.

The council decided to purchase the 10 or 11 gallons of paint for the street markers as requested by the Nitro Junior Chamber of Commerce, who are erecting said street markers.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the office was in need of a file cabinet and that he had found ~~the~~ one such as was needed at Laird Equipment Company in Charleston at the cost of \$42.70. The Council decided that said cabinet should be purchased.

The question was brought up regarding complaints of inadequate bus service between Nitro and Charleston. It was pointed out that the Tyler Mountain Bus Company was to have a hearing before the Public Service Commission in an effort to secure a new franchise permitting their buses to pick up passengers going to and from Nitro and Charleston.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

April 15, 1947

The City Council of Nitro met in regular session on the 15th. of April, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiusa, Jerome Collins , Andy Bela and R.O.Zerbe members of said Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

The Mayor ask the Recorder to read the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 18th of March, 1947.

Councilman Zerbe moved that minutes be approved as read, the motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion carried.

The Recorder presented to the Mayor and Council copies of the Financial Statement for the month of March, of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Fianancial Statement be accepted, Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion and upon vote, motion carried.

In checking the list of men, who as yet have not paid the \$8.00 street assessment, it was pointed out that several of the men have moved from town, some who are not fianacially able to pay the \$8.00 and that since last meeting of the Council there have been several who have made a part payment on the \$8.00 assessment.

It was requested that the Tyler Mountain Bus Company be contacted regarding the hearing before the Public Service Commission.

Mention was made of trucks being parked on several streets in town which distract from the appearance of the streets and in some cases blocking private driveways. It was decided that about the only thing that could be done to remedy this was to correct the blocking of driveways by the trucks.

A copy of Ordinance levying a tax on purchase of Intoxicating Liquors was presented to the Council, which reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TAX ON PURCHASES OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO

As authorized and empowered by Section 13a, Article 4, Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia, there is hereby levied upon, and shall be collected from, the purchaser of

any and all intoxicating liquors purchased at retailx within the corporate limits of the City of Nitro a tax of one cent for each fifty cents or fractional part thereof of the purchase price or charge paid for such intoxicating liquors by the purchaser thereof.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to certify this ordinance to the West Virginia Liquor Commission.

This Ordinance is to be effective on and after July 1, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the foregoing ordinance be adopted, the motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion carried.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion of appointment of the Board of Examiners, for the examination and registration of plumbers and electricians, said board consisting of one practical plumber, and one practical electrician or plumbing electrical contractors, residents of City of Nitro, and the third shall be any person whom the council shall designate, Board to serve during the pleasure of the city council or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Councilman Bela entered motion that the following be appointed as Board of Examiners: Councilman Richiusa, Chairman; E.O.Kinder, practical electrician; and Vance Britton, practical plumber. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote by the Council, motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the council that the local Firemans Association were making plans to raise funds to purchase a new fire truck for the city fire department, and that upon investigation it was learned that a fire truck could be leased and monthly payments be made on same and upon completion of paying off the cost of fire truck, the truck would become the property of the city. Mayor Alexander suggested that the city lay an additional one cent amusement on all amusements in the city, designating the receipts of the additional one cent amusement tax be paid into the fund of the Firemans Association, thus enabling the Association to proceed with their plans to lease the fire truck.

Councilman Grass entered motion that the city levy an additional one cent on all admissions, proceeds of which are to be paid to the Nitro Firemans Association for a period of three yeasrs, such proceeds to be used to purchase a fire truck, the motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion was declared carried.

Councilman Grass informed the council that the 31st. Street Bridge was in poor condition and needed a lot of repair

work. Mayor Alexander stated that he had had the street men to patch the bridge temporarily enabling traffic to pass over same and that he planned to have new flooring put on the bridge in the late summer when there would be more patching done on the streets, after flooring the bridge the ends of bridge would be built up with black top.

Councilman Grass entered motion that council meet on the 3rd. Tuesdays, only, during the months of May, June, July and August. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins. Those voting for motion: Councilmen Grass and Collins; those voting against motion: Councilmen Zerbe, Richiusa and Bela. Motion did not carry.

The stray dog situation was discussed. No expenditure for pound or dog catcher can be made until included in new budget estimate. This is to be done. City Attorney is to revise present dog ordinance and procuring of dog catcher is to be made in June.

It was mentioned that a 10th. Street petition for new street is in. Pending developments on the 1st. Avenue new pavement and possibilities of equipment in the neighborhood quotations will be requested and if in line with estimate accompanying petitionwork will be arranged.

Mayor Alexander announced that city cleanup is to commence Friday, April 18 and extend through Saturday. Trucks from Monsanto, Ohio-Apex and Viscose will assist the city truck. Citizens are urged to put their trash out by Friday, April 18.

Councilman Zerbe suggested that the Council consider the advisability of the City acquiring the Nitro Sewer System. It was felt that with additional expansion of the city, revision of the sewer system and its upkeep should be the city's responsibility. The city Recorder is to write the Nitro Sewer Company requesting their attitude on transferring the sewer system to the City.

Motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Meeting was adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

May 6, 1947

The City Council of Nitro met in regular session on the 6th. of May, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela, R.O.Zerbe, C.C.Richiusa members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney for said City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 15th. of April, 1947.

Councilman Collins moved that foregoing minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried.

Attorney Knapp informed the Council that amendment to Ordinance Number 54, imposing an additional one cent on all amusement and entertainment for private gain or profit, as passed by Council on April, 15th., was unconstitutional in as much that according to the State Code a tax is not to exceed three percent of admissions. It was suggested that said amendment be recinded.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that the afore mentioned amendment be ~~recinded~~, the motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander stated to the Council that since the additional amusement tax was not collectable and that the purpose of said tax was to secure revenue for a new fire truck, that he had decided to call the Business Men of Nitro together in effort to work out a ~~solu~~ solution to raising enough revenue to enable the leasing of a new fire truck.

A letter from Attorneys Payne, Minor and Ray was presented to the Council, said letter being in answer to letter written, by the City, to the Nitro Sewer Company, regarding the city acquiring the sanitary sewers. In discussion of this matter by Mayor and Council, mention was ~~made~~ of bond issue to finance the city ~~xx~~ acquiring sewers at cost price less depreciation, charge of use of sewers would be necessary in order for the city to operate and keep up sewers.

Mention was made to complaints from residents of Crescent City Addition concerning septic tanks, which had been installed incorrectly, in said addition and the seepage from tanks was creating an unsanitary condition in said area. Attorney Knapp was requested to prepare a letter to State Health Department, to be signed by L.O.Grass, Sanitary Commissioner.

Attorney Knapp was ask to prepare amendment to

the Dog Ordinance for passage at next regular meeting of the Council.

The Recorder presented to the Council BCF Form 406, "Amendatory Agreement and Public Voucher for Advance" and Certificate of Recording Officer, Regarding additional grant of \$960.00, from the Bureau of Community Facilities, Federal Works Agency.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that W.W. Alexander, Mayor and Grace Lewis, Recorder be authorized to sign BCF Form 406 "Amendatory Agreement and Public Voucher" and Certificate of Recording Officer, said forms to be returned to Federal Works Agency, Bureau of Community Facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote by the Council, motion carried unambously.

Mayor Alexander recommended that the Council increase the pay of the Chief of Police and Patrolman \$25.00 on the month and proposed Mr. M.L.Foley as chief of police and Farley V. Huddleston as patrolman.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that Council accept recommendation of Mayor naming M.L.Foley as Chief of Police at \$200.00 per month and Farley V. Huddleston as patrolman at \$190.00 per month, effective as of the 1st. of May, 1947. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote by the Council, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Richiusa ~~suggest~~ offered suggestions and estimate of cost of City Building, to Mayor and Council. The suggestions were discussed and Councilman Richiusa was ask to sketch the plans of city building for next meeting of council.

There being no further business to bring before the council a motion for adjournment carried.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

The City Council of Nitro met in regular session on the 1st of May, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis Recorder; L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins, C.C.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney for said City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of last session of council held on May 6, 1947. Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vot motion carried.

The Recorder presented to Mayor and Council copies of Financial Statement for the month of April, 1947 of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund. Councilman Collins entered motion that Council accept Financial Statement, the motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried.

In discussion of dog question, Attorney Knapp informed the Council that he had talked to officials in surrounding towns regarding this matter and had been told that a dog ordinance did not prove workable in small towns and seem to entail more expense on the city and securing a willing and capable dog catcher was also a great problem. Attorney Knapp presented a draft of dog ordinance. The Mayor and Council discussed this question and finally decided to table this problem indefinitely.

Councilman Richiusa presented proposed plans of the city building. These plans were discussed by Mayor and Council and a couple of revisions recommended.

Mayor Alexander explained to the Council that he had called a meeting of the Nitro Business men and proposed a plan to double the present rate of gross slaes tax for a period of two years, suggesting that all gross sales collected in excess of our present rate to be applied toward the purchase of a new fire truck with the understanding that if enough funds were raised during the period of two years by a donation drive being sponsored by the Nitro Firemans Association, the rate of gross sales would drop back to the original amount.

An amendment to Ordinance number 64 was presented to Council, said amendment doubling the pæsent rate of gross sales tax.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that City adopt amendment to double present rate of gross sales tax, effective July 1, 1947. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Mr. Ellis, three of the members of the Firemans Association and himself made a trip to Spencer to look over the new fire truck, similar to the one Nitro wishes to purchase. The crew of Spencer firemen had given a satisfactory demonstration of the truck. Mayor Alexander ask the Council to ~~xxxxx~~ authorize him to enter order for a new fire truck for Nitro.

Councilman Grass entered motion that Mayor Alexander be granted authorization to purchase a new fire truck. Councilman Collins seconded the motion and upon vote by the Council, motion carried unanimously.

Mention was made to increase the city beer and theatre license. This matter was tabled until next meeting in order to check such license rates of surrounding towns.

Councilman Bela suggested the council pass a resolution regarding purchase price of waterworks system of Nitro and proposed the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON MAY 20, 1947. COUNCILMAN BELA OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, AFTER FULL AND DUE CONSIDERATION, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA, IS DESIROUS OF ACQUIRING BY PURCHASE ITS WATERWORKS SYSTEM AND OPERATING THE SAME UNDER MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THEIR DESIRE TO COMCUMMATE THIS PURCHASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PRACTICAL;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY RECORDER BE, AND SHE IS DIRECTED TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OWNERS OF THE WATER\* WORKS SYSTEM NOTIFYING THEM OF THE CITY'S WISHES AND TO REQUEST THEM TO ADVISE AT WHAT PRICE THESE PROPERTIES WOULD BE OFFERED TO THE CITY OF NITRO, AND TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN RICHUSA AND ON ROLL CALL THOSE VOTING FOR RESOLUTION WERE: R.O.ZERBE, JEROME COLLINS, ANDY BELA, CC RICHUSA, COUNCILMEN; W.W.ALEXANDER, MAYOR AND GRACE LEWIS, RECORDER. COUNCILMAN L.O.GRASS DID NOT VOTE.

I, Grace Lewis, Recorder of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the City of Nitro at their regular meeting, May 20, 1947.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, this 22nd. day of May, 1947.



Grace Lewis  
Recorder

Nitro, West Virginia

There being no further business to come before the  
Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 3, 1947

The Nitro City Council met in regular session on the 3rd. day of June, 1947.

There were present: Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, C.C.Richiusa and R.O.Zerbe members of said Council.

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder who acted as Mayor in the absence of Mayor Alexander.

The Recorder read the minutes of regular session of Council, held on May 20, 1947. Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved as read, the motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote motion carried.

The Council was informed that a check had been made with the towns of St. Albans and Dunbar regarding their respective rates of license per year on Theatres and retailing of beer and we find that Nitro rates are considerably lower than other towns.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the City of Nitro increase the Beer license from \$48.00 to \$75.00 per year, effective as July 1, 1947. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bela entered motion that the City of Nitro increase the license rate on Theatres and shows from \$12.00 to \$30.00 per year, effective as of July 1, 1947. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the Council, motion carried unanimously.

It was pointed out to the Council that there was a vacancy on the Zoning Commission, created by Mr. Jordan, who had moved from town.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Mr. J.E.Hulshizer be appointed to the Zoning Commission, as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

The Council suggested that a warning notice to all bicycle owners to secure 1947 license tags by run in the local paper.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*  
W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 17, 1947

The City Council of Nitro met in regular session on the 17th. of June, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; R.O.Zerbe, C.C.Richiusa, Andy Bela members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney of said City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session of Council, held on June 3, 1947. Councilman Richiusa entered motion that minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote motion carried.

The Recorder presented to Mayor and Council copies of the Financial Statement for the month of May, 1947 of the General Fund and the Street Improvement Fund.

Councilman Richiusa moved that Council accept Financial Statement, the motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council a letter from Mr. J.E.Hulshizer ~~am~~ that advised the council that he would not be able to serve on the Zoning Commission.

Councilman Zerbe tendered his resignation as member of the Zoning Commission, in view of the fact that he could not vote on any Zoning matter as a member of the Zoning Commission and also vote ~~on~~ the Zoning matter as a member of the City Council.

The Council accepted the resignations of J.E.Hulshizer and R.O.Zerbe, as members of the Zoning Commission.

Councilman Bela entered motion that Mr. H.B.Marshall and Mr. M.L.Bush be appointed as members of the Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Mr. G.C.Alderson be appointed as Chairman of the Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Mr. Grass had ask for a leave of absence from his duties as Desk Sargeant due to his illness.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Mr. Grass be granted a leave of absence, for a period as long as necessary, from his duties as Desk Sargeant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander advised the Council that he would act as

Desk Sargeant during the absence of Mr. Grass.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that Mayor Alexander be given the salary of \$40.00 per month for Desk Sargeant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Mention was made of the section of 21st. Street, where excavation had been made by the owner of lot to make sewer connection. Mayor Alexander advised that this section was to be replaced in the near future and that the owner had placed the necessary bond with the city to cover cost of same.

Mention was made of putting oil on the cindered streets to prevent dust. It was suggested that a check be made on a suitable and reasonable priced substance for the streets.

Councilman Bela informed the Council that it had been suggested to him that since the town did not have a suitable playground for the children that it would be a good idea for the city to block off a certain street and provide a water spray for the children to play in during the hot weather. This matter was discussed and it was pointed out that it would be a hard problem to locate a street where there were not shift workers sleeping during the day.

Mr. Curtis and Mr. Townsend, representatives of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, were present at this meeting and ask the Council's opinion of the anexation of adjoining territories to Nitro, explaining that this matter was a project taken on by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. This matter was discussed at length by the Mayor and Council and it was decided ~~xxxx~~ to call a special meeting of the Council, representatives of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and members of the Civic Benefits Association. It was suggested that a member of the City Council be appointed to work with the committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in working out the details regarding the anexation.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman Bela to work with said Committee.

A letter, from the West Virginia Water Service Company, was presented to the Council, said letter advising Council that the water works properties in and near the city of Nitro were not for sale.

The Council decided that the committee working on the water question go before the Public Service Commission in an effort to lower the water rates in Nitro. The Recorder was ask to make an appointment with the Public Service Commission for the Committee.

Mention was made of the railroad crossings being blocked at ~~the~~ times causing an inconvenience to plant workers.

The question arose as to making passable the old area A road. Mayor Alexander suggested that he and Councilman Richiusa investigate this matter and see what could be worked out.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 26, 1947

The City Council met in special session on the 26th. of June, 1947.

There were present: W.W. Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; R.O. Zerbe, Andy Bela, L.O. Grass members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney of City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to reenact Ordinance number 64, imposing a Gross Sales Tax on Business conducted within ~~the~~ Nitro, to conform with House Bill Number (1) oneas enacted by Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature.

Councilman Bela entered motion that the Gross Sales Tax Ordinance be reenacted by the Council in accordance with recent enactment of a special Session of the Legislature clarifying powers of Municipalities to levy and collect privileges taxes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come Before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander*  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

July 1, 1947

The Nitro City Council met in regular session on the 1st. day of July, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; R.O.Zerbe, C.C.Richiusa, Jerome Collins members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney for said City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for the reading of minutes of regular session of Council held on the 17th of June and special session of Council held on the 26th. of June.

Councilman Zerbe moved minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he had been promised a spray from the Viscose to use in spraying motor oil on the cindered streets but that before the oiling could be done the spray would need minor adjustments.

Recommendations of the Zoning Commission were presented to the Council, regarding petitions to change the building line on 21st. Street between 2nd. Avenue and 3rd. Avenue from 20 feet set back to 15 feet and including the south side of 19th. Street from 1st. Avenue to 2nd. Avenue in the Business District.

The Recorder was instructed to place a notice of a public hearing in the local paper for the 17th. of July, 1947, regarding the above recommendations.

Councilman Zerbe informed the Council of the meeting with the Public Service Commission, regarding the procedure of lowering the water rates in Nitro, that the Public Service Commission had advised the Water Committee to approach the West Virginia Water Service Company regarding this matter, asking for an expalation of the high water rates in Nitro or a reduction of same.

The Recorder was requested to make an appointment with the President of the West Virginia Water Service Company for the Mayor and members of the Water Committee.

The question of parking on Second Avenue between 19th. and 21st. Streets was discussed by Mayor and Council. It was pointed out that parking on both sides of Second Avenue, in this area makes a hazardous condition. The Mayor informed the Council that he had been ask of the business owners in the Witry Building for permission to cut out a portion between the Street and Building in order to provide a parking space for said

businesses to use for parking. This plan seem to be advisable.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the Junior Chamber of Commerce had requested that the Council place a cost on the street markers in case of damages to same. The Council estimated the cost of street markers to be \$25.00

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

July 15, 1947

The Nitro City Council met in regular session on the 15th. of July, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; C.C.Richiusa, Andy Bela, R.O.Zerbe members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney of City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask the Recorder to read the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 1st. of July, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion minutes be approved as read, Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried.

The Recorder presented copies of the Financial Statement to the Council for the month of June, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa moved that Financial Statement be accepted, motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that 31st. Street Bridge was being refloored and the approaches to the bridge would be built up with black top.

Councilman Richiusa mentioned to Mayor and Council that several residents of 31st. Street had suggested installing a traffic light at the intersection of 31st. Street and 2nd. Avenue, due to the fact that traffic was heavy on this road and that there had been several minor accidents at the intersection. It was pointed out that stop signs had been placed at this intersection but were not noticable to drivers. Since installing a traffic light would be a costly matter it was suggested to put up stop signs inconspicuous places in effort to curb speeding and accidents through this area.

The question arose as to installing a fire hydrant on 40th. Street ~~was~~ as was requested in 1943 by residents of this area. It was pointed out that a survey had been made of said area in 1943. The water pressure was mentioned and it was decided to check with Mr. Peck, of the Water Company, as to the advisability of installing a hydrant in this area.

Councilman Zerbe entered motion that a \$20.00 license fee be charged for the practice of the businesses of Loan Companies, money broker, buying or selling undercurrent or depreciated money or funds or exchanging for another, for benefit or reward. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote motion was carried unanimously.

The Recorder presented prices secured on typewriters. The Council agreed to purchase a new typewriter for the office.



Mayor Alexander presented to Council a letter, from residents of Burdett Road - said letter enclosed with a copy of a petition that had been filed with the State Road Commission of West Virginia, regarding the Burdett Road, Third Avenue to 40th. Street, East Side of Nitro, petition requesting State Road Commission to widen the road 10 feet and letter requesting the assistance of the City Council in securing their request to widen the road, of the State Road Commission. The Council requested that a letter be written to the State Road Commission in behalf of the wishes of residents of Burdett Road.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he had talked to Mr. O'Neale of the State Road Commission, regarding First Avenue Road and had been told that work on First Avenue would begin by the 1st. of September. Mr. O'Neale had requested that the City Council construct an ordinance to control traffic on First Avenue, stating that the purpose of widening First Avenue would be defeated if traffic was not controlled.

Mention was made of a couple sinking places in the road on 21st. Street and question of determining the cause of same. It was decided to check the sewer line to see if this could be causing the sinking.

Mr. Roark, the Building Inspector, informed the Council that he was having some difficulty in making his inspection of plumbing and electrical installations, as the installations would quite often be covered up before an inspection could be made. Mr. Roark suggested that inspection blanks be printed in three copies, a copy for the Inspector, the City office, and the Utility Company. These blanks to be issued by the Building Inspector at the time of issuing a building permit with an understanding that the Utility companies were not to make a meter connection until the owner presented the inspection blank signed by the Building Inspector stating that the inspection had been completed. The Council decided that inspection blanks be printed and the Utility Companies be notified of this procedure.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman Zerbe as member of the Finance Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 5, 1947

The Nitro City Council met in regular session on the 5th. day of August, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins, C.C.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney of City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask the Recorder to read the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 15th. of July, 1947.

Councilman Zerbe moved minutes be approved as read, the motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that sinking places on 21st. Street had been repaired.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the Water Company had advised against placing a fire hydrant on 40th. Street until a larger water line had been laid in this area.

A report of public hearing, held on the 17th. of July, regarding two recommendations of the Zoning Commission, was made to the Council.

The first recommendation was presented to the Council for action, which was changing the building line of 21st. Street between Second and Third Avenue from 20 feet to 15 feet setback.

Councilman Bela entered motion that Council accept recommendation of the Zoning Commission to change building line on 21st. Street from 20 feet to 15 feet. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

The second recommendation was presented to the Council for action which was including the South side of 19th. Street between 1st. Avenue and 2nd. Avenue in the business district.

A petition signed by 20 percent of owners of lots was presented to Council said petition protesting against such a change.

Councilman Zerbe moved that in view of the opposition expressed regarding such a change that the Business District remain unchanged. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Mention was made of license fee for fortune tellers and palmist.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that City place a

license fee of two hundred (\$200.00 ) dollars per year on fortune tellers or palmist. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote motion was declared carried.

Mayor Alexander called the Council's attention to question of public address system being used in town and pointed out that in the past that there had been some difficulty with same disturbing the public and suggested that an Ordinance be prepared to cover the use of public address systems. Attorney Knapp was ask to prepare an ordinance to govern the use of public address systems in town.

Councilman Zerbe moved that City allocate, in the current year budget, \$500. for Salary of City Engineer the motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that a street light had been order to installed by the Appalachian Electric Power Company on 15th. Street between Second and Third Avenue and that the residents of this area objected to light at this point, therefore he had talked to Mr. Mohlohan of the Power Company and decided to place the light on Crescent Hill where a street light was badly needed.

Councilman Collins entered motion that a Salary of \$200. per year be paid to the Street Commissioner or to person acting in such capacity. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bela ask the Recorder to check with the towns of Dunbar, St. Albans, Charleston regarding the amount paid for fire hydrant rental.

The Recorder presented the Levy Estimate for the Current year of 1947-48 to the Council which reads as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA & PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO , To-wit:

At a regular session of the Council of the Municipality of Nitro, held in the council chambers thereof, in the city building on Tuesday, the 5th. day of August, 1947, there were present:

W.W.Alexander, Mayor Grace Lewis, Recording Officer  
and Chas, C. Richiusa, Richard O. Zerbe, Jerome Collins,  
Andrew Bela, L.O.Grass, members of the council of said  
municipality.

In accordance with Section 14, Article 8, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, Second Extraordinary Session, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES  
ESTIMATE

(1) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year, EXCEPT FROM THE LEVY OF TAXES to be made for the year.

Balance in hands of city treasurer .....	\$ 5,355.84
Balance in hands of sheriff .....	1,241.14
Redemption and sale of delinquent lands .....	25.00
General licenses .....	1,300.00
Building and other permits .....	200.00
Capitations .....	600.00
Fees .....	50.00
Gross Sales Tax .....	6,500.00
Amusement tax .....	1,600.00
Tax on liquor .....	7,500.00
Revenue-State Liquor commission .....	2,550.00
Police Court - Fines and costs .....	3,200.00
Civic Benefits Association .....	18,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	323.02
<b>Total estimated receipts .....</b>	<b>48,445.00</b>

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES:

Salary of Mayor .....	400.00
Salary of Recorder .....	1,200.00
Salary of Treasurer .....	600.00
Trial Fees - Police Court .....	1,200.00
Salary of City Attorney .....	300.00
Compensation of assistants and clerks .....	25.00
Salaries of Chief and one police .....	5,000.00
General expenses Police Department .....	2,000.00
Salaries of Chief and three firemen .....	8,900.00
New fire equipment .....	6,100.00
General expenses of Fire Department .....	1,500.00
Municipal Dues .....	30.00
Janitors' Compensation and supplies .....	50.00
Expenses keeping and feeding prisoners .....	5.00
Repairs to city building and jail .....	40.00
Furniture and fixtures .....	50.00
Stationery, office supplies and equipment .....	410.00
Postage .....	50.00
Water- fire protection, street and sewers .....	6,000.00
Water- other purposes .....	88.00
Light for street lighting .....	1,670.00
Light - other purposes .....	170.00
Fuel .....	185.00
Ice .....	25.00

Telephone and Telegraph .....	\$	170.00
Freight and drayage .....		5.00
Advertising and legal publication .....		135.00
Premiums on official bonds .....		125.00
Election expenses .....		500.00
Expenses - aid to poor .....		25.00
Attorneys' fees, court costs and damages .....		100.00
City Treasurer's or Collector's Commissions .....		35.00
Salaries - Street Commissioners and regular employees		2,500.00
New Equipment - Street Department .....		200.00
Salaries - Engineering Department .....		500.00
Maintenance of streets and alleys .....		2,512.00
Maintenance of sewers .....		200.00
Construction of new streets, sidewalks and sewers ..		100.00
Workmen's compensation premiums .....		130.00
Audit by Tax Commissioner .....		125.00
Refunding erroneous payments .....		10.00
Contingent expenses .....		500.00
Delinquent taxes and discount .....		25.00
Planning city building .....		<u>10,000.00</u>
A-0Total current expenses .....		53,895.00

Total estimated disbursements .....	53,895.00
Less estimated receipts .....	<u>48,445.00</u>

Amount to be raised by levy ..... \$ 5,450.00

And the council doth determine and estimate that it will be necessary to raise by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for current municipal purposes the amount of \$ 5,450. and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Fourteen & one quarter	cents ( 14.25 ¢ )	on Class No. I Property
Twenty eight & one half	cents ( 28.5 ¢ )	one class II "
Fifty seven	cents ( 57 ¢ )	one Class Iv "

for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein as follows:

Class	Assessed Valuation	Authorized Rates	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied
Number I				
Personal Property \$	91,925.	9.5	4.75 14.25	\$ 131.
Public Utility Property	84,400.	9.5.	4.75 14.25	120.
Total Class No. I	<u>176, 325.</u>			<u>251.</u>

Number II  
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## Number II

Real Estate	464,400.	19 ¢	9.5 ¢	28.5 ¢	1,324.
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## Number IV

Real Estate	307,220.	38 ¢	19 ¢	57 ¢	1,751.
Personal Property	159,445.	38 ¢	19 ¢	57 ¢	909.
Public Utility Property	<u>213,100.</u>	38 ¢	19 ¢	57 ¢	<u>1,215.</u>
Total Class No. IV	679,765.				3,875.
TOTAL LEVY	1,320,490.				5,450.

### MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES - INTEREST AND SINKING FUND ESTIMATE

The council proceeded to make an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for interest sinking fund and amortization requirements of bonded indebtedness, legally incurred by a vote of the people as provided by law, since the adoption of the tax limitation amendment, owing by said municipality, ~~xxxxxxxthe amount of the interest and sinking fund on the bonds authorized since November 8, 1932, as follows:~~

#### BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

Date of Vote Authorizing Issue	Original Amount of Issue	Amount of bonds Outstanding	Amount Required for		
			Sinking Fund	Interest	Total
10/20/38	\$ 16,000.	\$ 11,800.	\$ 600.	\$325.	\$ 925.

Delinquent Taxes and Exonerations Estimated at 10% 93.

Total Amount to be Raised by a Levy of Taxes 1,018.  
and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be  
laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

#### AUTHORIZED RATES

Three	Cents ( 3 ¢ )	on Class No. I property,
Six	Cents ( 6 ¢ )	on Class No II Property, and
Twelve	Cents ( 12 ¢ )	on Class No. IV property,

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein as follows:

Class	Assessed Valuation	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 91,925.	3 ¢	\$ 28.
Public Utility Property	<u>84,400.</u>	3 ¢	<u>25.</u>
Total Class No. I	176,325.		53.
Number II			
Real Estate	464,400.	6 ¢	279.
Number IV			
Real Estate	307,220.	12 ¢	369.
Personal Property	159,445.	12 ¢	191.
Public Utility Property	<u>213,100.</u>	12 ¢	<u>256.</u>
Total Class No. IV	679,765.		816.
TOTAL LEVY	1,320,490.		1,148.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA & PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, TO-WIT:

I, Grace Lewis, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 5th. day of August, 1947.

Given under my hand this 5th. day of August, 1947.

Grace Lewis,

Recorder

Official Title.

The Council proceeded to sign the Levy Estimate.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 19, 1947

The Nitro City Council met in regular session on the 19th. of August, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; C.C.Richiusa, Jerome Collins and L.O.Grass members of said Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session held on the 5th. of August.

Councilman Collins moved minutes be approved as read. Councilman Richiusa seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried.

The Recorder presented to Mayor and Council copies of the Financial Statement for the month of July, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Council accept the Financial Statement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote motion carried.

The Recorder presented to the Council the approval of the Levy Estimate by the Tax Commissioner and the copies of the Levy Order for the current year.

The Levy Order was signed by the Council as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a Regular session of of the Council of the Municipality of Nitro, West Virginia, held in the council chamber thereof, on Tuesday, the 19th. of August, 1947; Present W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Recording Officer, Grace Lewis, and Chas. C. Richiusa, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins members of the council of said municipality. R.O.Zerbe and Andrew Bela, Councilmen were out of town.

#### CURRENT REGULAR MMUNICIPAL LEVY

#### ORDER

The council ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for regular municipal purpose will be \$ 5,450., according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 5th. of August, 1947, and said estimate having been published as required by law, and no one appearing to oppose the same or to take exception thereto, and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levy proposed therein, be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:



Fourteen & one quarter	cents ( 14.25	¢) on Class No. I property,
Twenty-eight & one half	cents ( 28.5	¢) on Class No. II "
Fifty-seven	cents ( 57	¢) on Class No. IV "

for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
NUMBER I			
Personal Property	\$ 91,925.	14.25 ¢	\$ 131.
Public Utility Property	<u>84,400.</u>	14.25 ¢	<u>120.</u>
Total Class No. I	176,325.		251.
NUMBER II			
Real Estate	464,400.	28.5 ¢	1,324.
NUMBER IV			
Real Estate	307,220.	57 ¢	1,751.
Personal Property	159,445.	57 ¢	909.
Public Utility Property	<u>213,100.</u>	57 ¢	<u>1,215.</u>
Total Class No. IV	679,765.		3,875.
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,320,490.		\$ 5,450.

MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES - INTEREST AND SINKING  
ORDER

BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

The council ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year to pay the interest on and provide a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal of a bond issue of \$16,000. will be \$ 1,018. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 5th. day of August, 1947, and said estimate having been published as required by law and no one appearing to oppose the same or take exception thereto and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levies proposed therein be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

## AUTHORIZED RATES

THREE CENTS ( 3 ¢ ) on class No I property,  
 Six " ( 6 ¢ ) on class No. II "  
 Twelve " ( 12 ¢ ) on class No IV "

for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein,  
 as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars )
Personal Property	\$ 91,925.	3 ¢	\$ 28.
Public Utility Property	<u>84,400.</u>	3 ¢	<u>25.</u>
Total Class No. I	176,325.		53.
NUMBER II			
Real Estate	464,400.	6 ¢	279.
NUMBER IV			
Real Estate	307, 220.	12 ¢	369.
Personal Property	159,445.	12 ¢	191.
Public Utility Property	<u>213, 100.</u>	12 ¢	<u>256.</u>
Total Class No. Iv	697,765.		816.
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,320,490.		\$ 1,148.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, TO-WIT:

I, GRACE LEWIS, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 19th. day of August, 1947.

Given under my hand this 19th. day of August, 1947.

Grace Lewis,

Recorder  
 (Official Title)

Mayor Alexander presented two ordinances prepared by the Attorney, pertaining to governing the use of public address

systems in Nitro.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the following ordinance be adopted by the Council, the motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote motion carried.

ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE OF SOUND OR LOUD SPEAKING EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF NITRO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO:

Section 1. No sound, musical, loud speaking or other loud noise producing devices, apparatus or equipment, nor any vehicle equipped therewith, shall be maintained or operated for advertising or other purpose, within the corporate limits of the City of Nitro, either in the business or residential sections thereof, nor upon the streets and highways of said city; provided however, that educational, church, literary fraternal, eleemosynary and civic organizations and any organizations persons or groups who propose to contribute directly or indirectly to any enterprise conducted for the benefit of the municipality or any educational, church or civic organization in said city, may apply to the Mayor for a permit to operate such devices, apparatus or equipment. And the Mayor may, in his discretion, and if it be shown to his satisfaction that the organization, group or individual is one within the classifications enumerated above and that the proposed use is untended for the benefit of such organizations, group or individual, or for the benefit of the community in general, issue a permit to operate any of said devices, apparatus or equipment upon such conditions and restrictions as to the Mayor may seem desirable and reasonable.

Section 2. Any person, firm or organization violating or failing to comply with the provisions hereof shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) with costs in the discretion of the Municipal Judge.

The Mayor and Council discussed the matter of trading the police car in on a new car.

Councilman Collins entered motion that Council table this matter until all Councilmen were present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote motion carried.

Councilman Grass mentioned to the Council that a number of people have enquired about cleaning up the vacant lots in Nitro.

Councilman Grass moved that City lot be cleaned up, the weeds cut and lot not to be used for storage place. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Collins informed the Council that several people had approached him about the speeding and noise of motor cycles and motor bykes in town and ask if something couldn't be done to curb the speeding and noise. It was decided that the police should be instructed to enforce the traffic law to curb the speeding and that the noise problem could be declared a nuisance.

Mention was made of enforcing the bicycle ordinance in effort to keep the bicycles off the sidewalks.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

September 2, 1947

The City Council met in regular session on the 2nd. of September, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; C.C.Richiusa, L.O.Grass, R.O.Zerbe, Jerome Collins members of said Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask for reading of minutes of regular session held on the 19th, of August.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved as read, the motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the council that the City lot had been cleaned off and the weeds cut.

The question of purchasing a new police car for the city was again discussed by the Mayor and Council. It was pointed out that the present police car had about 23 thousand miles on it and there were a number of repairs to be made as the car had been one of the first cars made after the war and it had not held up as well as a car should. The Council was informed that the local Ford dealer was willing to trade the present police car in on a new one for the amount of \$200.00. The repairs to be made on the present car were estimated to amount to approximately \$110.00.

Councilman Richiusa stated that since it had been found to cost approximately \$110.00 to put the present police car in A-1 condition it appears economically feasible to purchase a new car for the cost of \$200.00- therefore making a motion that the City purchase a new car. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote, those voting for motion were: Councilmen Richiusa, and Zerbe; Mayor Alexander and Recorder Lewis. Voting against motion: Councilman Grass. Councilman Collins was not present at time of voting.

The Recorder was instructed to write a letter to the West Virginia Water Service Company ( a copy of letter to be sent to the Public Service Commission) calling their attention to the fact that they had agreed to contact the City before termination of six weeks period from date of the visit of the Water Committee to the Water Company's office in Charleston, regarding the outcome of survey of water rate reduction in Nitro and inform the Water Company that the six weeks period had elapsed.

The Mayor and Council entered a discussion concerning possibilities of the New York Central Company building a underpass. The point was brought out that the fire truck had had a call recently in town and that

the lower crossing was blocked by a freight train making it necessary for the fire truck to go through the plant area and across 18th. Street crossing. The council decided to have the City Attorney write a letter to the New York Central Company regarding this question.

The Council was informed that the new streetx lights were being installed by the Power Company.

Mayor Alexander mentioned to the Council that the police had stopped several drivers of motorcycles and motorbykes in effort to curb speeding of same.

The question again arose as to children riding bicycles on the sidewalks. It was suggested that perhaps it may help to eliminate this situation if some city official would make a talk on safety rules before the school children or to contatt the principal and try and work out an educational program in connection with safety rules.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

September 16, 1947

The City Council met in regular session on the 16th. of September, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; Jerome Collins, L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiusa members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney of City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and ask the Recorder to read the minutes of regular session of Council held on the 2nd. of September, 1947.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved as read. Councilman Collins seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried.

The Recorder presented to the Mayor and Council copies of the Financial Statement for the month of August, 1947.

Councilman Collins moved the Council accept the Financial Statement. Councilman Richiusa seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council the the Civic Benefits Association was also writing a letter to the New York Central Railroad Company, regarding the need of an underpass at the 41st. Street crossing.

A group from the Baptist Church were present at this meeting and presented to the Council a petition for Local option Election upon the question: Shall the sale of alcoholic beverages under the West Virginia Liquor Commission be permitted in town of Nitro. The petition was signed by over five hundred residents of Nitro.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Council accept the petition, subject to legality of signers of petition being qualified voters of Nitro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collins and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

It was decided to have the petition checked with permanent registration books in Kanawha and Putnam Counties and report made on check at next regular session of the Council.

Councilman Collins brought up the question of bicycles on the sidewalks and also riding double on bicycles. In discussion of this question it was again decided that an educational program on safety program on safety rules in the schools would be the best solution to eliminate some of the hazardous problems of bicycle riders.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the State Road Commission had rejected the bids for widening and re-surfacing 1st. Avenue, as the bids were too high. Mayor Alexander stated further that he had talked with Mr. O'Neale and had been informed that it might be arranged to have the work done by the State's maintenance crew.

It was announced that the Nitro Firemans Association had made plans to observe fire prevention week from the 5th. to the 11th. of October. A series of programs had been arranged and a Prize Carnival and Industrial Fair was to be held on October 11th. in the High School Auditorium, benefits of Carnival for the fire truck fund.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder



October 6, 1947

The Nitro City Council met in special session on the 6th. of October, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, C.C.Richiusa, F.O.Zerbe members of said council and Dennis P. Knapp, Attorney of City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and explained that this session had been called for the purpose of giving a report to the church group on the petition presented at the last regular meeting of the Council, petitioning the council to call a special election to vote on the question "Shall the sale of alcoholic beverages under the West Virginia Liquor Control Commission be premitted in town of Nitro".

Mayor Alexander gave the following report of the check made of said petition with the permanent registration records, in Kanawha and Putnam Counties: The petition was signed by 544 residents - of this number 395 names were qualified voters of Nitro, 135 were not registered, 5 names were found to be incomplete, 4 signers had moved ( 2 of which had moved from one county to another and 2 had moved out of town) and 5 names were not correct signatures. Mayor Alexander explained that according to the State Law, before a special election could be called, a petition must consist of 25% of the legal qualified voters. The total registration of Nitro being 1,853 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 25% of which would be 464.

Members of the group present entered a discussion with the Mayor and Council, points brought out in discussion were the amount of revenue that would be taken out of the town if the State Liquor Store was to be moved outside the city limits, question of other sources of revenue to provide the needs of operating the city, towns that did not have a liquor store within their city limits receive their share of the liquor profits but do not receive any of the special tax, the \$8.00 law was cited as an example of how willing people accepted a special tax, the question of a drive to raise funds for the city.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the Recorder write a formal letter to the leader of the church group, stating the results of the check of the petition, notifying to the effect that the Council could not call an election as the petition did not consist of 25% of the legal qualified voters. Councilman Collins seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council  
at this time a motion for adjournment carried.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

October 21, 1947

The City Council met in regular session on the 21st. of October, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; R.O.Zerbe, C.C.Richiusa, L.O.Grass, Andy Bela members of said Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander, who ask for reading of minutes of last regular session, held on the 16th. of September and special session of Council, held on the 3rd. of October.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved as read, motion was seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement, for the month of September, were presented to Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Richiusa that Financial Statement be accepted, motion was seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Councilman Bela pointed out reasons given in letter received from the West Virginia Water Service Company, why the Water Company did not consider reduction of water rates in Nitro. Councilman Bela suggested that a reply to said letter be sent to the Water Company.

Councilman Bela moved that Council send a letter of complaint to the Public Service Commission, regarding the high rates in Nitro. Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter was read to the Council, from the West Virginia Water Commission, advising the City Council of serious stream pollution, suggesting that Nitro start planning for provisions of sewage treatment.

Mayor Alexander appointed members of the Water Committee, Councilman Bela as Chairman, as a committee to make a study of the stream pollution problem.

The question of dogs was brought up. Revision of present dog ordinance and dog pound was discussed. Since there were no complaints on record, the consensus of opinion was that it was very difficult to secure a dog catcher and city cannot,

at this time, stand the expense of dog pound, dog catcher and equipment for transporting dogs, all citizens owning dogs are requested to keep their dogs under control and on their own premises, in order to minimize the problem. In case of a persons dog biting someone, the owner is subject to lawsuit. If the dog owners of Nitro will cooperate, it will do much to relieve the menace of dogs.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

November 6, 1947

The City Council met in regular session on the 6th. of November, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; C.C.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe, Jerome Collins members of Council and Dennis R. Knapp, Attorney of City.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of last regular session, held on the 21st. of October, were read.

Councilman Collins moved minutes be approved. Councilman seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Collins entered motion that the Desk Sargent's pay be increased to \$60.00 per month, effective as of the 15th. of November. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe and upon vote motion carried unanimously.

A suggestion was made that a line be painted on pavement entrance to the Restaurant, on the corner of 21st. Street and 2nd. Avenue, digignating sidewalk space.

Mayor Alexander announced that he had been informed that the New York Central Railroad Company were planning on starting a new depot building and that there had been some discussion of the new depot being build at the lower end of town.

It was decided that a letter be written to the New York Central Railroad Company expressing the wishes of the Council to have new building at the same location as the present depot.

A petition was presented to the Council, signed be residents of 25th. Street, requesting a street light for 25th. street.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the City install 6 additional street lights in places over town where the lights were most needed. Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion and upon vote motion carried.

The Council requested a letter be written to the Board of Education asking their consideration of paying the local BandMaster on yearly basis as provided for by the Legislature.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

November 18, 1947

The City Council met in regular session, on the 18th of November, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins, C.C.Richiusa and R.O.Zerbe members of said Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of last regular session held on the 6th. of November.

Councilman Collins moved minutes be approved. Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion and upon vote, motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement, for the month of October, were presented to the Council.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Financial Statement be accepted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander announced that he had received a reply to our letter to the New York Central Railroad Company regarding request of having the new depot built at the same location as the present depot, the reply advising that the new depot would be built where the citizens of Nitro so desired it.

Councilman Grass entered motion to reorder Bicycle license plates for the year 1948. Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was suggested that a letter be written to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, expressing the City Council's appreciation for the Jaycees conducting the Halloween celebration.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the local taxi company wished the Council's permission to mark off space for five cabs on Bank Street. This question was discussed.

Councilman Bela entered motion that request be denied in as much that parking area is particularly limited in the business area. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Mr. Lytton, owner of the Tyler Mountain Bus Company, had requested that that fire hydrant located on the corner of 21st. Street and 2nd. Avenue be moved in order to provide parking space for the buses. There was a discussion on this request and the matter was tabled until a check had been made.

A letter, from the Kanawha County School, was read to the Council regarding our request made to the School Board that the local Band Director be paid on yearly basis, letter advising that only the director of Music education for all of the county schools had been employed for twelve months and that expansion of employment will depend on the financial situation at the close of the schools.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder



December 2, 1947

The City Council met in regular session on the 2nd. of December, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, R.O. Zerbe, Andy Bela members of Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of last session of Council held on November 18th, 1947.

Councilman Zerbe moved minutes be approved as corrected, Councilman Grass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Council were informed that a local merchant had requested an amendment to the City Ordinance governing the use of sound apparatus within the city limits, granting permission for commercial use of the sound apparatus. This request was discussed and the point brought out that the ordinance had been enacted due to complaints received from local shift workers, therefore it was decided to write a letter to each of the local unions, asking that this matter be discussed with their men and a report made to the Council of the opinions received of such an amendment being made to the present ordinance.

Mayor Alexander announced that there would be a meeting Friday, December 5th. at the City Hall, with representatives from the West Virginia Water Commission for the purpose of discussing Sewage treatment and that he had asked the Nitro Sower Company and each civic organization to have representatives present.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W.Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

December 16, 1947.

The City Council met in regular session on the 16th. of December, 1947.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; R.O.Zerbe, L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiusa, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela, members of Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

Councilman Bela read the minutes of the last regular session of Council, held on the 2nd. of December.

Councilman Collins moved minutes be approved. Councilman Grass, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The November Financial Statement was approved. Motion made by Councilman Richiusa and seconded by Councilman Zerbe.

Councilman Zerbe reported on the meeting with the West Virginia Water Commission covering need for sewage disposal at Nitro. The Commission has given one city the order to commence cleaning up. Nitro is to commence making plans and report to the Commission by April 1, 1948. Either the Land Company, present owner of the sewers, or the City will be responsible for installation of the sewage disposal unit. The Commission felt the City would be able to give better service at the lowest cost to the citizens of Nitro. Whether or not the land Company will install the sewage disposal plant is yet to be determined.

Councilman Richiusa moved that \$500.00 be set aside to pay for drawing of plans and specifications for the new city hall. Motion seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Motion carried.

Mr. L.S.Watts, resident of 26th. Street, appeared before the Council, stating that dogs in his neighborhood were constituting a nuisance because of continuous barking, making sleep difficult and inquired regarding possible action to stop the nuisance. He was informed that such a situation was covered by the nuisance ordinance. Complaint could be filed and the owner of the dogs would be liable to fine following a hearing and establishment that the nuisance existed. The owner is to be contacted and requested to control this condition. Failure would require legal action.

A resolution was presented by Councilman Zerbe, providing for the deposition of funds acquired by the gross sales tax and other levies with the State Sinking Fund Commission, earmarked for use in the planning and construction of city hall.

Mr. Denver W. Arbaugh was affirmed by the Council as patrolman, to serve at the will and pleasure of Mayor with approval of Council. Motion made by Councilman Richiusa and seconded by Councilman ~~Grass~~ Grass.

Mayor Alexander reported that Mr. Bailey was attempting to handle the garbage disposal for the entire city. General service has improved and should further improve since in the near future Mr. Bailey will devote his entire time to garbage collection and will put another truck in service. The City Attorney is to write up a franchise.

It was moved by Councilman Richiusa that the 1948 dues to the West Virginia League of Municipalities of \$29.83 be paid. Seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

## CITY OF NITRO

## RESOLUTION PASSED BY COUNCIL.

Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Nitro, Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, was held on the 16th. day of December, 1947, at 7:30 ~~RxM~~. o'clock P.M.

Members Present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; R.O.Zerbe, C.C.Rcihusa, Andy Bela, Jerome Colling and L.O.Grass members of Council.

Members Absent: Grace Lewis, Recorder.

Councilman R.O.Zerbe offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Nitro by action of the Common Council, of said City in adopting Ordinance No. 64 on the 8th. day of October, 1946, did lay and levy a Business and Occupation and Privilege Tax (Commonly known as "Gross Sales Tax") on certain businesses and occupations conducted within the city, said business and occupations, the rates and manner of collection being therein set out, the funds to be raised thereby to be used for the planning and construction of a municipal building for said city; and

WHEREAS, it was the express intention of the Common Council and the officials of said City, and of the persons affected by the levying of said tax, that the funds derived therefrom should be used for the purposes aforesaid and for no other purpose; and

WHEREAS, certain other tax revenues have been designated and set aside for use in the planning and construction of the proposed new municipal building, and for no other purpose; and

WHEREAS, considerable sums of money have accumulated in the Treasury of said City from the collection of said taxes, and which said sums are not to be used until further sums have accumulated and construction of said building has been authorized and ordered, and

WHEREAS, it is considered desirable and feasible that said sums, now amounting to \$5000.00, and future accumulations thereof; should be set apart in a special fund and invested in the manner authorized by law through the State Sinking Fund Commission;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the funds now in the treasury of said City which have accumulated from collection of the aforesaid tax, and now amounting to \$5000.00, and also all future periodic accumulations thereof, be placed at the dis-

posals of and transferred to the State Sinking Fund Commission for administration and investment in the manner provided by law and the said City credited with the amounts so transferred to said Commission. That said future accumulations be deposited with the State Sinking Fund Commission periodically and at such times as be practicable and feasible and as authorized by said Commission. That all of said sums be deposited with the State Sinking Fund Commission with the express provision and condition that said funds or any portion thereof may be requested and recalled by the said City of Nitro at such time or times as the Council may direct for the purpose of planning for and construction of a municipal building for said City of Nitro.

Be it further resolved that on the City's behalf the Mayor and Recorder-Treasurer be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to take such action and to execute such papers as are required to carry out the provisions hereof and to effect the proper handling and transfer of the funds to the State Sinking Fund Commission for administration and investment as aforesaid.

Councilman Jerome Collins seconded the motion to adopt said resolution, and the roll being called was adopted by the following vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Approved this 16th. day of December, 1947.

Attest:

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

JANUARY 6, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 6th. of January, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of last session of Council, held on the 16th. of December, 1947, were read.

Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved as corrected. Motion seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Referring to complaint made by resident of 26th. Street, regarding a dog creating a disturbance, report was made that the dog has been removed from town by the owner.

A letter was read from the Textile Workers Union of America, with reference to amendment to use of sound apparatus ordinance. The letter made suggestions that the ordinance should be amended for commercial use, sound apparatus used between the hours of 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. and used on the avenues only.

A letter was read from the Appalachian Electric Power Company advising that the requested street lights had been installed.

Mayor Alexander presented a bill, in amount of \$30.00 of expenses of trip to Clarksburg to the Convention of League of Municipalities.

Councilman Zerbe moved this bill be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Resignation of Mr. J.E.Roark, as City Building Inspector, was presented to the Council.

Councilman Richiusa moved that resignation be accepted and a letter of acceptance with regret be written to Mr. Roark. Councilman Bela seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHARTER OF THE

#### CITY OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA.

At a regular session of the Council of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, held in the Council Chambers in the City Building, in Nitro, West Virginia in the 6th. day of January, 1948, beginning at 7:30 P.M. of that

day, there being present W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, and R.O.Zerbe, L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiusa, Andrew Bela and Jerome Collins, members of the Council of said City of Nitro, the following Ordinance was offered on motion of Councilman C.C.Richiusa, member of said Council, seconded by Councilman A.Bela, member of said Council, and unanimously adopted.

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO THE  
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA  
BY ADOPTING AND MAKING A PART THEREOF THE  
PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 4, 5, and 6 OF  
CHAPTER 8A OF THE CODE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL HOME RULE.

WHEREAS, the City of Nitro was granted a Charter under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Official Code of West Virginia of 1931 by order entered in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, on the 20th. day of February, 1932, of record in Chancery Order Book No. 64, page 268, of said court, and said City has since said date been operating as a municipality under said Charter; and

WHEREAS, said Charter of the City of Nitro antedates the ratification of the Municipal Home Rule Amendment of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia and the enactment of the enabling legislation giving effect to the constitutional change contained in Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the said City of Nitro is a Class III City as defined by Section 4, Article 1 Chapter 8a of the Code of West Virginia, having a population as shown by the last official census of the United States of 2,983, and as of this date having an estimated population of 4,500; and

WHEREAS, Section 10, Article 1, Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, provides that a City operating under a charter antedating the effective date of said Chapter 8A may by Charter Amendment adopt any of the powers conferred by Article 4 and 5 of said Chapter 8A which shall supercede, if adopted, prior Charter provisions on the same subject; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 113, Acts of the Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, (Code 8A-2-15a) provides that whenever the Council of any Class III City as defined under Section 4, Article 1, Chapter 8A of the Code shall deem it expedient to amend the Charter of any such City, either in whole or in part, it shall by ordinance or resolution propose such amendments, set a time and place for a public hearing thereon, provide for publication of the proposed amendments and notice of such hearing,

and for their ultimate adoption or rejection, and

WHEREAS, it is considered by the Council of the City of Nitro that the adoption of the amendment as aforesaid would promote the welfare of all the inhabitants and electors of said City by providing better and more efficient administration of municipal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Nitro deems it proper and expedient that the Charter of said City be amended as aforesaid;

Now Therefore Be It Ordained By The Council Of the City Of Nitro:

1. That the Charter of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, be amended by adopting the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, entitled "Powers of Home Rule Cities," the provisions of Article 5 of said Chapter 8A entitled "Taxation and Finance," and the provisions of Article 6 of said Chapter 8A entitled "Consolidation," and that from the effective date of such amendment the provisions thereof shall supercede all existing provisions of the present Charter of the City of Nitro relating to the above subjects and shall thenceforth become a part of the Charter of the City of Nitro;
2. That this proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Nitro be set out of record in the Minute Book of the Proceedings of Council and entered in the Ordinance Book of the City of Nitro;
3. That a public hearing upon said proposed amendment be set and held at the Council Chambers in the City Building of the City of Nitro on the 17th. day of February, 1948 at 7:30 o'clock P.M., at which time the proposed amendment shall be considered by Council, and on or before which time any elector of the City of Nitro may appear and file objections thereto in writing;
4. That if no objections are filed as aforesaid, or if filed and withdrawn at the time of the hearing, or within ten days thereafter, the Council of the City of Nitro will proceed, at its regular meeting to be held on the 2nd. day of March, 1948 to adopt the provisions hereof as an Amendment to the Charter of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, to be operative and effective on and after the 2nd. day of March, 1948, and shall cause a transcript of the proceedings hereunder to be certified to the Clerk of the House of Delegates of West Virginia, as keeper of the rolls, and a copy thereof to be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia;
5. That notice of the time and place fixed for hearing hereon be prepared in manner and form required by law and published together with the proposed amendment once each week for three successive weeks, beginning with the issue of



January 16, 1948, in the Kanawha Valley Leader, a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Nitro;

6. That in pursuance of the acts aforesaid this Council shall do all further acts and things necessary for the final adoption of the amendment to said Charter in manner and form required by law, and that the Mayor and Recorder of the City of Nitro have prepared and execute all necessary notices and documents relating thereto; and


7. That if for any reason a part, or any portion, of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such action shall not effect the validity of the remaining parts or portions hereof.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,  
CITY OF NITRO, TO-WIT:

I, Grace Lewis, Recorder of the City of Nitro, Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance enacted by the Council of said City of Nitro in regular session on the 6th. day of January, 1948, and entered in the Minute Book of the Proceedings of Council and the Ordinance Book of the City of Nitro as of said date.

Given under my hand and the seal of said City on this 7th. day of January, 1948.

SEAL

  
Grace Lewis, Recorder of the  
City of Nitro, W.Va.

Councilman Bela moved that Mr. W.J. Sampson be appointed as City Building Inspector. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion of repairing the City streets. Mayor Alexander advised it best to wait until First Avenue had been completed as during the time of work on First Avenue, it would be necessary to route the traffic over Second Avenue, and that a large amount of damage would surely be done to Second Avenue.

The Mayor and Council discussed the question of drainage of the school grounds. It was decided that as soon as the weather permitted that the Building Inspector and Mayor check lines and sewer maps to determine the source of the water draining on the school grounds.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder

February 3, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 3rd. of February, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder; L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins, C.C.Richiusa members of the Council and Dennis F. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes for meeting held on January 6th. were read.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved. Councilman Grass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement. for the month of December, were presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Richiusa to accept Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Councilman Bela. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilmen Collins and Grass as an Inspection Committee to check and inspect the Fire Department and equipment periodically and report back to the Council.

Councilman Bela. Chairman of the Water Committee, reported that a letter of complaint on the high water rates was being sent to the Public Service Commission.

The question of annexation of territory adjoining Nitro was discussed. Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman Collins to assist the present committee on this project.

Councilman Bela offered the following resolution. Councilman Richiusa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously:

"WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Council of the City of Nitro, that the United Fuel Gas Company, West Virginia Water Service Company, Appalachia Electric Power Company, have filed a petition with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, praying that the Commission give them authority to add to its present rates in the City of Nitro and other municipalities an amount sufficient to reimburse it to all special taxes levied by Municipalities. Now, therefore, be it resolved that official protest be filed with the Commission thereto, and the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized to file such protest, and appear before the Commission in opposition to such petition."

Mr. Sampson, City Building Inspector, appeared before the Council in effort to clarify several ambiguous sections of the present Building Code. Councilman Collins made a motion that a Committee be appointed to study and revise the present Building Code. Motion was seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed the following Committee to make a study and revise the Building Code - Councilman Zerbe, Councilman Collins and Eichusa and Mr. Sampson.

Upon Mr. Sampson's Suggestion it was decided that all people wishing to obtain Building Permits should make application and submit specifications of building at the City Office and upon so doing make a deposit of \$2.00 upon such permit.

There being no further business a motion was made for adjournment. Meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder

February 17, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 17th of February, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, R.O.Zerbe, C.C.Richiusa, L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of last session held on February 3rd were read.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved. Councilman Grass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement for the month of January were presented.

Councilman Zerbe moved Financial Statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Bela. Motion carried.

A motion made by Councilman Richiusa and seconded by Councilman Zerbe that Council adopt Ordinance proposing Amendment to Charter of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, by adopting and making a part thereof the provisions of Article 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, providing for Municipal Home Rule. Motion carried unanimously.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, held at and in the Council Chambers in the City Building of said City on the 17th day of February, 1948, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P.M., there being present- W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, and C.C.Richiusa, Andrew Bela, R.O.Zerbe, L.O.Grass, and Jerome Collins members of the Council, on motion of Councilman Richiusa, seconded by Councilman Zerbe, and approved unanimously, Council proceeded to consideration of the proposed Amendment to the Charter of the City of Nitro, which would adopt the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, entitled "Powers of Home Rule Cities," the provisions of Article 5 of said Chapter 8A entitled "Taxation and Finance," and the provisions of Article 6 of said Chapter 8A entitled "Consolidation," pursuant to notice duly published in the Kanawha Valley Leader, the only newspaper published in, and of general circulation in said City, that said Amendment would then and there be considered and that objections might be filed thereto by

any Elector of said City, and to the matter of the public hearing thereon set out in the said notice; and full opportunity having been given and inquiry made in open meeting if there were any persons present desiring to file objections to said proposed Amendment to the Charter of the City of Nitro; and there being no objections filed, upon motion of Councilman Richiusa, seconded by Councilman Zerbe, it is ordered that said Amendment be adopted in manner and form as in said Notice and proposed Amendment set out and duly and legally published as required by law, which said motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Grace Lewis

Grace Lewis, Recorder

W.W. Alexander

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

February 24, 1948

The City Council met in special session on the 24th of February, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, R.O.Zerbe, L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, Jerome Collins, C.C.Richiusa members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney. There were also present a large number of residents from Crawford City and East Nitro area.

The purpose of the meeting was for an open discussion of area known as Crawford City and East Nitro becoming a part of the Nitro City limits.

Councilman Bela enumerated the advantages this territory would have being a part of Nitro, as follows: fire protection, police protection, health and sanitation regulations, building restrictions, increased property valuations, representation in the City Government, low fire insurance rates.

Mayor Alexander gave comparison on insurance rates in and out of the Corporate limits, stating that on the average insurance rates were \$3.90 higher per thousand. The average home is usually insured for \$3,000., on this rate a property owner in this area would save \$11.70 per year. The City tax for the average home owner in this area would be approximately \$3.00 city tax and \$2.00 city capitation tax or a total of \$5.00, which would be a saving of home owners in this area of approximately \$6.70 per year.

Questions and opinions discussed were:

Assessed valuations of property in Crawford City and East Nitro being increased should the territory be in the corporate limits. The answer was that the County Assessor set the valuations and that assessed valuations would possibly remain the same.

Would fire hydrants be installed in this territory immediately after annexation. The answer was yea, as soon as possible, time depending on the amount of time required for installation by the West Virginia Water Service Company.

Question was brought up, by resident of Crawford City, that City could wait ten years before making improvements to this area. The City Attorney stated that he knew of no law on the Statute Books referring to this question. City officials assured residents of said area that first improvements would be adequate fire protection, adequate police protection and street lighting. Other improvements would be made as rapidly as funds permitted.

The line of incorporation would be from property line between West Virginia Water Service Company and Nitro Municipal Park extending eastward to East property line of the farm formerly owned by C.W. Lee, South 800 feet up the hill near the top of the River Ridge.

In answer to question of Building Restrictions, Mr. Sampson, City Building Inspector, explained the City Building Code and its purposes, answering several questions to the satisfaction of the residents of this section.

It was pointed out that some of the streets in Crawford City were better than Streets in Nitro, due to the fact that Streets were built by the Government during the First World War. It was also explained that the People pay for building of new streets and that a survey was made in 1947 to determine the feasibility of paving all streets in Nitro but since the construction cost was exorbitant, it was felt that it would be working a hardship on the majority of the property owners, therefore plans were delayed until construction costs were lower.

The question was raised of students from Crawford City and East Nitro attending Nitro School and City officials felt that if this territory becomes a part of Nitro they could no reason why the students of said territory would not have as much right as students now living in Nitro and that this problem could be worked out with the Kanawha County School Board.

The question arose of fire equipment in Nitro. W.H. Jones, President of the Nitro Firemans Association, informed the group of the condition of present system and explained that a complete new pumper system was now on order, by the City of Nitro, and are expecting delivery in April. The officials feel that with this new system, Nitro will have a Fire Department second to none in the valley.

Petitions were given to several residents of territory in question and the response to these petitions will determine whether an election will be held giving the people of said area a choice of becoming a part of Nitro.

Mayor Alexander thanked the number of people of this area for attending this meeting and assured them that the City was not trying to force something upon the people, but were attempting to help the people of said area, because the area is becoming thickly settled and should have the protections mentioned before or at least some municipal supervision. We feel that we will be helping them and at the same time helping the City of Nitro to become a larger and better place to live.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder



March 2, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 2nd of March, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela, R.O.Zerbe, members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

Minutes of regular session, held on February 17th. and special session, held February 24th were read.

Councilman Zerbe moved minutes be approved. Councilman Bela seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander announced that persons from Crawford City and East Nitro, who were circulating petitions for annexation of said area in the City limits, had requested another week before turning in said petitions to the City Council. This request was granted and the date of Wednesday, March 10th was set as hearing date.

A petition was presented, signed by 317 residents of Crawford City and East Nitro, petition expressing the unwillingness of said residents to become a part of Nitro.

A motion was made by Councilman Zerbe and seconded by Councilman Bela that Council adopt ordinance proposing Amendment to Charter of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, by adopting and making a part thereof the provisions of Article 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, providing for municipal Home Rule. Motion carried unanimously.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, held on the 2nd of March, 1948, in the Council Chambers in the City Building of said City, there being present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, and R.O.Zerbe, L.O.Grass, Andrew Bela, C.C.Richiusa and Jerome Collins members of the Council of said City on motion of Councilman Zerbe, seconded by Councilman Bela, the following Ordinance was unanimously adopted:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA, BY ADOPTING AND MAKING A PART THEREOF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 4, 5 and 6 OF CHAPTER 8A OF THE CODE OF WEST VIRGINIA PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL HOME RULE.

Whereas, the City of Nitro was granted a Charter under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Official Code of West Virginia of 1931 by order entered in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, on the 20th day of February, 1932, of record in Chancery Order Book No. 64, page 268, of

said court, and said City has since said date been operating as a municipality under said Charter; and

Whereas, said Charter of the City of Nitro antedates the ratification of Municipal Home Rule Amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia and the enactment of the enabling legislation of giving effect to the constitutional change contained in Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia; and

Whereas, the said City of Nitro is a Class III City as defined by Section 4, Article 1 Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, having a population as shown by the last official census of the United States of 2,983, and as of this date having an estimated population of 4,500; and

Whereas, Section 10, Article 1, Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, provides that a City operating under a Charter antedating the effective date of said Chapter 8A may by Charter Amendment adopt any of the powers conferred by Article 4 and 5 of said Chapter 8A which shall supercede, if adopted, prior Charter provisions on the same subjects; and

Whereas, Chapter 113, Acts of Legislature, Regular Session 1947, (Code 8A-2-15a) provides that whenever the Council of any class III City as defined under Section 4, Article 1, Chapter 8A of the Code, shall deem it expedient to amend the Charter of any such City, either in whole or in part, it shall by ordinance or resolution propose such amendments, set a time and place for a public hearing thereon, provide for publication of the proposed amendments and notice of such hearing, and for their ultimate adoption or rejection; and

Whereas, the Council of the City of Nitro, at a regular meeting held in and for said City at the Council Chambers in the City Building thereof on the 6th day of January, 1948, deeming it expedient to amend the Charter of said City in part as authorized and provided under the provisions of Chapter 113, Acts of the Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, (Code 8A-2-15a), and of Section 10, Article Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, regularly proposed and Amendment to the Charter of the City of Nitro, by adopting the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, entitled "Powers of Home Rule Cities," the provisions of Article 5 of said Chapter 8A entitled "Taxation and Finance," and the provisions of Article 6 of said Chapter 8A entitled "Consolidation," and that from the effective date of this amendment of the provisions thereof shall supercede all existing provisions of the present Charter of the City of Nitro relating to the above subjects and shall thenceforth become a part of the Charter of the City of Nitro; and

Whereas, said Amendment was set out in full in the proper record books, being the Minute Book of the Proceedings of Council and the Ordinance Book of said City of Nitro as provided by law on the date last aforesaid, and

Whereas, the time and place for a public hearing on said Amendment was set for the 17th day of February, 1948, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., at the Council Chambers in the City Building of said City of Nitro, West Virginia and

Whereas, the proposed Amendment together with the notice of the time and place fixed for a public hearing thereon and that any Elector of the City might appear and file objections thereto, were published once each week for three successive weeks in the Kanawha Valley Leader, the only newspaper published in said City of Nitro, West Virginia, and having a general circulation therein, in all respects, as provided by law, beginning with the issue of January 16, 1948, in the issue of January 23, 1948, and ending with the issue of January 30, 1948; and

Whereas, the date for the public hearing thereon, being February 17, 1948, was set more than 30 days from the date of first publication of said proposed Amendment and notice as provided by law; and

Whereas, said proposed Amendment was considered by Council and the public hearing held thereon at the time and place fixed in said notice in all respects as required by law; and

Whereas, no objections, to said Amendment, were filed at or before such public hearing thereon, and

Whereas, it is deemed expedient by the Council that the Charter of the City of Nitro should be amended in part, and in the manner above set out;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO:

1. That the Charter of the City of Nitro, West Virginia, be, and the same is, hereby amended by the adoption of the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia, entitled "Powers of Home Rule Cities," the provisions of Article 5 of said Chapter 8A entitled "Taxation and Finance," and the provisions of Article 6 of said Chapter 8A entitled "Consolidation," and that from the effective date of this Amendment the provisions thereof shall supersede all existing provisions of the present Charter of the City of Nitro relating to the above subjects and shall thenceforth become a part of the Charter of the City of Nitro;

2. That this Amendment be spread on the proper and official record books of the Said City of Nitro and entered in the Ordinance Book thereof;

3. That said Amendment be effective and in force on and after the 2nd day of March, 1948.

4. That a copy of this Ordinance and a transcript of all the proceedings hereunder be certified and delivered to the Clerk of the House of Delegates of West Virginia, as Keeper of the Rolls, and a copy of the Amendment to the Charter be recorded in the office of the Clerks of the County Courts of Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, all provided by law; and

5. That if, for any reason, a part, or any portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such action shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts or portions thereof.

Mr. Downey, representative of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, informed the Council that a study had been made, by a committee of Jaycees, of the dog problem existing in Nitro, and the Committee were working on a solution to the problem, such as making a county wide project, setting up a centrally located animal shelter in the County, a dog catcher to make periodical visits to all the towns in Kanawha County, the towns paying the expenses of the operation of animal shelter. Such a plan will take the cooperation of all towns in Kanawha County. Councilman Bela moved that Nitro City Government take steps to cooperate with other towns, in the immediate vicinity and the Nitro Junior Chamber of Commerce, in accordance with their suggested plan, with the intent to establish a cooperative animal shelter and kennel keeper. Councilman Grass seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

March 10, 1948

The City Council met in special session on the 10th of March, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C.Richiusa, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins members of Council. There was also present a group of residents of Crawford City and East Nitro.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of the meeting was a second discussion of annexation of territory known as Crawford City and East Nitro.

Mayor Alexander ask the Recorder to read minutes of special session of Council held on February 24th.

Several questions discussed mentioned in said minutes, were again discussed by the group, they were: boundary lines, reduction of fire insurance rates, sewage disposal, cost of installing fire hydrants and police protection.

In the discussion of fire insurance rates, the question was raised as to this territory being within the two mile radius of the fire station.

The Mayor informed the group that the petitions had been circulated in East Nitro and Crawford City in order that the Council may get the opinion of residents of said area about becoming a part of the City limits and that it was for the Council to decide as to an election regarding such a question and decision of an election would be made at the next session of Council.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

March 13, 1948

The City Council met in special session March 13th 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C.Richiusa, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, R.O.Zerbe members of Council and W.J.Sampson, City Building Inspector.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and explained that purpose of the meeting was for discussion and an understanding of the Building Inspector Position.

Mr. Postlethwaite and Mr. McKinney, local plumbers, appeared before the Council and both informed the Council that in their opinion the plumbing conditions in Nitro are serious and have been for years and that they believe Mr. Sampson is trying to enforce the laws.

It was explained by Mayor Alexander that there had been a number of misunderstandings and he asked the Council for guidance.

Councilman Collins suggested that the group of people be ask into a Council meeting or that each member of the Council contact the people personally regarding the regress and reaction to date regarding the building code and the enforcement.

It was decided that the persons who have been granted building permits be contacted by the Council and a meeting be held within a week for the Council to make a decision regarding this situation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W.Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

March 16, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 16th of March, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, R.O.Zerbe, Andy Bela, members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of meeting held on March 2nd and March 10th and March 13th, 1948.

Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved as corrected. Councilman Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement for the month of February, were presented.

Councilman Collins moved Financial Statement be accepted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Motion carried.

The Council entered into a discussion of question of annexation of territory known as Crawford City and East Nitro. The idea was expressed as to setting back the incorporation line to only include area extending to end of sidewalk in Crawford City.

The group was informed that in order for the Council to call an election a petition from 10% of the inhabitants of Nitro City limits expressing the desire to annex the territory in question, should be presented to the Council.

The matter of annexation was tabled until such time a petition came from the people of the City of Nitro.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W.Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

March 20, 1948

The City Council met in special session on the 20th of March, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, R.O.Zerbe, Andy Bela, C.C.Richiusa, Jerome Collins members of the Council and W.J.Sampson, City Building Inspector.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and explained that the meeting was a continuation of meeting held March 13th at which time a discussion of Building Inspector position took place.

Councilman Zerbe reported on his findings in contacting people, who have been granted building permits. Where violations of the Code was involved, two of the people contacted, said the Code could not be enforced in Nitro. Suggestions had been made as to changes in the Code. It seems that where there has been a violation of the Building Code there has been resentment expressed both to the Code and enforcement of the Code. The other persons contacted had no complaint to make.

The group present entered into a discussion regarding reaction to the Building Code and its enforcement.

Mr. Sampson's resignation as City Building Inspector was read to the Council.

This matter was tabled until the next regular session of Council.

The meeting was adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W.Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis.  
Grace Lewis, Recorder



April 6, 1948

The City Council met in regular session April 6, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, and C.C.Richiusa members of City Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read minutes of regular session held March 16th. and special session held March 20th.

Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved as read, the motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander read to the Council resignation of Mr. W.J.Sampson as City Building Inspector, as presented to the Council March 20th.

A survey, made by Councilman Zerbe, was read to the Council, regarding contacts made with people who had been granted building permits.

Councilman Grass moved that Mr. Sampson's resignation be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

The Council entered a discussion of Howard King's application for a building permit for an extension to his house on 10th Street. The application had been rejected as the plans did not comply with the Building line of 15 feet set back from the property line. It was decided that the Zoning Commission would have to rule on this question.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

"I, C.C.Richiusa, move that the following be adopted:

WHEREAS, the City of Nitro, shall hold an Election of Officers on the 1st. day of June, 1948, as provided by Section 4, Article 3, Chapter 8, Code of 1943, State of West Virginia, Therefore be it:

"RESOLVED, that all nominations be made by certificates and signed by the required number of voters, and filed with the Recorder of the City not later than the 1st. day of May, 1948, as provided by Section 16, Article 3, Chapter 8, Code of 1943, of the State of West Virginia.

"Be it further Resolved: That each candidate shall pay the sum of \$5.00 at the time of filing certificate with the Recorder, said sum to be entered in the General Receipts of the City of Nitro.

"Be it further resolved: That the voting presincts for said Election shall be in Kanawha County: Precinct No. 260; Precinct No 261; Precinct No 283; and in Putnam County Precinct No. 22, as established under the authority of Section 10a, Article 1, Chapter 3, Code of 1943, of the State of West Virginia."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass and upon vote by the Council the motion was declared carried.

Councilman Bela moved that the Power Company be requested to install a street light between Holman Motor Sales Garage and Comstock's Garage on 2nd. Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the Water Company had agreed to furnish the paint for the building and the City and Kanawha Valley Leader were to furnish the labor.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the City pay for half the labor of painting the building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Councilman Bela read a letter from the Public Service Commission in answer to complaint made by a letter from the City regarding the high water rates in Nitro. The letter from the Public Service Commission advised that letters were not formal complaints and set up the proper procedure of making such complaints.

Mayor Alexander temporarily appointed Mr. J.E. Roark as City Building Inspector.

Councilman Richiusa moved that Council approve the temporary appointment of Mr. Roark as City Building Inspector. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

April 21, 1948

The City Council met in regular session April 21, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, C.C.Richiusa, Andy Bela members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of session of Council held April 6th were read.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Collins, Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement for the month of March were presented.

Councilman Richiusa moved the Financial Statement be accepted, motion seconded by Councilman Bela. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Mr. H.L. VanNetta's term as a member of the Park Board expired this month. The Council entered a discussion of appointing a Park Commissioner.

Councilman Collins moved that this matter be tabled until the next meeting of the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Mr. Roark, Building Inspector, suggested to the Council, the elimination of the City inspection of new gas systems as the Gas Company always made a thorough test of every system before connecting the gas meter and Mr. Roark felt that the City inspection was unnecessary.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the Building Code be amended to the effect that the Gas Company's test be the final and only test made to the gas lines in buildings in the City. Councilman Grass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa informed the Council that he would have the completed plans for the new city building at the next council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Grace Lewis*  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

*W.W. Alexander*  
W.W.Alexander, Mayor

May 5, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 5th of May, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela, and C.C.Richiusa, members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of regular session held April 21st were read.

Councilman Collins moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion Carried.

The certificates of nomination for office were presented to the Council.

Councilman Richiusa moved that Council approve the certificates of nomination as candidates for election on June 1, 1948, as follows:

MAYOR

W.W."Bill" Alexander

RECORDER

Grace Lewis

COUNCIL

Charlie Richiusa

R.O."Dick" Zerbe

Andy Bela

L.O."Pop" Grass

H.B."Harry" Marshall

M.L.Bush

R.Jerome Collins

W.H."Bill" Jones

Carl Harris

M.P."Mickey" Francesco

Dale M. Curtis

Dow L. Steele

H.Robert "Bob" Spence

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bela and upon vote motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa presented to the Council the completed plans for the new city hall.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the following persons be appointed to serve as Election Officials in the City Election to be held June 1, 1948, the motion was seconded by Councilman Grass, Motion carried:

PRECINCT No. 260

Phil Arthur	Receiving Clerk
Norman Phelps	Receiving Clerk
Mrs. Calvin Deem	Receiving Commissioner
McDowell Staton	Receiving Commissioner
Mrs. Elmer Miller	Receiving Commissioner
J.F. McClanahan	Counting Clerk
Fay Harper	Counting Clerk
Ezra Gillispie	Counting Commissioner
Mrs. Ruby Wallace	Counting Commissioner
Mrs. Lucy Stover	Counting Commissioner

PRECINCT No. 261

Mrs. Irene Coe	Receiving Clerk
Earle H. Cooper	Receiving Clerk
L.F. Harbranft	Receiving Commissioner
Jay McGill	Receiving Commissioner
Mrs. Hilda Kilgore	Receiving Commissioner
Mrs. Edith Wright	Counting Clerk
Mrs. Mary King	Counting Clerk
W.L. Wintz	Counting Commissioner
Mrs. Norma McGill	Counting Commissioner
Mrs. Velma Kinder	Counting Commissioner

PRECINCT No. 283

M.W. Harman	Receiving Clerk
Mrs. Gaye Galloway	Receiving Clerk
W.P. Wilson	Receiving Commissioner
George Grove	Receiving Commissioner
Ed Colcord	Receiving Commissioner
W.A.B. Vivian	Counting Clerk
Mrs. Blanche Baumgartner	Counting Clerk
Mrs. Amy Yates	Counting Commissioner
Mrs. Helen Colcord	Counting Commissioner
A.L. Jordan	Counting Commissioner

PRECINCT No. 22

H.O. Lyons	Receiving Clerk
Ray Butler	Receiving Clerk
R.M. Tormey	Receiving Commissioner
Joe Stamm	Receiving Commissioner
Eugene Fowler	Receiving Commissioner
Z.S. Raves	Counting Clerk
George F. Hayes	Counting Clerk
Carl Stamm	Counting Commissioner
R.H. Cooper	Counting Commissioner
Mrs. Edna Scully	Counting Commissioner

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he had met with Mr. O'Neale and Mr. McAlpin, of the State Road Commission, regarding rightaway, which was sought from the New York Central Railroad Company. The rightaway is all that is holding up the completion of First Avenue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

May 18, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 18th. of May, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, Andy Bela, C.C.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe, Jerome Collins members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander, called the meeting to order.

The minutes of regular session held May 5th were read.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement for the month of April were presented to the Council. Councilman Richiusa moved that Council accept the financial statement. Councilman Zerbe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An Ordinance on Loud Speaking devices was read to the Council as follows:

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE OF SOUND OR LOUD SPEAKING DEVICES OR EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF NITRO.

Be It Ordained By the Common Council Of The City Of Nitro.

Section 1. No sound, musical, loud speaking or other loud noise-producing devices, apparatus or equipment, nor any vehicle equipped therewith, shall be used or operated within the corporate limits of the City of Nitro, nor on any streets, alleys or highways in said City, for advertising or any other purposes, without having first secured a permit from the Mayor, or other official designated by the Mayor to perform such duties; and any such permit shall be issued only upon the conditions and subject to the restrictions hereafter set forth.

Section 2. Any such permits as is hereinbefore authorized shall be granted only to such persons, groups, firms or organizations as are engaged in legitimate business enterprises. or are engaged in church, educational, fraternal, eleemosynary or civic enterprises or projects; and no permit shall be issued except for the hours from 12:00 o'clock noon to 1:00 o'clock P.M., and from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 7:00 o'clock P.M.; provided however, that the Mayor may, in his discretion, and for good cause shown, fix such other hours in any particular case shall seem proper under the circumstances. The granting of any such subject to such conditions and restrictions as to the Mayor, or official designated by him to perform such duties, shall seem just and reasonable under the circumstances having due regard for the best interests or the public,

the health, safety, peace and quiet of the community and the general welfare.

Section 3. Any person, firm or organization who shall violate or fail to comply with the provisions hereof, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than Five (\$5.00) nor more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00); with costs for each offence in the discretion of the Mayor.

All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, inconsistent hereiwht are hereby repealed.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Council adopt the foregoing Ordinance. Councilman Grass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman Richiusa and Grass as a committee to make a survey of the streets in an effort to determine the need of stop signs and street lights.

Councilman Bela moved that the Appalachian Electric Power Company be ask to install a street light on 2nd. Avenue on 26th. Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Motion carried.

Councilman Bela ask that a letter be written to The Charleston Transit Bus Company asking that the Company request their bus drivers to pull off the highway when making stops through Nitro.

Councilman Bela entered motion that Paul Downey be made a member of the Park Board to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of H.L.VanNetta's term of office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Motion carried unanimously.

The Recorder was instructed to write a letter to the Kroger Store requesting that a metal container with metal cover be placed at the rear of the Kroger Store to be used as garbage container.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder



June 2, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 2nd day of June, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor; Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, R.O.Zerbe, C.C.Richiusa, Andy Bela and Jerome Collins members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of meeting held May 18th.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he had instructed the police to check traffic on Second Avenue in an effort to eliminate the hazardous traffic condition on Second Avenue. Mayor Alexander appointed Councilmen Bela, Richiusa and Collins as a Traffic Committee to make a check on Second Avenue as to the parking condition.

Councilman Bela moved that the members of the City Council be paid \$5.00 per meeting, but in no event shall a member receive compensation for more than \$120.00 in any one fiscal year. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried, unanimously.

Councilman Bela entered motion that monthly salary of the Mayor and Recorder be increased \$37.50 on the month. Motion seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W.Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 7, 1948

The City Council met in special session for the purpose of canvassing the City Election held June 1, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, Andy Bela, C.C.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe, and Jerome Collins, members of the City Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder presented to the Council the certificates of results from each Precinct in the City, as follows:

Precinct 260, Union District.

54 Ballots cast, one ballot spoiled and the vote of Cecil Lawrence Lemma challenged.

Councilman Collins moved that the vote of Cecil Lawrence Lemma be counted. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

The count of votes cast in Precinct 260 being 56.

#### MAYOR

W.W."Bill" Alexander	49
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#### RECORDER

Grace Lewis	53
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#### COUNCIL

Charlie Richiusa	25
R.O."Dick" Zerbe	12
Andy Bela	12
L.O."Pop" Grass	29
E.B."Harry" Marshall	23
M.L.Bush	32
R. Jerome Collins	16
W.H."Bill" Jones	35
Carl Harris	9
M.P."Mickey" Francesco	11
Dale M. Curtis	9
Dow L. Steele	12
H. "Robert" Bob Spence	34

## Precinct 261 Union District

134 Ballots cast

## MAYOR

W.W."Bill" Alexander	114
Sampson	1

## RECORDER

Grace Lewis	125
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## COUNCIL

M.L.Bush	77
R.Jerome Collins	41
W.H."Bill" Jones	72
Carl Harris	27
M.P."Mickey" Francesco	11
Dale M. Curtis	13
Dow L. Steele	29
H. Robert "Bob" Spence	79
Charlie Richiusa	51
R.O."Dick" Zerbe	38
Andy Bela	30
L.O."Pop" Grass	92
H.B."Harry" Marshall	44

## Precinct 283 Union District

165 Ballots cast, challenged ballots of Menelous Peter Francesco, Onu E. Payne, Andrew Bela.

Councilman Collins moved that the challenged ballots of the afore named be counted. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

The count of votes cast in Precinct 283 being 168.

## MAYOR

W.W."Bill" Alexander	145
W.J.Sampson	1

## RECORDER

Grace Lewis	155
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## COUNCIL

Charlie Richiusa	97
R.O."Dick" Zerbe	91
L.O."Pop" Grass	78
Andy Bela	60
H.B. "Harry" Marshall	62

M.L.Bush	109
R.Jerome Collins	42
W.H."Bill" Jones	56
Carl Harris	18
M.P."Mickey" Francesco	51
Dale M. Curtis	27
Dow L. Steele	7
H.Robert "Bob" Spence	74

Precinct 22 Poca District

146 Ballots cast

MAYOR

W.W."Bill" Alexander	115
Lee Melton	1
Tee-Tat Wright	1
Walter Sampson	1

RECORDER

Grace Lewis	129
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COUNCIL

Charlie Richiusa	71
R.O.Dick Zerbe	46
Andy Bela	40
L.O."Pop" Grass	89
M.L.Bush	93
H.B."Harry" Marshall	56
R.Jerome Collins	50
W.H."Bill" Jones	52
Carl Harris	29
M.P."Mickey" Francesco	28
Dale M. Curtis	26
Dow L. Steele	22
H.Robert "Bob" Spence	68

The certificates of Results showing a total of 504 ballots cast in the City Election June 1, 1948.

MAYOR

W.W."Bill" Alexander	423
Walter Sampson	3
Tee-Tat Wright	1
Lee Melton	1

RECORDER

Grace Lewis	462
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## COUNCIL

M.L.Bush	312
L.O."Pop" Grass	288
H.Robert "Bob" Spence	255
Charlie Richiusa	244
W.H."Bill" Jones	215
R.O."Dick" Zerbe	187
H.B."Harry" Marshall	185
R. Jerome Collins	149
Andy Bela	142
M.P."Mickey" Francesco	101
Carl Harris	83
Dale M. Curtis	75
Dow L. Steele	70

Councilman Richiusa moved that the foregoing results of the City Election held June 1, 1948 be certified by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Upon vote motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the following election officials be paid \$5.00 by the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

## Precinct 260

McDowell Station	Commissioner of Election
E.A.Gillispie	" " "
Winnie R. Miller	" " "
Gertrude M. Deem	" " "
Chester A. Wente	" " "
Cleo Gillispie	" " "
N.S.Phelps	Clerk " "
E.E.Jordan	" " "
Fay Harper	" " "
Vera <del>Jane</del> Brewer	" " "

## Precinct 261

Mary King	Commissioner of Election
L.F.Hartranft	" " "
Lydia Briggs	" " "
Irene Coe	" " "
Velma O. Kinder	" " "
Norma D. Jones	" " "
Earl H. Cooper	Clerk " "
W.L.Wintz	" " "
Edith Wright	" " "
Norma McGill	" " "

## Precinct 283

W.P.Wilson  
 George H. Grove  
 E.C.Colcord, Jr.  
 A.L.Jordan  
 Amy Yates  
     Warren Peck  
 Gaye D. Galloway  
 W.A.B.Vivian  
 Helen Colcord  
 Blanche Baumgartner

## Commissioner of Election

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"	"	"
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Clerk	"	"
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## Precinct 22

J.W.Stamm  
 Gladys M. Whit ington  
 B.F.McDaniel  
 Robert H. Cooper  
 Harry P. Selby, Jr.  
 S.D.Lyons  
 Mary Catherine Reno  
 Ray Butler  
 L.W.Cain  
 Mrs. J.E.Roark

## Commissioner of Election

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Clerk	"	"
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There being no further Business the meeting was adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 15, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 15th day of June, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, J.J.Richiusa, R.O.Zerbe, L.O.Grass, Jerome Collins, Andy Bela members of the Council and Dennis R. Krapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of regular session of Council, held June 2nd and special session held June 7th were read. Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved, seconded by Councilman Zerbe. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement for month of May, 1948 were presented to the Council.

In a report from the Traffic Committee, regarding Second Avenue traffic, it was suggested that all trucks and cars pull off the road as far as possible when parking on 2nd. Avenue. The committee recommended that the parking on Second Avenue should not be restricted but the speed limit should be enforced rigidly, that stop signs should be placed on all streets entering Second Ave. and that speed limit signs should be placed on Second Avenue. That a survey of the area of Second Avenue should be made and clear out obstructions encroaching on the highway.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that there had been numerous false fire alarms coming into the fire station and suggested to the Council that a reward should be offered in an effort to eliminate false fire alarms.

Councilman Zerbe moved that a reward in the amount of \$20.00 be offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person turning in a false alarm. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he had been contacted by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company regarding a rightway to construct a cable line from 5th Street down Second Avenue to 25th Street, that the Telephone Company are making plans for a free service from Nitro, St. Albans and Charleston area. The Council granted a rightway to the Telephone Company for the construction of a cable line extending from the railroad crossing at 5th. Street down Second Avenue to 25th. Street.

The matter of construction of the new city building was discussed by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Alexander informed the Council that in a meeting with the State Tax Commissioner he had been informed that the City could not hold any sum of money in reserve for any purpose and that there was not any ~~xx~~ means of taxation for the City of Nitro to raise sufficient funds for construction of a city building. Since the City realizes approximately \$10,000 per year from the gross sales tax, which is for the purpose of construction of a city hall, a suggestion was made to ask the Civic Benefits Association for an advance to cover the cost of immediate construction of the City hall.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the City ask the Civic Benefits Association for an advance of \$40,000 for immediate construction of the City hall, that \$10,000 be deducted from amount paid to the City annually by the Civic Benefits Association. Councilman Grass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcement was made that the Nitro Sewer Company have been cited by the Water Commission to appear at a hearing on June 22nd to show reason why steps are not being taken to provide sewage treatment for Nitro. Mayor Alexander ask the Committee from the Council to attend this hearing.

The question of dividing Nitro into wards was discussed by the Council. This matter was tabled for the present.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*  
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Grace Lewis, Recorder



JULY 6, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 6th of July, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiusa, M.L.Bush, H.R.Spence, W.H.Jones members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of meeting held June 15, 1948.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed the following committees to serve from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Grace Lewis, Chairman, W.W.Alexander, C.C.Richiusa and W.H.Jones.

WATER COMMITTEE: C.C.Richiusa, Chairman, M.L.Bush, and H.R.Spence.

FIRE DEPT.: W.H.Jones, Chairman, L.O.Grass and M.L.Bush.

POLICE COMMITTEE: W.W.Alexander, Chairman, Grace Lewis, W.H.Jones, and C.C.Richiusa.

BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE: C.C.Richiusa, Chairman, W.W.Alexander, M.L.Bush, H.R.Spence and J.E.Roark.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: M.L.Bush, Chairman, L.O.Grass and H.R.Spence.

SEWAGE COMMITTEE: All members of the Council with C.C.Richiusa, Chairman.

ANNEXATION OR EXPANDING COMMITTEE: H.R.Spence, Chairman, M.L.Bush and W.H.Jones.

SANITATION COMMITTEE: L.O.Grass, Chairman, W.H.Jones and M.L.Bush.

Mayor Alexander recommended the reappointment of Dennis R. Knapp as City Attorney and J.E.Roark as City Building Inspector.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the recommendation of the Mayor be confirmed. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

A letter from the Civic Benefits Association was read to the Council, granting an increase in the Salary of the Chief and two firemen of \$13.00 per month each and of the lieutenant of \$18.00 per month.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that Council confirm the Civic Benefits Association of salary increase for the firemen, effective July 1, 1948, making the Chief's salary \$200.00 per month; the lieutenant \$195.00 and the firemen \$190.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

The question of speeding on 3rd. Avenue, being especially bad during the noon hour, was discussed. Mayor Alexander announced that traffic signs were being made and would be put up as soon as possible.

It was announced that the Southern Supply, Ohio Apex, Nitro Pencil Company, Nitro Industrial Corporation and Appalachian Power Company had agreed to advance their portion of the \$40,000 for financing the City Hall as requested by the City Council.

Councilman Bush called attention to the fact that the sidewalk on 32nd Street had not been replaced by the W.Va. Water Service Company after the Company had torn out the sidewalk while repairing water line. Mayor Alexander said that he would contact Mr. Curtis of the Water Company regarding this matter.

Mention was made regarding the sign of Childer's Used Car Lot obstructing the view of the highway from motorist coming out of Grover's Service Station. It was decided to ask the owner of the used car lot to remedy this matter.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W.ALEXANDER, MAYOR

*Grace Lewis*  
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GRACE LEWIS, RECORDER

July 27, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 27th of July, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C.Richiusa, M.I.Bush, T.C.Grass, H.R.Spence, W.H.Jones members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of last session held July 6th were read.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement for the month of June were presented to the Council.

Councilman Richiusa moved Financial Statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Reports were made that 42nd Street had been repaved by the Water Company and that the owners of the Used Car Lot on 1st Street had agreed to move the sign, which was obstructing the motorist's view of First Avenue.

Councilman Spence moved that the police each be given a \$25.00 raise ~~xxxx~~ per month in salary, effective August 1st. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Those voting in favor of motion: Councilmen Spence, Jones and Bush. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones moved that the Desk Sargeant's salary be increased \$15.00 per month, effective August 1st. Councilman Spence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander reappointed Councilman Richiusa as member of the Park Board. Council confirmed the appointment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 3, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 3rd of August, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, M.L.Bush, L.O.Grass, H.R.Spence and W.R.Jones members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of last meeting held July 27th were read. Councilman Spence moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

In mentioning the dog problem existing in Nitro, it was brought out that the committee from the Junior Chamber of Commerce was still working on a solution to this problem be means of a centrally located dog pound.

Needed repairs to 21st Street bridge was discussed.

The business places on Bank Street are to be contacted and ask not to sweep trash from the stores into the Street.

Councilman Spence moved that Council meet in regular meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and that special meetings be called at any time the occasion should arise. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 11th. 1948

The City Council met in special session on the 10th of August, 1948, for the purpose of making up the Levy Estimate for the current year 1948-49.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, Harry R. Spence, Jr., W.H.Jones, L.O.Grass and Marion L. Bush members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The following levy and estimates were presented and signed by the Council:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a special session of the council of the municipality of Nitro held in the council chambers thereof, in the city building on Wednesday, the 11th day of August, 1948, there were present:

W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recording Officer and Harry R. Spence, Jr., W.H.Jones, L.O.Grass and Marion L. Bush members of the Council of said municipality.

In accordance with Section 14, Article 8, Chapter 67, Acts 1933, Second Extraordinary Session, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

#### CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

##### ESTIMATE

(1) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year, EXCEPT FROM THE LEVY OF TAXES To be made for the year.

Balance in the hands of city treasurer .....	\$ 10,365.52
Balance in hands of sheriff .....	-----
Redemption and sale of delinquent lands .....	25.00
Police fines and costs .....	4,050.00
Permits-building, street, sewer and other .....	270.00
Parking meters .....	-----
State Liquor Commission (profit) .....	2,374.48
Paving and sewer assessments (advanced from general fund)	20.00
Civic Benefits Association .....	48,285.00
Taxes: Gross Sales .....	10,000.00
Capitation and dog .....	1,000.00
Franchise .....	25.00
Consumers' Sales (Liquor) .....	7,500.00

## Licenses:

Electricians and plumbers .....	\$ 200.00
General .....	1,200.00
Miscellaneous .....	2,000.00
Total estimated receipts .....	88,650.00

## ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES:

Salary of Mayor .....	850.00
Salary of Recorder .....	1,650.00
Salary of Treasurer .....	600.00
Trial Fees - Police court .....	1,250.00
Salary of City Attorney .....	500.00
Salaries of Councilmen .....	600.00
Salaries of Assistants and Clerks .....	35.00
Salaries of Chief and one police .....	5,700.00
New Equipment Police Department .....	1,500.00
General Expenses Police Department .....	1,300.00
Salaries and expenses feeding prisoners .....	925.00
Salaries Chief and 3 Firemen .....	9,500.00
New Equipment Fire Department .....	800.00
General Expenses Fire Department .....	800.00
Janitor's Salaries and supplies .....	25.00
Repairs to City Building and Jail .....	20.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Office machines .....	150.00
Stationery, office supplies and equipment .....	425.00
Postage .....	35.00
Water - fire protection, streets and sewers .....	6,000.00
Water - City Building and other purposes .....	105.00
Lights for street lighting .....	1,770.00
Light - City Building, traffic lights, etc. ....	220.00
Repairs Street and traffic light .....	10.00
Fuel, heating City Building .....	180.00
Telephone and Telegraph .....	195.00
Legal Publications .....	250.00
Insurance on City Building and other property .....	250.00
Premiums, Policemen's and official bonds .....	115.00
Election expenses .....	500.00
Attorneys' fees, court costs and damages .....	200.00
General Expenses, Engineering Department .....	100.00
Salaries and wages all street employees .....	3,000.00
New Equipment Street Department .....	200.00
Materials, supplies and expenses, Street Department ....	3,189.00
Construction of new streets, sidewalks and sewers .....	150.00
Workmens Compensation premiums .....	130.00
Audit by Tax Commissioner .....	125.00
Refunding erroneous payments .....	150.00
Municipal dues .....	30.00
Traveling and car expenses of city officials .....	50.00
Contingent expenses .....	500.00
Construction City Hall .....	50,000.00
Total Current Expenses .....	94,084.00

Total Estimated Disbursements .....	\$ 94,084.00
Less estimated receipts .....	<u>88,650.00</u>
Net amount to be raised by levy .....	\$ 5,434.00
TOTAL LEVY .....	5,434.00

An the council doth determine and estimate that it will be necessary to raise by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for current regular municipal purposes the amount of \$ 5,434. and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each of property, viz:

Fourteen and one quarter cents (14.25 ¢) on Class No.I property,  
 Twenty eight and one half cents (28.5 ¢) on Class No.II " and,  
 Fifty seven cents (57 ¢) on Class No.IV "

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Authorized Rates		Proposed Taxes Levied Rates	
Number I					
Personal Property	\$ 106,425.	9.5¢	4.75¢	14.25¢	\$ 152.
Public Utility Property	86,000.	9.5¢	4.75¢	14.25¢	123.
Total Class No I	<u>192,425.</u>				<u>275.</u>
Number II					
Real Estate	516,950.	19 ¢	28.5 ¢	28.5 ¢	1,473.
Number IV					
Real Estate	307,070.	38 ¢	19 ¢	57 ¢	1,750.
Personal Property	128,570.	38 ¢	19 ¢	57 ¢	733.
Public Utility Property	<u>211,000.</u>	38 ¢	19 ¢	57 ¢	<u>1,203.</u>
Total Class IV	646,640.				3,686.
TOTAL LEVY	1,356,015.				5,434.

## MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES -- INTEREST AND SINKING FUND ESTIMATE

The Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for interest, sinking fund and amortization requirements of bonded indebtedness, legally incurred by a vote of the people as provided by law, since the adoption of the tax limitation amendment, owing by said municipality, as follows:

BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

Date of Vote	ORIGINAL	Amount			
Authorizing	Amount of	of Bonds	Amount required for		
Issue	Issue	Outstanding	Sinking Fund	Interest	Total
10/20/38	\$16,000.	\$ 11,200.	\$600.	\$ 306.	\$ 906.

Delinquent taxes and Exonerations Estimated  
at 10 \$ 91.

Total Amount to be Raised by A Levy of taxes 999.  
and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed  
to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of  
property, viz:

## AUTHORIZED RATES

Three cents ( 3¢) on Class No I Property,  
Six Cents ( 6¢) on Class No II Property, and,  
Twelve cents ( 12¢) on Class No IV Property,

For the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment there-  
in as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied
NUMBER I			
Personal Property	\$ 106,425.	3 ¢	\$ 32.
Public Utility Property	86,000.	3 ¢	26.
Total Class No I	192,425.		58.
Number II			
Real Estate	816,950.	6 ¢	\$10.



## NUMBER IV

Real Estate	308,070.	188	312.
Personal Property	200,000.	107	211.
Other Assets	<u>11,000.</u>	118	<u>122.</u>
Liabilities	11,000.		111.
Net Assets	\$ 1,356.015.		\$ 1,113.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 17, 1948

The City Council met in special session on the 17th of August, 1948, for the purpose of laying the levies for the current year and to take care of any other business.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.R.Jones, F.R.Spence, C.C.Richiusa, M.L.Bush and L.O.Grass members of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

Minutes of meeting held July 27th and August 11th were read. Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement for the month of July were presented to the Council. Councilman Richiusa moved financial statement be accepted, motion seconded by Councilman Spence. Motion carried.

Copies of the Levy Order were presented to the Council for signing as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, To-wit:

At a regular session of the Council of the Municipality of Nitro, West Virginia, held in the Council chamber thereof on Tuesday, the 17th of August, 1948; Present W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Recording Officer Grace Lewis, and C.C.Richiusa, Marion L. Bush, L.O.Grass, F.R.Spence, Jr. and W.R.Jones members of the council of said Municipality.

#### CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL LEVY ORDER

The Council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for regular municipal purposes will be \$ 5,434., according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 11th day of August, 1948, and said estimate having been published as required by law, and no one appearing to oppose the same or to take exception thereto, and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levy proposed therein, be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Fourteen & one quarter cents ( 14.25 ¢ ) on Class No:I property  
 Twenty-eight & one half cents ( 28.5 ¢ ) on Class No:II "  
 Fifty - seven cents ( 57 ¢ ) on Class No:IV "

for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein,  
 as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 106,425.	14.25 ¢	\$ 152.
Public Utility Property	86,000.	14/25 ¢	123.
Total Class No. I	192,425.		275.
Number II			
Real Estate	516,950.	28.5 ¢	1,473.
Number IV			
Real Estate	307,070.	57. ¢	1,750.
Personal Property	128,570.	57 ¢	733.
Public Utility Property	211,000.	57 ¢	1,203.
Total Class No. IV	646,640.		3,686.
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,256,015.		\$ 5,434.

#### MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES - INTEREST AND SINKING ORDER

#### BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

The Council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year to pay the interest on and provide a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal of a bond issue of \$ 16,000. will be \$ 999. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 11th day of August 1948, and said estimate having been published as required by law and no one appearing to oppose the same or take exception thereto and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levies proposed therein be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of

property, viz:

# AUTHORIZED RATES

Three cents ( 3 ¢ ) on Class No. I property,  
Six cents ( 6 ¢ ) on Class No. II property, and  
Twelve cents ( 12 ¢ ) on Class No. IV property,  
for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein,  
as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate of Levy	Taxes Levied (Whole Dollars)
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 106,425.	3 ¢	\$ 32.
Public Utility Property	86,000.	3 ¢	26.
Total Class No. I	192,425.		58
Number II			
Real Estate	516,950.	6 ¢	310.
Number IV			
Real Estate	307,070.	12 ¢	368.
Personal Property	128,570.	12 ¢	154.
Public Utility Property	211,000.	12 ¢	253.
Total Class No. IV	646,640.		775.
TOTAL LEVY	1,356,015.		1,143.

Councilman Jones entered motion that check in amount of \$ 55.00, donated to the City by the Nitro Salvage Board, to be used as the Council saw fit, be placed in the Building Fund of the new city hall. Motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones moved that a new street light be placed on the corner of 27th Street at 2nd Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilman Spence. Motion carried.

In a discussion of the congested traffic area on 23rd Street it was decided to eliminate angle parking beside the Professional Building on 23rd Street.

Report was made of the pavement caving in on 19th Street brought on by repairs made by the Water Company to water lines. The Water Company is to be contacted regarding this situation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

September 21, 1948

The City Council met in regular session on the 21st of September, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, H.R.Spence, W.H.Jones, L.O.Grass, M.L.Bush and C.C. Richiusa members of the City Council and Dennie r. Knapp City Attorney.

The minutes of meeting held August 17th were read. Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Copies of the financial statement were presented to the Council. Councilman Richiusa moved financial statement be accepted, motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones reported that he had been receiving complaints on the sign of Childer's Used Car Lot; which blocked the motorist's view. Mayor Alexander is to again contact the owner of the Used Car Lot about moving this sign.

Councilman Bush reported he had observed that around the business places and vacent lots in Civic Center there was considerable trash and dirt that could be cleaned up. Mayor Alexander said he had contacted some of the business owners recently and requested the trash be cleaned up.

Councilman Grass reported that he had had a number of complaints of a tree on 25th Street that needed trimming. Mayor Alexander ask that Councilman Grass contact the owner of the tree and ask them to trim the tree.

Mayor Alexander announced that the Building and Planning Committee had met last week and completed plans for receiving bids on the new city hall. The sealed bids are to be returned by October 5th and opened at a special session of the Council held the evening of the 5th.

The Mayor ask for a report on the expansion program. Councilman Spence reported that he had all the material on the expansion program and as soon as it was typed it would be ready for distrubution.

The Mayor informed the Council that the Attorney advised refunding gross sales tax, in amount of \$154.94, to the Nitro Taxi Company, that upon an investigation of the matter it had been learned that Taxi companies were exempt from paying gross sales tax.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the City refund gross sales tax, in amount of \$154.94, to the Nitro Taxi Company and that the Attorney investigate other means of taxation on Taxi companies. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander announced that on September 15th Farley V. Huddleston had resigned as Patrolman and that Lloyd McCallister had been appointed to replace Mr. Huddleston. Mayor Alexander ask for the Council's confirmation of the appointment of Mr. McCallister.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the Council accept the resignation of Farley V. Huddleston as patrolman. Councilman Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa moved the city council confirm the appointment of Lloyd McCallister. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

The matter of cinder-ring the road of Nitro Heights was discussed by the council. The council agreed that this road should be cindered.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder

October 12, 1948

The City Council met in special session October 12, 1948 for the purpose of opening the bids presented on construction of the City Hall Building.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, C.C. Richiusa and W.H.Jones members of the city council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

Mayor Alexander presented the bids on City hall construction as follows:

H.B.Agsten, Jr.	\$ 93,136.00
Moyer Brothers	91,035.00
Oliver and Walker	79,644.00

Councilman Richiusa moved that all the bids be rejected. Councilman Grass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa proposed the building be broken down for material costs, at to whether the city shall proceed in subcontracting for construction of the city hall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

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W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder

October 26, 1948

The City Council met in special session on the 26th of October, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, M.L.Bush, L.O.Grass members of the City Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of regular session of the council held September 21st and special session on the 12th of October were read.

Councilman Jones minutes be approved as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Copies of September's financial statement were presented.

Councilman Bush moved financial statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Report was made that 31st Street road had been cindered.

Councilman Jones moved that the City Council hereby levy upon each and every public utility business operating with the city, including taxi and bus companies, an annual tax of \$200.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones moved that a member of the Fire Department and the Sanitation Commissioner make an inspection in the City once every 60 days. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander was authorized to investigate and purchase reasonably priced bed clothing for the fire station.

Councilman Grass moved that the city police be granted a weeks vacation with pay, after having served the city for one year. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones moved that the City apply for membership with the Building Officials Conference of America, the annual dues of \$10.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Councilman Grass moved that the City purchase blinker light for the police car for 25 dollars. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder



November 16, 1948

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, November 16, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, W.H.Jones, M.L.Bush, H.R.Spence and C.C.Richiusa members of the City Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of special session of Council held October 26th.

Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved. Seconded by Councilman Spence, motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement were presented to the Council.

Councilman Spence moved Financial Statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

It was announced that the Fire Chief and Sanitation Commissioner had made one inspection, that such inspection will educate the public to elimination of fire hazards.

Councilman Jones moved that the Desk Sargeant be granted a weeks vacation with pay. Councilman Spence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Spence selected the date of November 19th for Committee meeting of annexation program.

Councilman Richiusa announced that he would probably have the cost of building materials for the new city building by the next meeting of the Council.

Mayor Alexander read the telephone rate increase temporarily granted by the Public Service Commission effective April 1, 1949.

\$ 10.50	Business
4.75	Residence
4.00	Two Party
3.50	Four Party

Permitting at least 25 free message units to Charleston.

Second proposal submitted to the Public Service Commission on November 8, 1948.

\$ 13.00	Business
6.00	Residence
5.00	Two Party
4.00	Four Party

Permitting 75 message units to Charleston - each additional message unit beyond 75 will be 5 cents each.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the City Council file a protest with the Public Service Commission, protesting a telephone rate increase for the Nitro area, as has been requested by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Abence. Motion carried.

The question of rebuilding the 21st. Street bridge was discussed. Mayor Alexander suggested having the Engineer of the State Road Commission make an estimate of cost of rebuilding the bridge.

The problem of the flow of Armours Creed being blocked by an obstruction in the bridge at 31st Street was discussed. Mayor Alexander is to have this obstruction checked as to means of elimination.

The Attorney was ask to check the request made by the New York Central Railroad Company of the Public Service Commission to take off two daily passenger trains.

Councilman Spence pointed out that some of the call boxes of the Taxi Company were poorly located, the box on 40th Street and 1st Avenue especially, as it created dangerous parking of cabs at the intersection.

Mr. Childers is again to be contacted regarding the removal of the sign of the Used Car Lot at 41st Street.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

December 14th, 1948

The City Council met Tuesday, December 14, 1948.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, M.L.Bush, L.O.Grass, C.C.Richiuse members of the City Council and Dennis E. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of Council meeting held November 16th were read.

Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Copies of Financial Statement were presented. Councilman Richiuse moved Financial Statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

Councilman Richiuse reported that he had most of the building material costs for the new city building and he was of the opinion that the city could go ahead and start buying the materials for the minimum requirements needed, that there has been some substitutions on various materials.

Councilman Bush reported that he had observed the 1st Street Bridge and was of the opinion that the piers could not be removed and that in order to keep down the overflow of the creek, throwing of brush and trash in the upper part of the creek should be eliminated.

Councilman Bush reported that he had attended the meeting with the Charleston Transit Bus representatives and the Mayor and Council of St. Albans. Complaints regarding bus service were heard and also suggested remedies.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Mr. Mollohan of the Power Company was checking the traffic light in order to see if the light could be fixed.

Councilman Richiuse moved that the Council accept the recommendation of Mr. Mollohan regarding the traffic light. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

The Mayor Was authorized to check the need of a street light on Third Avenue and order a light installed if light was needed.

The Attorney presented to the Council the following Ordinances:

"An Ordinance vesting authority in the Mayor and City Recorder to issue warrants for all offenses committed within the Police jurisdiction of the City of Nitro,

Be It Ordained By The Council Of The City Of Nitro:

The Mayor and the City Recorder shall have authority to issue warrants for all offenses committed within the police jurisdiction of the City of Nitro, West Virginia."

An Ordinance Providing A Penalty For the Violation of The City of Nitro, West Virginia, Where No Penalty Is Otherwise Provided:

Be It Ordained By The Council Of The City of Nitro:

Any person, persons, firms, association, corporations or other convicted under any ordinance of this City, where no penalty or fine is otherwise provided for in said ordinance, shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars nor more than One Hundred Dollars or imprisoned not more than ten days, or both, in the discretion of the Mayor."

Councilman Peihuse moved that Council adopt the above ordinances. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

January 11, 1949

The Building and Planning Board met January 11, 1949 for the purpose of discussing building the city hall.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, G.C.Richiusa, M.L.Bush, H.R.Spence and J.E.Roark members of the Building and Planning Committee and Grace Lewis, L.O.Grass and W.H.Jones.

The meeting was called to order.

Councilmen Richiusa informed the Board that he had listed all required materials, with a few exceptions, and that the cost of the materials would amount to approximately \$30,000.

The Board decided that the Council should proceed to purchase the materials needed for the city hall and start building as soon as possible.

The Board also thought that ~~that~~ that city should ask for a leave of absence from the Viescoe plant for Mr. Roark in order that Mr. Roark could act as a supervisor of construction of the city hall.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

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W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder

January 25, 1949

The City Council met January 25, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C.Richiusa, H.R.Spence, L.O.Grass, W.H.Jones and M.L.Bush members of the city council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of last regular session of Council were read. Councilman Spence moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Copies of the financial statement for month of December were presented to the Council. Councilman Richiusa moved financial statement be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Spence suggested that Comstock Garage owner be ask not to store oil and drums on lot adjoining F. & E Dairy Bar.

Councilman Jones mentioned the hazard created by cars parking on both sides of 23rd Street.

Mention was made of water standing on sidewalk beside the Professional Building on 23rd Street. It was suggested that the property owner be contacted regarding a remedy for this matter.

In a report on the Traffic light, Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Mr. Mollehan was writing a letter to be sent to the Darley Company regarding the traffic light and was also sending the controller of the light back to the Company.

It was announced that Mr. Roark could not obtain a leave of absence from the Viscose to supervise the building of the city hall and that the committee was to ask Mr. Vivian to consider doing the supervision.

A request was made that a street light be placed near the city limit line on 40th Street Road and a light on 22nd Street and Second Avenue.

Mayor Alexander ask for the Council's confirmation of appointment of Hobart Ash as Chief of Police.

Councilman Richiusa moved that Council confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Ash as Chief of Police. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The question of buying a new police car was discussed by Mayor and Council. The Council authorized the Mayor to make a deal for a new car for \$300.00 or less.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

February 15, 1949

The City Council met in regular session on the 15th of February, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, H.R.Spence and M.L.Bush members of the City Council. W.H.Jones, Councilman was representing the City Council at the Air Pollution Hearing being held in the State Capitol Building.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of last meeting held January 25, 1949 were read.

Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Copies of the financial statement were presented to the Council.

Councilman Grass moved the statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Mr. Vivian was not able to act as pusher on the City hall job and that the Committee has intervied and hired Mr. Otto Reemelin as pusher and inspector for the job. Mr. Reemelin is to receive two percent of the total cost of the building and will begin work the 1st of March.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the new police car had been ordered from Holman Motor Sales. A trade in had been made on the old car for \$300.00, the new car will be equipped with cushioned tires and heater.

Councilman Spence announced that he had the drawings of map ~~and~~ of area porposed to be incorporated into the city limits, and information ready to memographed. A meeting will be called within the next week.

The Mayor and Council discussed the needed repairs to 21st Street Bridge. The bridge is in a dangerous condition and should be rebuilt with concrete flooring. Residents of this area are trying to raise funds to be applied to rebuilding the bridge.

Chief Ellis is to make inspections of the business places and order all fire hazards cleaned up.

Councilman Spence mentioned sewer brake at the head of 10th Street. Mayor Alexander announced that an effort was being made to repair all the faulty sewers and drains, new drains have already been put in on 8th, 13th and 14th Streets and that the head of 18th Street there is a bad condition that needs immediate attention.

Councilman Spence moved that the following certificate be sent to the Kanawha Valley Bank. Councilman Bush seconded the motion, motion carried:

# CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

for

## CORPORATE ACCOUNT

I do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Nitro a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of West Virginia and having its principal place of business in Nitro, West Virginia, which resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the said Council, held February, 15, 1949, a quorum being present, and as set forth in the minute book of said corporation in my custody and control; and that the said resolution has not been recinded or modified and is not inconsistent with the Charter and By-Laws of the Corporation:

"RESOLVED: That the Kanawha Valley Bank of Charleston, West Virginia be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, drawn on this Corporation, including those drawn to the individual order of a signer, when signed in the following manner:

(Number of signatures required on each instrument) 2

(Manner of signing) W.W.Alexander, Mayor  
Grace Lewis, Recorder - Treasurer

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the following are officers of this corporation having been elected to hold office until their successors are elected:

Mayor W.W.Alexander

Treasurer Grace Lewis

Witness by hand and the official seal of this corporation this 15th day of February, 1949.

Grace Lewis, Recorder

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me by Grace Lewis this 16th day of February, 1949.

Dennis R. Knapp, Notary Public  
Putnam County

My commission expires June 5, 1956.



Girl Scout Troop 27 and Scout Leaders Mrs. Earnestine Jordan and Mrs Helen Colcord were visitors at the Council meeting. The girls ask the Mayor and Council question regarding the laws of the town.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned.

Grace Lewis

Grace Lewis, Recorder

W.W. Alexander

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

March 15, 1949

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 15th, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, L.O.Grass, H.R.Spence, W.H.Jones, M.L.Bush, members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, city attorney.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The minutes of meeting held February 15th were read. Councilman Spence moved minutes be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Copies of financial statement for month of February were presented. Councilman Bush moved financial statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Spence presented a report of annexation program, pointing out the advantages of incorporation. The council decided to have area, proposed to be annexed, surveyed.

Drainage condition on 10th Street was again discussed. Mayor Alexander and Councilman Jones are to make a check on this matter.

Councilman Jones suggested that 'City Limits' signs be placed in Pinegrove addition and 40th Street Road.

The Council ordered a letter be written to the owner of the Used Car Lot on 41st Street requesting that their sign be removed from the parkway.

Councilman Grass was ask to get 'No Angle Parking' signs placed on 23rd. Street.

Mr. Roark, Building Inspector, ask that the Building Code be revised, making the plumber on a job responsible for contacting the Building Inspector for an inspection on plumbing.

Councilman Spence moved that the Building Code be amended to require the Plumbers to report to the Building Inspector to make an inspection of plumbing. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones moved that the Plumbing license of C. Bailey be revoked. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

March 22, 1949

The City Council met in special session on the 22nd of March, 1949.

There were present: W.W. Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, M.L. Bush, C.C. Richiusa, W.H. Jones, L.O. Grass and H.R. Spence members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order and explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the possibility of the City paying for putting in a concrete pipe line from 18th Street to 19th Street, 3rd Avenue to take care of water coming off the hill and draining onto the playground. The cost of material will amount to between \$275 to \$350. Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce have agreed to furnish all the labor.

This matter was discussed by Mayor and Council.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the Council approve spending the maximum of \$350 to relieve the situation, if easement can be received from property owners of this area. Motion was seconded by Councilman Grass. Those voting in favor of motion were: COUNCILMEN, Grass, Bush, Richiusa, and Spence. Those voting against motion: Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder

April 19, 1949

The City Council met in regular session on the 19th day of April, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, H.R.Spence, L.O.Grass, M.L.Bush, C.C.Richiusa members of the Council and Dennis R. Knapp, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

The minutes of meeting held March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> were read. Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Copies of the financial statement for the month of March were presented. Councilman Richiusa moved financial Statement be accepted, motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Bush moved that 23rd Street be designated as a One Way Street entering off First Avenue and parallel parking be designated for the North side of 23rd Street. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the United Fuel Gas Company had ask permission to cut across Second Avenue at 8th Street with a ten inch pipe line. This matter was discussed and decided that Council permit the Gas Company to tunnel under Second Avenue at 8th Street at a six foot depth of the crown of the road.

Councilman Grass, Sanitation Officer, was ask to contact the Kroger Manager and request that garbage from the store be placed in metal containers with air tight lids.

Councilman Richiusa moved that three copies of the following resolution be sent to the State Road Commission, motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried:

#### RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, 40th Street within the corporate limits of the City of Nitro, makes up a portion of a connecting or linking highway between, State Route No 25 at Nitro, Putnam County, West Virginia, and State Route No. 35 at Cross Lanes, in Kanawha County, West Virginia, said 40th Street being two tneths (2) miles in length and the remaining portion of said connecting highway being one and one tenth ( 1.1) miles in length; and

WHEREAS, the portion of said connecting highway located within the municipality of Nitro is small as compared to the total length thereof; and

WHEREAS, said connecting road is extensively used, and is subject to heavy industrial traffic from and to the manufacturing plants at Nitro, and such heavy traffic is continuous during every month of the year; and

WHEREAS, during times of high water said connecting road remains open even when Route 25 is closed east of Nitro, thereby providing access to Route 35, and the Village of Poca and all the other communities to the east of Nitro ; and

WHEREAS, the heavy use of said road by persons and firms located outside of the City of Nitro makes it an important part of the highway system and requires that it be properly maintained; and

WHEREAS, the State Road Commission has a particular interest in improving and maintaining the portion of said highway located outside the City of Nitro, there being numerous subdivisions and a large number of people living thereon, and for the reasons enumerated above;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Council of the City of Nitro, that said City by and through its governing body, request ~~xxx~~ and urge the State Road Commission of West Virginia to take the necessary steps to incorporate said above mentioned highway into the state system of roads, and to include 40th Street in the City of Nitro, West Virginia, therein, and that said road be taken, designated and used as part of the State highway system.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of Council, and that a copy hereof be transmitted to the State Road Commission of West Virginia.

Councilman Spence announced that the proposed area to be annexed would be surveyed in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

May 2, 1949

The City Council met in special session on the 2nd of May, 1949.

There were present: W W. Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C. Richiusa, L.O. Grass, W.H. Jones, H.R. Spence and M.L. Bush members of the City Council.

The purpose of the meeting pursuant to call for special meeting as is hereinafter set forth, as provided for in Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 16 of the Code of West Virginia, whereas City Council may provide for and call an election to increase the levy rates for such municipality.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the following Resolution and call for an election be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Spence and upon vote by the Council unanimously carried.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ADDITIONAL (MUNICIPAL) LEVY TO THE VOTERS OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA.

That at a (special) meeting of the Council of the City of Nitro, State of West Virginia, held on the 2nd day of May, 1949 the following order was made and entered of record to-wit:

The Council of the City of Nitro, being of the opinion that the maxium levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, as last amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the current expenses of the City of Nitro, including expenditures for the purpose hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held to increase such levies, it is hereby ordered:

1. That the purpose for which additional funds are needed is as follows: Street Maintenance and Repairs.
2. That the amount for each purpose is as follows: Street maintenance and repairs \$2300. for each fiscal year for a period of three years.
3. That the total amount for said purpose or purposes is \$2300 for each fiscal year for a period of three years.
4. That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the Municipality of Nitro is as follows:

Class I, \$192,425; Class II, \$516,950; Class IV, \$646,640; Aggregate, \$1,356,015.

5. That the proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each class of property is as follows:

Class I, 6.25¢; Class II, 12.5¢; Class IV, 25¢

6. That the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1949, July 1, 1950 and July 1, 1951.

7. That the question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at a Special Election to be held on the 14th day of June, 1949.

8. That notice calling such election shall be given by publication of this order at least once each week for two successive weeks before said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the territory in which the election is held. If there is only one newspaper published in the county, said publication shall be made therein. Printed copies of this order shall also be posted at each place of voting at least ten days before said election. All provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable, except that a separate ballot shall be used in connection with any other election.

9. That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in form as follows:

"Special election to authorize additional levies for the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and for the purpose of Street Maintenance and Repairs, according to the order of the Council entered on the 2nd day of May, 1949."

"The additional levy shall be on Class I property 6.25 cents; on Class II property 12.5 cents; and on Class IV property 25 cents.

(     ) For the Levies

(     ) Against the Levies

Instruction: Those favoring the additional levies, place (X) in the square before "For the Levies"; those against such levies, place (X) in the square before "Against the Levies".

Council of the City of Nitro, West Virginia

By: W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Attest: Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that a number of complaints had been received of lack of parking space in business area between 20th Street and 21st Street on 1st Avenue and that it had been suggested that the trees in this area be cut down as the trees were on what should be the roadway. The Mayor told the council that Guy Sizemore had offered to cut the trees down for \$10.00 each.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the trees be removed from the Street rightway. Motion seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

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W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

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Grace Lewis, Recorder



May 17, 1949

The City Council met in regular session on the 17th of May, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, LOO Grass, W.H.Jones and M.L.Bush members of the City Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes of meeting held April 19th and May 2nd were read.

Councilman Grass moved minutes be approved and motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Copies of financial statement for month of April were presented. Councilman Jones moved financial statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Councilman Bush moved that the following persons serve as election officials in the Special Levy Election to be held June 14th. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones, motion carried.

#### PRECINCT NO. 22

##### Commissioners

Mrs. L.W.Walker  
J.F.McClanahan  
Mrs. J.M. Porter  
Lawrence Cain  
Sam Lyons  
Eugene Fowler  
POLL CLERKS

G.S.Smith  
Mrs. Lawrence Cogar  
Mrs. Willard Kautz  
Mrs. J.E.Roark

#### PRECINCT NO. 260

##### COMMISSIONERS

Phil Arthur  
Mrs. Margaret Boggess  
Mrs. Calvin Deem  
McDowell Staten  
A.L.King  
Mrs. H.O.Wallace

##### POLL CLERKS

Mrs. Darrell Evans  
Mrs. Paul Willard  
Fay Harper  
Mrs. Dencil Meadows

#### PRECINCT NO. 261

##### COMMISSIONERS

Mrs. Elvin Coe  
Mrs. Jay McGill  
L.F.Hartranft  
Mrs. Mary King  
Mrs. Treva Sayer  
Ed Gosney  
POLL CLERKS

Mrs. H.R.Spence  
Mrs. Edith Wright  
Mrs. Granville Young  
Mrs. Hilda Kilgore

#### PRECINCT NO. 283

##### COMMISSIONERS

W.P.Wilson  
Mrs. Forrest Yates  
Sam Montague  
Mrs. J.R.Peck  
Mrs. J.R.Stiff  
Mrs. W.H.Jones

##### POLL CLERKS

W.A.B.Vivian  
Mrs. M.W.Harman  
Mrs. T.F.Baumgartner  
Mrs. A.L.Jordan

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that the Street signs for 23rd Street would be ready to put up within a few days.

Mayor Alexander ask for the council's confirmation of appointment of E.C.Guthrie as Police officer.

Councilman Bush moved that the council approve the appointment of E.C.Guthrie as police officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 20, 1949

The City Council met in special session Monday, June 20, 1949., for the purpose of canvassing the Special Levy Election held June 14, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, H.R.Spence, C.C.Richiusa and M.L.Bush members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder presented to the Council the certificates of results for each Precinct in the city, as follows:

PRECINCT 260

29 Ballots cast	18 For the Levy	11 Against the Levy
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PRECINCT 261

53 Ballots cast	42 For the Levy	11 Against the Levy
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PRECINCT 283

64 Ballots cast	55 For the Levy	9 Against the Levy
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Councilman Jones moved that the challenged vote of M.P.Francesco be counted. Motion seconded by Councilman Spence. Motion carried.

PRECINCT 22

60 Ballots cast	41 For the Levy	19 Against the Levy
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Total Number of Ballots cast in the election	206
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Total Number of Ballots cast for the Levy	156
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Total Number of Ballots cast Against the Levy	50
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76½ Percent of votes cast for the Levy.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the foregoing results of Special Levy Election, held June 14, 1949, be certified by the Council, the motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Spence moved that the following election officials be paid \$5.00 by the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Precinct 260

Philip Arthur  
Fay Harper  
McDowell Staton  
Mrs. Ruby Wallace  
Mrs. Ernestine Evans

Mrs. Una Willard  
Mrs. Ruth Rice  
Mrs. Mabel L. Meadows  
Mrs. Margaret Boggess  
Mrs. Clella Woodall

## Precinct 261

Ed Gosney  
 Mrs. Edith Wright  
 L.F. Hartranft  
 Mrs. Irene Coe  
 Mrs. Hilda Kilgore

Mrs. Mary King  
 Mrs. Iva Young  
 Mrs. Eva L. Harrison  
 Mrs. Virginia L. Spence  
 Mrs. Treva S. Sayre

## Precinct 283

S.F. Montague  
 Mrs. Grace L. Peck  
 W.P. Wilson  
 E.A. Hendel  
 W.A.B. Vivian

Mrs. Amy Yates  
 Mrs. Blanche Baumgartner  
 Mrs. Lydia Briggs  
 Mrs. Norma D. Jones  
 Mrs. Ava G. Tucker

## Precinct 22

Mrs. Sheridan Smith  
 Mrs. Orpha Porter  
 S.D. Lyons  
 L.W. Cain  
 Eugene Fowler

J.F. McClanahan  
 Mrs. J.E. Reark  
 Mrs. L.B. Walker  
 Mrs. Willard Kautz  
 Mrs. Audra Cogar

Councilman Richiusa moved that Mr. M.A. Lawless be paid \$5.00 for janitor services at the school on election day. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones moved that Eighth Street Grocery and the United Mine Workers of America - Local 50 - be paid \$10.00 each for the use of the store and hall for voting places. Motion seconded by Councilman Spence. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.  
 W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
 Grace Lewis, Recorder

June 21, 1949

The City Council met in regular session on the 21st of June, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C.Richiusa, W.H.Jones, M.L.Bush and H.R.Spence members of the City Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes were read for regular session of Council held May 17th and special session on June 20, 1949.

Councilman Bush moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones, motion carried.

Copies of financial statement for May were presented. Councilman Jones moved financials statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Spence. Motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa moved that a Committee meeting be held the first Tuesday of each month at which time reports of Committee Chairman will be made and discussions held on any matters that are to come before the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spence. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander reported that work would begin on 21st Street Bridge the week of June 27th.

Councilman Jones was appointed to replace Mr. Grass, deceased, on the Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Committee was asked to make a study of traffic condition around 23rd Street.

Councilman Spence reported that in putting in the drainage at the head of 18th Street, they had run into a situation of the drainage from septic tanks on the hill running out on top of the ground creating a very unsanitary condition. Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman Spence as Chairman of Committee, selected from the Council or the vicinity of 18th Street Hill to go before the County Health Department regarding this situation.

Councilman Spence moved that the Council confirm the Mayor's appointment of E.C.Guthrie as Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that he had written a letter to State Road Commission asking that an inch surface be put on Second Avenue, 18th and 19th Streets.

The Building Committee was asked to make a study of fire insurance for the new City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.

Grace Lewis

July 12, 1949

The City Council met in regular session on the 12th day of July 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, C.C.Richiusa, H.R.Spence and M.L.Bush members of the Council.

The minutes of meeting held June 21st were read. Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved, motion seconded by Councilman Spence. Motion carried.

Councilman Spence reported that the County Health Department had promised to send a representative down to investigate the unsanitary condition on 18th Street Hill, caused by drainage of septic tanks.

The Traffic Committee was asked to call on the residents of 24th Street regarding complaints of the traffic condition on 24th Street and to make a report on this situation at the next meeting of the Council.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the City make application to the representative, Ray W. Ellis, of the Merchants Fire Insurance Company of Indiana for fire insurance in amount of \$50,000 with extended coverage for the new city hall building. The policy subject to approval of Building Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Spence reported that Walter Canham has agreed to help with surveying the proposed annexed area.

Mayor Alexander announced that all unpaved Streets, Nitro Heights and 31st Street Road would be graded with the next week.

Councilman Spence moved that the accounts - City of Nitro and City of Nitro, Community Park Fund be transferred from the Kanawha Valley Bank to the Bank of Nitro. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 9, 1949

The City Council met in special session August 9, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, M.L.Bush, H.R.Spence, W.H.Jones and C.C. Richiusa members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

Councilman Spence moved that the following Resolution be adopted and a copy of same be sent to the Bank of Nitro. Councilman Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected and qualified Recorder of City of Nitro and the keeper of the records and corporate seal of said corporation and that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said corporation held in accordance with the By-Laws of said Corporation at its offices at Nitro, West Virginia on the 9th day of August, 1949.

"Be It Resolved, that Bank of Nitro be, and it is hereby, designated a depository of this Corporation and that funds so deposited may be withdrawn upon a check, draft, note or order of the Corporation.

"Be It Further Resolved, that all checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said account be signed by any two of the following:

NAME	TITLE
Grace Lewis	Recorder
W.W.Alexander	Mayor

whose signatures shall be duly certified to said Bank, and that no checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said Bank shall be valid unless so signed.

"Be It Further Resolved that said Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks, drafts, notes or orders so drawn, whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders be payable to the order of any such person signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or any such persons in their individual capacities or not, and whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders are deposited to the individual credit of the person so signing and or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or to the individual credit of any of the other officers or not. This resolution shall continue in force and said Bank may consider the facts concerning the holders of said offices, respectively, and their signatures to be and continue as set forth in the certificate of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said Bank or in any similar subsequent certificate, until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said Bank.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto affixed my name as Grace Lewis, Recorder and have caused the corporate seal of said Corporation to be hereto affixed this 9th day of August, 1949.

Grace Lewis  
Recorder

I, W.W.Alexander, Mayor of said Corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution adopted as above set forth.

W.W.Alexander

TO Bank of Nitro, Nitro, West Virginia

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true and correct copy of authorization Resolution entered in records of the Council of the City of Nitro corporation covering the signing of checks, drafts and orders for the payment of money.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name as Recorder and have caused the corporate seal of said Corporation to be hereto affixed this 9th day of August, 1949.

Grace Lewis  
Recorder

Councilman Bush moved that the following Resolution be adopted and a copy of Resolution be sent to the Bank of Nitro. Councilman Spence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected and qualified Treasurer of City of Nitro, Community Park Fund and the keeper of the records and corporate seal of City Council and that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said corporation held in accordance with the By-Laws of said Corporation at its offices ~~in~~ at City of Nitro on the 9th day of August, 1949.

Bank of Nitro

"Be It Resolved, that ~~City of Nitro, Community Park Fund~~ be, and it is hereby, designated a depository of this Corporation and that funds so deposited may be withdrawn upon a check, draft, note or order of the Corporation.

"Be It Further Resolved, that all checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said account be signed by any two of the following:

NAME  
M.V. Pidenour  
Grace Lewis

TITLE  
President  
Treasurer

whose signatures shall be duly certified to said Bank, and that no checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said Bank shall be valid unless so signed.

"Be It Further Resolved, that said Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks, drafts, notes or orders so



drawn, whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders be payable to the order of any such person signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or any such persons in their individual capacities or nor, and whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders are deposited to the individual credit of the person so signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or to the individual credit of any of the other officers or not. This Resolution shall continue in force and said Bank may consider the facts concerning the holders of said offices, respectively, and their signatures to be and continue as set forth in the certificate of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said Bank or in any similar subsequent certificate, until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said Bank.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto affixed my name as Grace Lewis, Treasurer and have caused the corporate seal of said Corporation to be hereto affixed this 9th day of August, 1949.

Grace Lewis  
Treasurer

I, W.W.Alexander, Mayor of said Corporation do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution adopted as above set forth.

W.W.Alexander

TO BANK OF NITRO, Nitro West Virginia

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy ~~xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxx~~ of Authorization Resolution as passed by the Council and made a part of ~~xxxxxxx~~ records of said Council on the 9th day of August, 1949, governing the signing of checks, drafts and orders for the payment of money.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name as Secretary and have caused the corporate seal of said Corporation to be hereto affixed this 9th day of August, 1949.

Grace Lewis,  
Recorder

Councilman Spence reported that the Surveying Committee have located all boundary points and that it would take approximately three days more to complete the field work of surveying proposed annexed territory.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman Bush to replace Councilman Spence as Chairman of Annexation Committee. Appointment to become effective August 16, 1949.

Councilman Bush reported that traffic problem on 24th Street had seemed to remedy some when 1st Avenue had been completed. Mayor Alexander asked Councilman Bush to obtain signs "No Heavy Traffic Allowed" and signs be placed in order that heavy traffic will be confined to the Business Area.

The Traffic Committee was asked to make a check of need of Street lights on 18th Street Hill.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 16, 1949

The City Council met in regular session on the 16th of August, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, M.L.Bush, C.C.Richiusa, and W.H.Jones members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read minutes of meetings held July 12th and August 9th.

Councilman Jones moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Copies of Financial Statement for the months of June and July were presented to the Council.

Councilman Richiusa moved that Council accept financial statement. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa nominated Jewell F. McClanahan to fill vacancy on the Council, created by the death of L.O.Grass. Councilman Bush seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander announced that the Civic Benefits Association have agreed to increase their contribution to the City for Fire protection, in order to grant an increase of \$10.00 per month for each of the firemen, effective August 1, 1949.

Councilman Jones moved that the Chief of Police be given a \$25.00 increase per month and the patrolman be given an increase of \$15.00 per month, effective the 15th of August, 1949. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the Mayor be authorized to hire police recruit, without experience, to work on 90 day probation period, salary not to exceed \$200.00 per month. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman McClanahan on the Traffic Committee.

The Council proceeded to make up the budget for the current year as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO. To-Wit:

At a regular session of the Council of the Municipality of Nitro, held in the Council chambers ~~at~~ thereof, in the City building, on Tuesday, the 16th day of August, 1949, there were present:

W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recording Officer and CHAS.C. Richiusa, W.H.Jones, M.L.Bush, J.F.McClanahan members of the Council of said municipality.

CURRENT REGULAR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES  
ESTIMATE

(1) The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year, EXCEPT FROM THE LEVY OF TAXES to be made for the year.

Balance in hands of city treasurer .....	\$21,115.90
Balance in hands of sheriff .....	128.00
Redemption and sale of delinquent lands .....	25.00
Police fines and costs .....	5,500.00
Permits-building, street, sewer and other .....	100.00
Paving and sewer assessments .....	100.00
Civic Benefits Association .....	8,275.00
Taxes: Gross Sales .....	6,000.10
Capitation .....	1,000.00
Franchise .....	25.00
Consumers' Sales (Liquor) .....	7,500.00
Amusement .....	1,500.00
Fees: Electrical, plumbing and other .....	40.00
License:	
Electricians and plumbers .....	100.00
General .....	1,400.00
Miscellaneous .....	2,000.00
	<u>54,809.00</u>

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES :

Salary of Mayor .....	850.00
Salary of Recorder .....	1,650.00
Salary of Treasurer .....	600.00
Trial Fees .....	1,500.00
Salary of City Attorney .....	500.00
Salaries of Councilmen .....	600.00
Salaries of Assistants and Clerks .....	35.00
Salaries of Chief and 1 Police .....	6,700.00
New Equipment of Police Department .....	2,000.00
General expenses Police Department .....	1,000.00
Salaries and expenses feeding prisoners .....	1,000.00
Salaries Chief and 3 Firemen .....	9,600.00
New Equipment Fire Department .....	800.00
General expenses Fire Department .....	900.00
Janitors' Salaries and Supplies .....	25.00
Repairs to Jail and City Building .....	500.00
Furniture, fixtures and Office machines .....	1,000.00
Stationery, office supplies and equipment .....	400.00
Postage .....	50.00
Water-fire protection, streets and sewers .....	6,000.00
Water - City Building and other purposes .....	250.00
Night for street lighting .....	2,000.00
Light - City Building, traffic lights, etc. ....	500.00
Repairs street and traffic lights .....	15.00
Fuel, heating city building .....	500.00
Telephone and Telegraph .....	600.00
Rent-City Hall and other building .....	
Legal Publications .....	200.00
Insurance on city building and other property .....	300.00
Premiums, Policemen's and official bonds .....	150.00

Election expenses .....	600.00
Attorneys's fees, court costs and damages .....	200.00
General expenses, Engineering Department .....	100.00
Salaries and wages all street employees .....	2,778.00
New Equipment, Street Department .....	1,500.00
Materials, supplies and expenses, Street Department .....	2,800.00
Maintenance of Sewers, salaries and supplies .....	106.00
Construction of new streets, sidewalks and sewers .....	500.00
Workmen's compensation premiums .....	160.00
Audit by Tax Commissioner .....	115.00
Refunding erroneous payments .....	200.00
Municipal Dues .....	30.00
Traveling and car expenses of city officials .....	100.00
City Treasurers or collectors fees .....	50.00
Contingent expenses .....	<u>463.00</u>

A- Total Current Expenses ..... 45,927.00

Unpaid Bills \$ 14,283.00  
Total Former Year's obligations 14,283.00

B- Amount of unpaid obligations to be paid from current levy 64,210.00

Total estimated disbursements (A plus B) ..... 64,210.00  
Less estimated receipts brought forward from page 4 54,809.00

Net amount to be raised by levy ..... 9,401.00

And the council doth determine and estimate that it will be necessary to raise by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for current municipal purposes the amount of \$ 9,401. and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Seventeen and one quarter cents (17.25 ¢) on Class No. I property,  
Thirty-four and one half cents (34.5 ¢) on Class No. II property, and,  
Sixty-nine cents (69 ¢) on Class No. IV property,

for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessments therein as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Authorized Rates		Proposed Taxes Rates Levied	
Number I	\$				
Personal Property	231,595.	11¢	6.25¢	17.25¢	\$ 400.00
Public Utility Property	<u>89,800.</u>	11¢	6.25¢	17.25	<u>155.</u>
Total Class No. I	321,395.				555.
Number II					
Real Estate	713,700.	22¢	12.5¢	34.5¢	2,462.
Number IV					
Real Estate	339,010.	44¢	25 ¢	69 ¢	2,339.
Personal Property	484,770.	44¢	25¢	69 ¢	3,345.
Public Utility Property	252,800.	44¢	25¢	69 ¢	1,744.

Total Class IV	1,076 580.	7,428.
TOTAL LEVY	2,111.675.	10,445.
Delinquent Taxes and Exonerations Estimated at 10%	.....	1,044.
Net amount to be raised by Levy	.....	9,401.

#### Municipal Bond Purposes - Interest and Sinking Fund Estimate

The Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for interest, sinking fund and amortization requirements of bonded indebtedness, legally incurred by a vote of the people as provided by law, since the adoption of the tax limitation amendment, owing by said municipality, as follows:

#### BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

Date of Vote Authorizing Issue	Original Amount of Issue	Amount of Bonds Outstanding	Amount Required for Sinking Fund Interest Total		
10/20/38	\$16,000.	\$10,600.	\$ 600.	\$292.	\$892.

Delinquent Taxes and Exonerations Estimated at 10%

Total Amount to be Raised by a Levy of Taxes \$931.  
and to provide for said amount the following levies are proposed to be  
laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

#### AUTHORIZED RATES

ONE AND ONE HALF CENTS ( 1.5 ) on Class No. I Property,  
Three cents ( 3 %) on Class No. II "  
Six cents ( 6 %) on Class No. IV "  
for the purposes aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein as  
follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuations	Proposed Rates	Taxes Levied
Number I			
Personal Property	\$231,595.	1.5 ¢	\$ 35.
Public Utility Property	<u>89,800.</u>	1.5 ¢	<u>13.</u>
Total Class No. I	321,395.		48.
Number II			
Real Estate	713,700.	3 ¢	214.
Number IV			
Real Estate	339,010.	6 ¢	203.
Personal Property	484,770.	6 ¢	201.
Public Utility Property	<u>252,800.</u>	6 ¢	<u>152.</u>
Total Class IV	1,076,580.		646.
TOTAL LEVY	2,111,675.		908.

State of West Virginia,  
 Counties of Kanawha and Putnam,  
 Municipality of Nitro, To-Wit:

I, Grace Lewis, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the Council of said municipality on the 16th ~~xx~~ day of August, 1949.

Given under my hand this 16th day of August, 1949.

Grace Lewis, Recorder

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

August 22, 1949

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM,

MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO,

TO-Wit:

At a special session of the council of the municipality City of Nitro, held in the council chamber thereof on Tuesday, the 22th day of August, 1949; Present W.W.Alexander, Mayor Recording officer Grace Lewis, and W.H.Jones, Marion L. Bush, Chas. C. Richiusa, J.F.McClanahan members of the council of said Municipality.

The council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for regular municipal purposes will be \$10,445., according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 16th day of August, 1949, and said estimate having been published as required by law, and no one appearing to oppose the same or to take exception thereto, and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levy proposed therein, be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

Seventeen and one quarter cents (17.25 ¢) on Class No. I property,  
Thirty - four and one half " (34.5 ¢) on Class No.II "  
Sixty-nine " (69 ¢) on Class No.IV "

for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	Assessed Valuation	Total Rate Of Levy	Taxes Levied
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 231,595.	17.25 ¢	\$ 400.
Public Utility Property	<u>89,800.</u>	17.25 ¢	<u>155.</u>
Total Class No. I	321,395.		555.
Number II			
Real Estate	713,700.	34.5 ¢	2,462.



## Number IV

Real Estate	339,010.	6¢	2,339.
Personal Property	484,770.	6¢	3,345.
Public Utility Property	<u>252,800.</u>	6¢	<u>1,744.</u>
Total Class IV	1,076,580.		7,428.
TOTAL LEVY	2,111,675.		10,445.

MUNICIPAL BOND PURPOSES - INTEREST AND SINKING FUND  
ORDER

## BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED SINCE NOVEMBER 8, 1932

The Council having ascertained that the amount necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year to pay the interest on and provide a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal of a bond issue of \$16,000. will be \$981. according to the estimate made and entered of record on the 16th day of August, 1940, and said estimate having been published as required by law and no one appearing to oppose the same or take exception thereto and the Tax Commissioner having approved the same in writing, it is therefore ordered that said estimate and the rates of levies proposed therein be approved and that the following levies be laid on each one hundred dollars valuation of each class of property, viz:

## AUTHORIZED RATES

ONE AND ONE HALF CENTS ( 1.5 ¢ ) on Class No. I property,  
 Three cents ( 3 ¢ ) on Class No. II " and  
 Six cents ( 6 ¢ ) on Class No. IV "

for the purpose aforesaid, based upon the last assessment therein, as follows:

CLASS	ASSESSED VALUATION	TOTAL RATE OF LEVY	TAXES LEVIED
Number I			
Personal Property	\$ 231,595.	1.5 ¢	\$ 35.
Public Utility Property	<u>89,800.</u>	1.5 ¢	<u>13.</u>
TOTAL CLASS No. I	321,395.		48.
Number II			
Real Estate	713,700.	3 ¢	214.
Number IV			
Real Estate	339,010.	6 ¢	203.
Personal Property	484,770.	6 ¢	291.
Public Utility Property	<u>252,800.</u>	6 ¢	<u>152.</u>
TOTAL CLASS No. IV	1,076,580.		646.
TOTAL LEVY	2,111,675.		908.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTIES OF KANAWHA AND PUTNAM

Municipality of Nitro      To-wit:

I, Grace Lewis, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 29th day of August, 1940.

Given under my hand this 29th day of August, 1940.

Grace Lewis,

Recorder

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

September 21, 1949

The City Council met in regular session on the 21st day of September, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, M.L.Bush, J.F.McClanahan and C.C.Richiusa members of the city council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

The minutes of meetings held August 16th and 29th were read.

Councilman Bush moved minutes be approved, Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copies of the Financial Statement for the month of August were presented to the Council. Councilman Richiusa moved financial statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman McClanahan.

Councilman Bush reported that maps, of proposed territory, to be annexed., were being printed and that very soon petitions would be circulated within the corporate limits of Nitro.

Councilman McClanahan reported that street signs will be ready to set by the end of the week.

Mayor Alexander reported that the State Road Commission had approved resurfacing 2nd Avenue from 7th Street to 24th Streets, 18th, 19th and 24th Streets. from 1st to 2nd Avenue. The work will begin this fall providing the materials are available and weather continues good, if the work is not begun this fall it will be done in the early spring.

Due to complaints received from residents of 3rd Avenue, regarding School Buses traveling 3rd Avenue, Mayor Alexander asked the Traffic Committee to meet with the Safety Director of the School Board in an effort to work out some solution to rerouting of School buses.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

October 28, 1940

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, October 18, 1940.

There were present: W.W. Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C. Pichiusa, W.H. Jones, J.F. McClanahan members of the City Council and Dennis P. Knapp, city Attorney. Councilman Bush was representing the City Council at a Smoke abatement meeting being held in Charleston.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read minutes of meeting held September 26, 1940.

Councilman Jones moved minutes be approved. Councilman Pichiusa seconded motion. Motion carried.

Copies of the September financial statement were presented to the Council. Councilman McClanahan moved financial statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Pichiusa. Motion carried.

The Traffic Committee reported that they had met with Mr. Snyder, Principal of Nitro School and the Safety Director of the School Board regarding question of rerouting school buses. It was decided at this meeting that the route over ~~Third~~ Third Avenue was the most suitable system.

Councilman McClanahan reported that Traffic signs were ready to be installed.

Councilman Pichiusa moved that City have street lights installed on poles one, three and five on Crescent Hill. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Annexation Committee reported that petitions were being circulated in Nitro for annexing East Nitro and Crawford City.

Councilman McClanahan moved that H.L. VanNetta, Frank E. Grover and Grant Woodall be made members of the Zoning Commission to fill vacancies on said Commission. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was announced that property owners of 41st Street had asked for a petition to circulate for paving and guttering 41st Street at the approximate figure of \$400 for a 50 foot lot.

Mayor Alexander reported that statements had been sent to the property owners on 1st Avenue between 23rd and 25th Streets for the sidewalk and drain improvements made recently by the City.

Councilman Jones suggested that 31st Street Bridge be refloored and side railings be put up as the bridge is in dangerous condition. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander*

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

November 14, 1949

The City Council met in special session Monday, November, 14, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, C.C.Pichiusa, J.F.McClanahan member of the Council and Dennis, A. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read minutes of regular meeting held October 18th. Councilman McClanahan moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Pichiusa. Motion carried.

Copies of Financial statement for the month of October were presented.

Councilman McClanahan moved the financial statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Pichiusa. Motion carried.

The Traffic Committee reported that all traffic signs had been installed.

It was reported that a representative of the State Health Department was asking the residents of Crescent City Hall to clean up unsanitary sewage conditions and remedy septic tanks.

The Fire Department Committee reported that a new battery had been purchased for the fire truck,. Mention was made of purchasing a Delco lighting system for the Fire Department. This purchase will be ~~be~~ considered by the Council after a check is made of the budget.

It was reported that a ~~petition~~ by residents of 41st Street for curbing, guttering and paving said Street had been filed and that the work would begin in the early spring.

Mayor Alexander presented a letter from L.A. Dickerson asking the State to include all Districts in Kanawha County in the Dog Quarentine, also asking all law enforcing officers to take active part in eliminating dogs.

Fire Insurance rates for the City building were presented. The Council decided to make a further check on this matter.

Councilman Pichiusa moved that James A. Smith be paid for damages caused to his car by the City truck. Motion was seconded by Councilman McClanahan. Motion carried.

Councilman Pichiusa moved that Grace Lewis, L.F.Hartranft and Irene Coe be appointed as City Ballot Commissioners. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander.  
W.W.Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

November 15, 1949

The City Council met in regular session on the 15th of November, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, C.C. Richiusa, J.F.McClanahan members of the Council and Dennis P. Knapp, City Attorney.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

A petition signed by inhabitants and residents of the City of Nitro was presented to the Council. Said petition asking the City Council to call a special election on the question of annexing Crawford City and East Nitro, setting forth the metes and bounds thereof.

Councilman Jones moved that the following ordinance be adopted. Motion seconded by Councilman McClanahan. Motion carried:

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER PROVIDING FOR A VOTE OF QUALIFIED VOTERS TO BE HELD AND AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NITRO AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO SAID CITY, KNOWN AS EAST NITRO - CRAWFORD CITY, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ANNEXATION OF SAID UNINCORPORATED CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY OF EAST NITRO - CRAWFORD CITY TO THE CITY OF NITRO, AT A SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD THEREIN ON THE 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1949, ESTABLISHING VOTING PLACES FOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCTING AND HOLDING OF SAID ELECTIONS, THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT THE SAME, AND ALL OTHER MATTERS AND THINGS NECESSARY AND INCIDENT THERETO AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, a petition in writing signed by C.W.Grant and some 350 other persons has been filed with the council of the City of Nitro, Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, setting forth by metes and bounds the unincorporated territory proposed to be annexed to said City of Nitro and asking that vote be taken upon the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Council that said petition is in due form, properly executed by more than ten per cent (10%) of the inhabitants of the City of Nitro and complies with the provisions of Section 21, Article 6, Chapter 8A of the Code of West Virginia; and

Whereas, responsive to said petition it is the duty of this Council, under the law in such cases made and provided, to

order a proper vote to be taken upon said proposed annexation in the City of Nitro and in the said territory contiguous thereto, known as East Nitro - Crawford City, proposed to be annexed to said City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT OPDAINED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO:

1. (a) A special election shall be held in the City of Nitro, Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, on Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 1949, and (b) a special election shall be held in the unincorporated territory contiguous to the City of Nitro known variously as East Nitro and Crawford City, and hereinafter described, on Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 1949, and a vote of the qualified voters shall be taken upon the proposed annexation, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the said City of Nitro and to all the qualified voters residing in said contiguous territory and to all of the qualified voters owning any part of such territory whether resident thereon or not, the question whether the unincorporated area consisting of the territory popularly known as East Nitro - Crawford City situate in Union District, Kanawha County and Poca District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being generally the area lying ~~between~~ between the southwestern boundary of the City of Nitro and Kanawha River, and extending from the West Virginia Water Service Company property on the north to the property of C.B. AND Margaret Marshall on the south, as hereinafter set forth, and being more accurately described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the edge of the Kanawha River at low water level, ~~xx~~ in the south line of the West Virginia Water Service Company property in Area "A" of the U.S. Government Explosives Plant C; thence eight hundred sixty-two and eighty-seven hundredths feet in the south line aforementioned bearing north eighty-seven degrees four minutes

east, to an iron stake, corner to West Virginia Water Service Company, the Nitro Recreation Park, and Nitro Industrial Corporation; thence at an angle of one hundred six degrees thirty four minutes fifty-eight and fifty hundredths feet, bearing south thirteen degrees thirty-eight minutes west, to an iron stake, corner to Nitro Recreation Park and Nitro Industrial Corporation; thence at an angle of fifty-nine degrees eight minutes, one thousand four hundred twelve and nine hundredths feet, through the east corner of the Nitro Recreation Park, bearing south forty-five degrees thirty minutes east, to a stake marking the extended center line of Nineteenth Street, Nitro; thence at an angle of twenty degrees forty-five minutes, forty and five tenths feet in the center line of Nineteenth Street bearing south sixty-six degrees fifteen minutes east, to the east right-of-way line of the New York Central Railway, a common line with the corporate boundary of the City of Nitro; thence at an angle of eighty-four degrees three minutes to the tangent of the circular curve of the right-of-way line at a bearing of south seventeen degrees forty-eight minutes west, and along the arc of the curve approximately three thousand nine hundred eighty-eight feet to a stake corner to the corporate boundary of the City of Nitro; thence on a bearing south seventy-four degrees fifteen minutes west, crossing the New York Central Railway right-of-way, approximately sixty-six feet to the west right-of-way line of the New York Central Railway; thence along the Circular arc of the west right-of-way line approximately two thousand four hundred sixty-three feet to an iron stake corner to the New York Central Railway, C.P. Spears, and C.B. Marshall, thence on a bearing south fifty-eight degrees twenty minutes west in the line of the old Porter Estate, Approximately one thousand eighty one feet to the edge of the Kanawha River at low water level; thence with the edge of the Kanawha River in its meanders, to the point of beginning; the whole plot containing two hundred acres, more or less, about two acres ~~being~~ being in Putnam County, the remainder in Kanawha County.

shall be annexed to and thence forth become a part of the City of Nitro, a municipal corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of West Virginia.

2. The form of ballot for such elections shall be substantially as follows:

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#### MAP

Territory of East Nitro-

Crawford City Proposed to

City of Nitro

be annexed



Shall the territory indicated on the map, 'Territory of East Nitro - Crawford City Proposed to be annexed,' be annexed to and become part of the City of Nitro?

For Annexation

Against Annexation

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3. The voting precincts ~~xxxxxxx~~ within the City of Nitro as arranged, adopted and fixed by the County Courts of Kanawha County and Putnam County, West Virginia, and the boundaries thereof and places of voting within the same for the State and County General Election held on November 2, 1948, are hereby adopted and shall be the precincts within the boundaries thereof and the places of voting therein, respectively, in the City of Nitro.

The voting precinct in said unincorporated contiguous territory comprising the area known as East Nitro - Crawford City, hereinbefore described and proposed to be annexed, shall be and is described as follows, namely:

'EAST NITRO-CRAWFORD CITY PRECINCT NO. 1' shall consist and be composed of the area lying between the southwestern boundary line of the City of Nitro and the Kanawha River and extending in a southerly direction from the West Virginia Water Service Company property on the north to the property of C.B. AND Margaret A. Marshall and the property of C.P. Spears on the south, and including a rectangular strip lying east of the New York Central Railroad right-of-way and adjacent to the extreme southern boundary of the City of Nitro, which said area includes and is within the territory proposed to be annexed as described herein by metes and bounds, and which said area includes and consists of parts of Kanawha County

Precincts Nos. 272 and 282, and Putnam County Precinct No. 23.

The places of voting in each of said precincts shall be as follows:

CITY OF NITRO:

Kanawha County Precinct No. 260 - Eighth Street Grocery

Kanawha County Precinct No. 261 - East End Nitro School.

Kanawha County Precinct No. 283 - West End of Nitro School.

Putnam County Precinct No. 22 - UMW Union Hall

AREA OF EAST NITRO - CRAWFORD CITY:

Precinct No. 1 - George W. Gibson's Grocery Store.

4. The commissioners and clerks for holding said elections shall be and are hereby appointed in each of the precincts in the City of Nitro and in the area of East Nitro - Crawford City, respectively, as follows:

Kanawha County Precinct No. 260 - Eighth Street Grocery.

Commissioners: Philip Arthur, Mrs. Darrell Evans and Mrs. Vincil Meadows.

Clerks: Margaret Boggess and Mrs. Paul Willard.

Kanawha County Precinct No. 261 - East End of Nitro School.

Commissioners: Irene Coe, Ed Gosney and Norma McGill.

Clerks: Edith Wright and Mrs. E.O.Kinder.

Kanawha County Precinct No. 283 - West End Nitro School.

Commissioners: Grace Peck, Mrs. W.H Jones and Sam Montague.

Clerks: Mrs. M.W.Harman and Blanche Baumgartner.

Putnam County Precinct No. 22- UMW Union Hall.

Commissioners: G.S.Smith. Mrs. L W Walker, and Mrs. Willard Kautz.

Clerks: Mrs. J.M.Porter and Mrs. J.E.Roark.

Area of East Nitro- Crawford City Precinct No. 1. - George W. Gibson's Grocery Store;

C Commissioners: Blanche Barrickman, Mrs. A.L. Boggess  
and W E. Smith.

Clerks: Ivy Harris and Mabel ~~Dugg~~ Duffy.

5. The registration of voters and the use of registration books shall be governed by the Permanent Registration Law of the State of West Virginia, and the City of Nitro hereby adopts the registration lists of Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, as amended and corrected according to law, as the official registration list of voters in the City of Nitro and as the official registration list of voters in the area of East Nitro - Crawford City proposed to be annexed, the latter including that portion of the qualified voters residing in Kanawha County Precincts Nos. 272 and 282, and Putnam County Precinct No. 23, who reside within the area popularly known as East Nitro - Crawford City proposed to be annexed as hereinbefore bounded and described, and there shall also be permitted to vote all of the qualified voters owning any part of such East Nitro-Crawford City Territory as hereinbefore bounded and described, whether resident thereon or not, as provided for in Code, W.Va. 8A-6-21; and all pertinent and applicable provisions of the Election laws of the State of West Virginia concerning general, primary, special or municipal elections shall apply to this election.

6. Notice of the calling of such elections shall be given by the publication of this ordinance and orders in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Nitro and in the unincorporated contiguous territory known as East Nitro-Crawford City proposed to be annexed, once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication to be at least fourteen days prior to said 13th day of December, 194

7. The Recorder of the City of Nitro shall forthwith furnish an attested copy of this ordinance and orders to the

Circuit Court or Judge of Kanawha County, West Virginia, the County wherein the portion of said City of Nitro greatest in population lies, and the County wherein the portion of said area of East Nitro- Crawford City proposed to be annexed thereto greatest in area and population lies, for his information to enable the Judge of said Court to comply with the requirements of Section 23, Article 6, Chapter 8A of the Code of the State of West Virginia. The City Recorder shall also perform the further duties in respect of each of said elections as are imposed upon her by all applicable laws.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the following be appointed as election officials for the election to be held December 13th on the question of annexation of Crawford City and East Nitro. Councilman Jones seconded the motion, motion carried.

Precinct 282-272

Commissioners: Blanche Barrickman, Mrs. A.L. Boggess and W.E. Smith.

Clerks: Ivy Harris and Mable Duffy

Precinct 260

Commissioners: Philip Arthur, Mrs. Darrell Evans and Mrs. Vincil Meadows.

Clerks: Mrs. Margaret Boggess and Mrs. Paul Willard.

Precinct 261

Commissioners: Irene Coe, Ed Gosney and Norma McGill.

Clerks: Edith Wright and Mrs. E.O. Kinder

Precinct 283

Commissioners: Grace Peck, Mrs. W.H. Jones and Sam Montague

Clerks: Mrs. M.W. Harman and Blanche Baumgartner.

Precinct 22

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Commissioners: G.S. Smith, Mrs. L.W. Walker and Mrs. Willard Kautz.

Clerks: Mrs. J.M. Porter and Mrs. J.E. Poark.

Councilman Jones moved that the following ordinance be adopted setting up laws of elections to coincide with the Code of West Virginia. Councilman McClanahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE METHOD OF HOLDING ELECTIONS, BOTH REGULAR AND SPECIAL, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTIONS WITH THE SYSTEM OF "PERMANENT REGISTRATION OF VOTERS" AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF WEST VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article 3 of Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia makes it the duty of every Municipality within the state by Ordinance to make provision for integrating the conduct of all municipal elections with the system of "Permanent Registration of Voters" contained in Chapter 3 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is considered by the Council of the City of Nitro that said Section 14, Article 3 of Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia should be formally and specifically complied with of record, and that all provisions of the Code of West Virginia pertaining to elections in so far, and to the extent applicable of municipalities within the state, shall be adopted as governing the conduct and holding of all elections, both regular and special, in said City of Nitro; and

WHEREAS, the said City of Nitro has, since its incorporation, as an affirmative fact, complied with all the applicable provisions of said Chapters 3 and 8 of the Code of West Virginia, and all other applicable provisions of law relating

to the conduct and holding of municipal elections, both regular and special;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NITRO:

1. Definition of Terms:

a. The term "regular" elections shall be construed to mean elections held for the purpose of selecting municipal officials

b. The term "special" elections shall mean elections held for the purpose of submitting the questions of annexation of contiguous territory or consolidation, adoption of new Charter or amendment of the Charter, special levies and bond issues, and any other question, matter or thing required, or which may be properly submitted to a vote of the residents, inhabitants or qualified voters of the municipality.

c. "Permanent Registration System" shall mean the method and manner of registering voters for participating in primary and general elections in the State of West Virginia as contained in Chapter 3 of the Code of West Virginia.

2. All elections, both general and special, held in said City of Nitro shall be conducted in compliance with, so far as applicable, the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Code of West Virginia relating to the holding and conduct of elections and with the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia relating to municipal elections.

3. The provisions of Chapter 3 of the Code of West Virginia relating to "Permanent Registration of Voters" and cited as the "Permanent Registration Law" shall govern the eligibility of voters residing within the City of Nitro, and the registration lists for the precincts within the corporate limits of said City of Nitro as they are taken, prepared and maintained, under the

provisions thereof, by the County Courts of Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, are hereby adopted as the registration lists for the City of Nitro and shall be used by the governing body and proper election officials of said City of Nitro in the conduct of all elections in said City, and the registration of the voters within the corporate limits of said City of Nitro as shown by said lists shall be the registration of voters for said City in any election conducted therein for choosing city officials or on any public question.

4. The various precincts and places of voting as determined and fixed by the County Courts of Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, within the corporate limits of the said City of Nitro, shall be, and they are hereby adopted as the voting precincts in and for said City of Nitro for purposes of any election, regular and special, hereafter held therein.

5. It is determined as an affirmative fact by said Council of the City of Nitro that past elections in said City have been conducted in accordance with the general election laws, in so far as applicable, and in accordance with the "Permanent Registration Law" of the State of West Virginia, and it is the intent and purpose of this Ordinance to integrate and adopt the general election laws of the State of West Virginia, including the "Permanent Registration of Voters" law, with the holding and conduct of municipal elections, both regular and special, in the said City of Nitro.

6. All ordinances or sections of same in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

7. If for any reason a part, or any portion of this

Ordinance shall be held invalid, such action shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts or portions thereof.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander

W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis

Grace Lewis, Recorder



December 20, 1949

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 20, 1949.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, C.C.Richiusa, M.L.Bush and J.F.McClanahan members of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alexander.

The minutes of special session of Council, held November 14th and regular session held November 15th were read. Councilman Richiusa Moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones, motion carried.

Copies of financial statement were presented. Councilman Richiusa moved financial statement be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman McClanahan. Motion carried.

Traffic committee reported that street markers were ready to be installed on 1st Avenue ~~xx~~ from 4th Street to 23rd Streets.

A tally was made of the Special Annexation election held on the 13th of December.

<del>\$</del>	Special Precinct No. 1	107	For Annexation	134	Against Annexat
	Precinct No. 260	26	" "	6	" "
	" No. 261	39	" "	8	" "
	" No. 283	60	" "	9	" "
	" No. 22	38	" "	4	" "

Councilman Bush moved that George O. Nelson be appointed to replace H.R.Spence on the City Council. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*W.W. Alexander.*

W.W.Alexander, Mayor

*Grace Lewis*

Grace Lewis, Recorder

January 17, 1950

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, January 17, 1950.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, C.C.Richiusa, M.L.Bush, Geo. O.Nelson, and J.F.McClanahan members of the City Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

Minutes were read for regular meeting held December 20, 1949.

Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Copies of the financial statement for the month of December were presented.

Councilman Richiusa moved financial statement be accepted. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander appointed Councilman Nelson as a member of the Sanitation Committee.

The Fire Department Committee reported on materials needed by the Fire station and presented the list and bid from Harry Sutphen as follows:

One Akron hose clamp with mounting bracket	\$ 49.10
Two salvage covers, light weight material 12 x 14 @ \$25.00 each	50.00
Two Carbon Tetrachloride, 1½ Quart Fire Extinguisher with mounting brackets @ 17.00 each .....	34.00
One 15 # CO-2 Carbon Dioxide extinguisher .....	55.00
One running board bracket for same .....	7.50
one 1000 watt Onan fire truck model with four outlet box complete automatic control, A.C. ....	420.00
Two adjustable 500 watt Flood lamps @ 80.00 each	160.00
Two 100 ft. section heavy cable with Hubbell twist lock connections @36.00 per 100 ft. lengths .....	72.00
One mounting pan .....	12.50
One mounting bracket, normally \$25.00, but furnished on the whole order	no charge

The complete cost of the above material amounting to \$860.10.

The Firemens Association are donating \$400.00 toward the cost of aforementioned material.

Councilman MacClanahan moved the City purchase the above material for the Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa. Motion carried.

Membership was renewed with the Building Conference of America.

A petition for paving 9th street was presented. Work will begin in the spring.

Councilman Richiusa moved the Council approve the purchase of 1942 model Ford truck for the Street Department, purchase price amounting to \$500.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Councilman Bush reported that he had been approached by a group of residents from East Nitro and Crawford City regarding heolding another election for the purpose of annexing said East Nitro and Crawford City. The Council ruled that such an election could not be held during this fiscal year as the current year's budget has not sufficient funds to take care of another annexation election.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 27, 1950.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C.Richiusa, W.H.Jones, J.F.McClanahan, Geo. O. Nelson and M.L.Bush members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The minutes were read for session held January 17th. Councilman Richiusa moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Copies of financial statement for the month of January, were presented. Councilman Jones moved statement be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander made a report of Committee meeting held February 7th as follows:

A letter had been written to the local Junior Chamber of Commerce granting permission and offering cooperation of the city government in securing cinders for bus stops along First Avenue.

Street paving was discussed. Bids will be asked for on the paving as soon as the specifications are ready.

As soon as weather permits the State Road Commission are going to begin work on retopping Second Avenue.

City needs a 750 gallon pump to maintain the present fire insurance rate.

City to contact members of the Civic Benefits Association regarding aid in purchasing a new fire truck.

Radio system has been installed.

Women's jail cell has been ordered.

Reported at last Park Board meeting that enough of the local organizations has consented to contribute to the Park, the requested \$150. each for expense of summer program.

Reports of complaints coming in regarding the deplorable condition of the strip of land, extending from 22nd Street to 23rd Street between the State highway and sidewalk. This is privately owned land and does not belong to the property owner, of the abutting property in this area, not to the City. The owner of this strip of land has refused to allow slag or black top put on it.

Mrs. James Roe and Mr. W.E.Chandler, residents of 21st Street, presented a petition bearing the signatures of approximately 50 per cent of the owners of the property abutting on 21st Street from 21st Street to the Bridge across Blakes Creek, requesting the grading, draining, paving, re-paving, curbing and guttering, and otherwise improving said portion of said street, which said petition was received and ordered filed.

Councilman Richiusa presented petitions bearing the signatures of ~~approximately xxxxx per cent of the owners~~ of the owners of more than fifty percent

property abutting on the following named streets or portions of streets: 6th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 7th Street, from its intersection with First Avenue to 1st intersection with Third Avenue (old county road) ; 8th Street, from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 9th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue ( old county road); 10th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 11th Street, from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old County road); 12th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 14th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 21st Street from and including its intersection with Third Avenue to the northwestern approach to the bridge across Blakes Creek; 21st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Third Avenue; Bank Street from its intersection with 20th Street to and including its intersection with 21st Street; 32nd Street, from and including its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Second Avenue; 41st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Section Avenue, requesting the grading, draining, paving, re-paving, curbing and guttering, and otherwise improving said streets and portions of streets, which petitions were received and ordered filed.

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Mayor Alexander presented rules and regulations for the Fire Dept. to work by, drawn up by the Fire Department Committee from the City Council.

Councilman Nelson moved that the Council accept the resignation of L.L. McCallister, police officer, effective the 15th of February. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman McClanahan moved that the Council accept the following as legal holidays. Motion seconded by Councilman Richiusa:

January 1st.

February 12th, 22nd.

May 30th

July 4th

1st Monday in Sept.

November 11th

Thanksgiving Day

December 25th

June 21st

All days appointed and recommended by the Governor of this State or the President of the United States.

Mayor Alexander informed the Council that Tom Supthen would be in this week end to give the City a quotation on fire equipment.

The Council suggested that a letter be written to the Nitro Firemens Association expressing the Council's appreciation for the dinner given by the Association the 17th of February and also for the splendid work their organization is doing for the community.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

March 3, 1950

The City Council met in special session March 3, 1950.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, C.C.Richiusa, M.L.Bush, W.H.Jones, J.F.McClanahan and Geo. O.Nelson members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

**Municipal Engineering Corporation**

Mayor Alexander asked for the Council's permission to appoint Grover C. Christian as Engineer ~~for~~ new street program, which will begin in the spring.

Nitro, W.V.A.

Councilman Richiusa moved that **Municipal Engineering Corporation** / Grover C. Christian be appointed as Engineer ~~for~~ Street paving program. Motion seconded by Councilman McClanahan. Motion carried.

Councilman Nelson moved that City send a check in amount of \$164.00 for premium of fire insurance policy on City Building, to the Merchants Fire Insurance Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander explained to the Council that he had contacted some of the plants regarding aid in the purchase of a new fire truck and had been advised that if the City could pay \$6,000 on the truck the plants would supply the balance of \$7,250. of the purchase price of the truck.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the City place an order with Harry Sutphin and Associates for a new fire truck. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder





March 21, 1950

The City Council met in regular session the 21st of March, 1950.

There were present: W.W. Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, M.L. Bush, W.H. Jones, J.F. McClanahan, and C.C. Richiusa, members of the city council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of meetings held February 27th and March 3rd.

Councilman McClanahan moved minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Copies of the financial statement for the month of February were presented.

Councilman Bush moved financial statement be accepted. Motion was seconded by Councilman McClanahan. Motion carried.

Thereupon the Council proceeded to discuss and consider the petitions which had heretofore been filed with the City Recorder and with Council for the grading, draining, paving, re-paving, curbing and guttering and otherwise permanently improving the following named streets: 6th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 7th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 8th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old County road); 9th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 10th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 11th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 12th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 14th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 21st Street, from and including its intersection with Third Avenue to the northwestern approach to the bridge across Blakes Creek; 21st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Third Avenue; 32nd Street from and including its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Second Avenue; 41st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Second Avenue; and also discussed and considered the requests and proposals of interested persons and the Council for grading, draining, paving, re-paving, curbing and guttering and otherwise permanently improving, Bank Street from its intersection with 20th Street to and including its intersection with 21st Street, and 21st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Third Avenue.

Thereupon Councilman Jones moved that Council accept above named petitions and that it also accept the proposals of interested persons and of Council for the said improvement of said portions of Bank Street and 21st Street, and moved that the City/ ~~proceed to grade~~ consider further proposals to grade,

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drain, pave, re-pave, curb and gutter, and otherwise permanently improve said above named streets and portions of streets, and that said improvements be done under and pursuant to the procedure set forth and provided in Article 8, Chapter 8, Code of West Virginia, as amended by Chapter 89 Acts of the Legislature, Regular Session, 1949; and further moves that the Council do fix April 25th, 1950, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. in its Council Chambers in the City Hall of said City as the time and place of a public meeting of Council for the hearing of protests and objections or other remarks of property owners or other interested persons and at any adjournment; thereof and further that the City Recorder be authorized and directed to publish the following notice ~~once~~ a week for three successive weeks in Kanawha Valley Leader, the only newspaper published within the City of Nitro and having general circulation therein, said notice being as follows:

Notice to all persons or corporations owning property abutting on 6th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 7th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 8th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 9th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 10th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 11th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 12th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 14th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 21st Street from and including its intersection with Third Avenue to the north-western approach to the bridge across Blakes Creek; 21st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Third Avenue; Bank Street from its intersection with 20th Street to and including its intersection with 21st Street; 32nd Street from and including its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Second Avenue; 41st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Second Avenue.

Proposals have been made to the Common Council of the City of Nitro to permanently improve the portions of the streets described above in the City of Nitro be grading, draining, paving, re-paving, curbing, and guttering, and otherwise improving said streets as the Common Council of the City of Nitro may deem proper and to assess the cost of such improvements on the property abutting said portions of said Streets.

The proposals to make such improvements, and the plans, specifications, profiles and estimates will be considered by the Common Council of the City of Nitro at a public meeting to be held on the 25th day of April, 1950, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. at the City Building in said City of Nitro. Any abutting owners or interested parties will be given an opportunity to protest or be heard at said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Grace Lewis, Recorder

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April 18, 1950

The regular monthly meeting of the Nitro City Council was held Tuesday, April 18, 1950.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, M.L.Bush, G.O.Nelson, W.H.Jones and C.C.Richiusa members of the council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of meeting held March 21st. Councilman Bush moved minutes be approved. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copies of the financial statement for the month of March were presented. Council man Richiusa moved council accept statement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson. Motion carried.

A report was made that traffic congestion at the corner of 22nd Street and 2nd Avenue was being corrected.

Mayor Alexander reported the "No Heavy Traffic Allowed" signs were being made for 24th Street.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the City Council officially accept the resignation, from the council, of J.F.McClanahan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion carried.

Announcement was made of a public meeting being held at the City Building April 25, 1950 for the purpose of protest being heard on the paving program.

Councilman Nelson moved that council accept the resignation of Paul M. Downey from the Park Board and that the Nitro Junior Chamber of Commerce be asked to recommend a member of their orginazition to replace Mr. Downey. Councilman Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Jones moved that city erect signs with the wording "Slow Church Zone" in the areas of 40th Street, 2nd Avenue, 31st Street, 2nd Avenue, 23rd Street, 2nd Avenue, 22nd Street, 2nd Avenue, 14th Street, 2nd Avenue and 16th Street, 2nd Avenue. Councilman Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

"I, Geo. O. Nelson, move that the following be adopted:

WHEREAS, THE City of Nitro, shall hold an election of officers on the 6th day of June, 1950, as provided by section 4, Article 3, Chapter 8, Code of 1943, State of West Virginia, Therefore Be It:

"RESOLVED, that all nominations be made by certificates and signed by the required number of voters and filed with the Recorder of the City not later than the 6th day of May, 1950, as provided by Section 16, Article 3, Chapter 8, Code of 1943, of the State of West Virginia.

"Be It Further Resolved: That each candidate shall pay the sum of \$5.00 at the time of filing certificate with the Recorder, said sum to be entered in the General Receipts of the City of Nitro.

"Be It Further Resolved: That the voting precincts for said Election shall be in Kanawha County: Precinct No. 260; Precinct No. 261; Precinct No. 283 and in Putnam County Precinct No. 22, as established under the authority of Section 10a, Article 1, Chapter 3, Code of 1943 of the State of West Virginia."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Richiusa and upon vote by the council the motion was declared carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W. W. Alexander  
W. W. Alexander, Mayor

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

April 25, 1950

The Council of the City of Nitro met in special session pursuant to a Resolution duly made and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council held on March 21s, 1950, for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to hear protests or objections of owners of property abutting on 6th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 7th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 8th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 9th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 10th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 11th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 12th Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 14th Street from its intersection with First Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue (old county road); 21st Street from and including its intersection with Third Avenue to the northwestern approach to the bridge across Blakes Creek; 21st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Third Avenue; Bank Street from its intersection with 20th Street to and including its intersection with 21st Street; 32nd Street from and including its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Second Avenue; 41st Street from its intersection with First Avenue to and including its intersection with Second Avenue, in regard to the proposed grading, draining, paving, re-paving, curbing and guttering, and otherwise permanently improving said streets, at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor W.W.Alexander, and the following Councilmen were present: W.H.Jones, M.L.Bush and C.C.Richiusa.

Thereupon the Mayor proceeded to inquire of those present in the audience of their attitude toward the paving and permanent improvement of said above named streets, approximately 30 property owners being present, and after a number of questions and a discussion of the plans, specifications profiles and estimates prepared by the Engineer for the City and heretofore filed with the Recorder, between the property owners present, the Mayor, City Attorney and G.C. Christian of Municipal Engineering Corporation, Engineer, the Mayor inquired if there were any owners present who desired to protest and there were none.

Thereupon the Mayor announced that there was one Councilman absent, and that a further study of the plans, specifications, profiles and estimates seemed desirable, and therefore he would entertain a motion to recess the meeting until May 9, 1950, at 7:30 P.M., at the same place for the same purpose.

Thereupon Councilman Richiusa moved that the meeting and public hearing in regard to said proposed permanent improvements heretofore named and described for said streets be recessed until May 9, 1950, at 7:30 P.M., and at the same place for the same purpose. The motion was duly seconded by Councilman Jones; and

upon vote being taken, the Councilman voting unanimously in favor of said motion, the Mayor announced the motion had passed, and so ordered.

George J. J. J.  
CITY RECORDER

W. W. J. J.  
MAYOR



May 2, 1950

The City Council met in special session May 2nd for the purpose of selecting the election officials for the regular City Election to be held June 6, 1950.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.Jones, C.C.Richiusa and M.L.Bush members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

Councilman Richiusa moved that the following officials be appointed to conduct the City Election June 6, 1950. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

PRECINCT No. 260 Kanawha County

Labe King	Receiving Commissioner	
Mrs. Martin Rice	Receiving Commissioner	
Mrs. Darrell Evans	Receiving Commissioner	
Mrs. Howard Wallace	Receiving Clerk	
Mrs. Calvin Deem	Receiving Clerk	
Mrs. Eugene Bailes	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. Paul Leadman	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. James B. Smith	Counting Commissioner	
Philip Arthur	Counting Clerk	Ballot Comm.
Mrs. Elmer Miller	Counting Clerk	

PRECINCT 261 Kanawha County

L.F.Hartranft	Receiving Commissioner	Ballot Comm.
Mrs. Margaret Gallagher	Receiving Commissioner	
Mrs. Velma Kinder	Receiving Commissioner	
Mrs. Irene Coe	Receiving Clerk	
Mrs. Mary King	Receiving Clerk	
Ed Gosney	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. Edith Lanham	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. Treva Sayre	Counting Commissioner	
W.L. Wintz	Counting Clerk	
Mrs. Elizabeth Robins	Counting Clerk	

PRECINCT No. 283

Kanawha County

W.P.Wilson	Receiving Commissioner	Ballot Comm.
Lydia Briggs	Receiving Commissioner	
Essie Sims	Receiving Commissioner	
Eunice Higginbotham	Receiving Clerk	
Virginia Hunter	Receiving Clerk	
Mrs. Cora Jarvis	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. William Lewis	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. Lillian Vassar	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. E nestine Jordan	Counting <del>Commissioner</del> Clerk	
W.A.B.Vivian	Counting Clerk	

PRECINCT NO. 22

Putnam County

R.M. Tormey	Receiving Commissioner	Ballot Comm.
Sam Lyons	Receiving Commissioner	
Mrs. Tom Shaffer	Receiving Commissioner	
Z.S. Raynes	Receiving Clerk	
Mrs. J.E. Roark	Receiving Clerk	
Mrs. Grace Dorman	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. B.F. McDaniel	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. Hattie Beckman	Counting Commissioner	
Mrs. Christopher Reno	Counting Clerk	
Mrs. Lonnie Walker	Counting Clerk	

Councilman Richiusa moved that the Appalachian Electric Power Company be notified to install street lights at the Third Avenue side of foot bridge on 23rd Street and one on 22nd Street, 3rd Avenue near the bridge. Motion was seconded th Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Grace Lewis  
Grace Lewis, Recorder

W.W. Alexander  
W.W. Alexander, Mayor

May 8, 1950

The City Council of Nitro met in special session Manday, May 8, 1950 for the purpose of certifying petitions of nomination for election of office.

There were present: W.W.Alexander, Mayor, Grace Lewis, Recorder, W.H.J. nes, M.L.Bush, C.C.Richiusa and G.O.Nelson members of the Council.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order.

The Recorder read the minutes of meetings held April 18th, April 25th and May 2nd.

Councilman Jones moved minutes be approved. Councilman Nelson seconded motion. Motion carried.

The Recorder presented the certificates of nomination for office.

Councilman Richiusa entered motion that the City Council approve the following named persons as candidates for office in the City election to be held June 6, 1950. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bush. Motion carried.

FOR MAYOR

W.W.Alexander  
L.R.Stone  
L.L.Betz

FOR RECORDER

Grace Lewis

FOR COUNCIL

Marion L. Bush  
Dr. G.O.Nelson  
W.H."Bill" Jones  
Charles Cavet White  
J.L.McGill  
Jerome Collins  
Borden E. Gewin  
James "Jim" F. Roe  
Emory E. Hedrick

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Grace Lewis*  
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Grace Lewis, Recorder

*W.W.Alexander*  
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W.W.Alexander, Mayor



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