MINUTES APRIL 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Casebolt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Attending were Recorder Rita Cox, Councilmen at Large John Montgomery, Andy Shamblin, and Bill Javins, Ward 1 Councilwoman Donna Boggs, Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer, Ward 4 Councilman Michael Hill, and City Treasurer John Young. Ward 3 Councilwoman Laurie Elkins and City Attorney Johnnie Brown were absent.

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casebolt said the futures dates of Council are May 2 and 16 and June 6 and the second meeting in June is to be announced since it falls on West Virginia Day.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION THAT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21 BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. COUNCILMAN MONTGOMERY ABSTAINED AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE REST OF THE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION THAT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 4 BE APPROVED AND THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

LAYING OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATES/2017-2018 BUDGET: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION THAT COUNCIL LAY THE 2017-2018 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATES FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SHAMBLIN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADJUSTMENTS AND CORRECTIONS 2017-2018 BUDGET: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE DECREASE IN THE BUDGET BY \$535.00 AS APPROVED BY THE WV AUDITOR'S OFFICE. THE SECOND WAS BY COUNCILMAN MONTGOMERY AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR MUSSEL SURVEY AS PART OF THE RIVERBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL MADE THE MOTION THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID FROM ALLSTAR ECOLOGY FOR THE MUSSEL SURVEY AND POTENTIALRELOCATION FOR THE STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT FOR \$15,000. THE SECOND WAS BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REVISION: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BUDGET REVISION MAKING THE SALES TAX OF \$1,700,000 A PART OF THE GENERAL FUND WITH ASECOND BY COUNCILMAN MONTGOMERY AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

CROSS LANES/NITRO LITTLE LEAGUE: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL MADE THE MOTION THAT THE LITTLE LEAGUE BE PERMITTED TO PARADE ON FIRST AVENUE FROM 41ST STREET TO THE CITY PARK AT 10:00 AM ON APRIL 29 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown was not present.

TREASURER REPORT: COUNCILMAN SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTION THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM TREASURER JOHN YOUNG. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt said he wanted to acknowledge the death of a longtime employee and the father of the Public Works Director, Alex Hill Sr. He said he will be missed. The mayor said the May 13 Memorial for the War Veterans and dedication of the park will be taking place soon. He said there is also a horse parade planned at noon the same day and at 2:00 the National Commander of the Disabled Veterans of America, David Riley, will be the guest speaker along with other speakers and events throughout the day. He said we also will host the Run for the Wall on May 24 which is a very big event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Recorder Rita Cox said she wanted to congratulate Ward 3 Councilwoman Laurie Elkins who had participated in and completed the Boston Marathon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bob Schamber asked if the recent announcement of the changes at Shawnee Golf Course will affect the proposed sports complex at the Nitro Park. Mayor Casebolt said that he believed it would make a difference for the Nitro plan.

Hershel Facemyre said that the work of the Building Commission on the purchase of the new police station is moving along and the Building Inspector had offered them some guidance.

ADOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AND THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HILL. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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