

MINUTES
Nitro City Council
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
7:00pm

<input type="checkbox"/> David Casebolt	Mayor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Barr	Council-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Boggs	Ward 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Hively	Recorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Javins	Council-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia McGill	Ward 2
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Shamblin	Council-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Murphy	Ward 3
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hill	Ward 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnnie Brown	Attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Reed	City Planner		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Griffith	CPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Stevens	CVB Executive Director		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Montgomery	Legislative Liason				

Call-to-Order **Rich Hively, Recorder @ 7:00pm** (Mayor Casebolt was on vacation)

Invocation - **Lane Kirby** (Rich Hively's daughter)

Pledge of Allegiance - **Bill Javins** (elder statesman of city council)

Swearing-In of city council for 07/1/2024 thru 6/30/2028 by Kanawha County Magistrate Russell W Casto III, aka Rusty Casto
Ward Council ... [1] Donna Boggs v, [2] Cyndi McGill v, [3] Joe Murphy v and [4] Mike Hill v
Council-at-Large ... Bill Javins v, Andy Shamblin v and Emily Barr v
Recorder ... Rich Hively v
Mayor ... David Casebolt v ... was sworn-in Sunday, June 20, 2024 by Magistrate Casto prior to leaving on vacation

Future Dates of Council: **Tuesday ... July 16 and Aug. 6, Aug. 20**

Approval of Council Minutes - June 11 - motion Bill, 2nd Emily v (only meeting in June)
June 4 - NO Meeting - Election Day; June 18 - NO Meeting

Annual CVB Report by Joe Stevens, Executive Director ... motion Donna, 2nd Mike v

Joe highlighted how the CVB helped organize events for the benefit of the local community residents and to draw out-of-town visitors to the city. In terms of marketing the city for visitors, Stevens explained to council that the CVB's website "visitnitro.com", as well as utilizing Facebook, were two mainstays of outward communication. He also explained the distribution of the city's two marketing rack cards and the amount of dollars spent in paid advertising promoting the city. Stevens also went into detail how the Nitro CVB works with other local CVBs to promote the entire region.

Update of City Ordinances:

SECOND READING of the following Ordinances: **John Montgomery, Legislative Liason**

Ordinance Section 70.160 - Riding or jumping onto vehicles ... motion Donna, 2nd Mike v

Ordinance Section 70.161 - Squealing tires, cracking exhaust noises ... motion Joe, 2nd Mike v

Ordinance Section 70.162 - taking, injuring, or tampering with vehicle ... motion Bill, 2nd Joe v

Ordinance Section 70.163 - driving on sidewalk, street, lawn or curb ... motion Donna, 2nd Mike v

Ordinance Section 70.164 - shortcutting, avoiding traffic control devices ... motion Bill, 2nd Mike v ... motion Donna, 2nd Mike v

Ordinance Section 70.165 - coasting prohibited ... motion Bill, 2nd Donna v

Paving & Concrete: Bill Javins \$200,000 paving & concrete budget for fiscal year 2024-25 ...
... split \$100,000 in the fall (09/25/2024) & \$100,000 next spring (06/25/25).

Nitro History & Wars Museum Historic Markers: Rich Hively, Nitro Historian

The Nitro Historic Commission received a \$20,000 grant from the Benedum Foundation and \$5,000 from the Nitro CVB. An additional \$6,940 is needed to erect (10) Historic Markers through the WV Department of Archives & History's for the WV State Historic Marker Program. The NHC will submit the proposed markers to the WVDAH & they will research them to verify the historic facts, have the markers manufactured and then install them at appropriate locations in town.

The total project cost is \$31,940

motion Joe, 2nd Emily v

Attorney's Report - Johnnie Brown - nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT - Michael Griffith, CPA

Coal Severance Tax adjustment adopted per resolution ... motion Joe, 2nd Bill v

"... subject to approval of the State Auditor as ex-officio chief inspector of public offices the municipal council does hereby direct the budget be revised PRIOR to the expenditure or obligation of funds for which no appropriation or insufficient appropriation currently exists, as shown on budget revision 2025 Fund 02 - #1, a copy of which is entered as part of this record".

Approval of Accounts Payable ... motion Donna, 2nd Joe v

Budget Revision - none

MAYOR'S COMMENTS - Mayor Casebolt is on vacation

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Andy Shamblin ... we are a blessed community with great people. Thanks to Joe Stevens, CVB and to Kim Reed, City Planner for their work; and to all the volunteers who make all the events possible.

Cyndi McGill ... fireworks will be everywhere the next several days. Please be safe & use caution. Lots of accidents happen that don't need to.

Joe Stevens, CVB COMMENTS:

Reminder about the erosion issue at Ridenour at the dock / kayak launch. Short-term solution is to add larger rock, but long-term is to concrete it. Jamie Wright (Building Dept.) & Dale Dues (Public Works) have both looked at it & agree. Also, we will have the 8-9-10 year old girls softball 12-tee tournament at city park the weekend of July 12-13-14. And, the 1st responders pickleball tournament the same weekend ... city park will be busy. Plus, tonight is movie night at the library.

Kim Reed, City Planner:

FREE swim on Friday night July 12th at the NAC, 5:00pm to 8:30pm and the pickle eating contest.

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:31pm

motion Joe, 2nd Mike v

MAYOR:

David Casebolt

RECORDER:

Rich Hively

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