

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers by Mayor Dave Casebolt with the following in attendance: Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilwoman Donna Boggs, Ward 2 Councilwoman Cynthia Rice, Ward 3 Councilman Joe Murphy, Ward 4 Councilman Michael Hill, Councilwoman at Large Emily Barr, Councilman at Large Bill Javins, City Attorney Johnnie Brown, and City Treasurer John Young. Councilman at Large Andy Shamblin was not present.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bill Javins.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casebolt said he future dates of Council are May 4 and 18, and June 1 and 15.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6 MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS ABSTAINED AND VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE COUNCILMEN JAVINS, HILL, AND MURPHY, COUNCILWOMEN RICE AND BARR, AND RECORDER COX. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF LEVY RATES/LAYING OF LEVY 2021-2022 BUDGET: RECORDER RITA COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEVY RATES AND THE LAYING OF THE LEVY FOR THE 2021-2022 BUDGET WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR. COUNCIL VOTED FOR THE MOTION.

BROADBAND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Kevin Mullins talked with Council about the proposed broadband plan for the city. Kim Reed said the committee had met and both agreed funding was the next thing to look at. Mayor Casebolt said he believes that some of the Federal money to be given to municipalities will include broadband investment. City Attorney Johnnie Brown said he would research how some other nearby cities are funding the projects.

REQUEST TO MOVE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT PEOPLES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MATURING IN MAY TO INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT AT WV TREASURER DUE TO HIGHER INTEREST RATES: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT PEOPLES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TO WV TREASURER ACCOUNT WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HILL. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN BIDS LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL FIELD TURF PROJECT: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL MADE THE MOTION TO AWARD THE BID TO TURF THE SOFTBALL FIELD TO THE LONE BIDDER, WV TURF FOR \$150,000 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR. Mayor Casebolt said the work will be one in July. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

OPEN BIDS TENNIS COURTS PROPOSAL: Recorder Rita Cox said the lone bid for tennis courts was WV Turf for \$75,000. Mayor Casebolt said that local tennis player and coach, Kathy Barr, said the turf course does not meet the needs that local tennis players are used to. Councilwoman Emily Barr recommended that Council rebid the project.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPAGATION STUDY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS: COUNCILWOMAN BARR MADE THE MOTION TO PERMIT THE USE OF THE SIGNAL AT THE TOWER ON THE HAIKAL PROPERTY IN NITRO FOR RADIOS. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS. Johnnie Brown said that each phase of the move will need to be appropriately financed by approval of Council according to the WV Code. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NITRO POLICE DEPARTMENT ELECTRIC VEHICLE: Mayor Casebolt said the purchase of an electric vehicle could be a good move for Nitro. Johnnie Brown said that the purchase will have to be put out for bid due to the cost. Recorder Cox said the bids will be on the agenda of the May 18 meeting of Council.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION: Mayor Casebolt said this would be addressed when an electric vehicle is purchased.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown did not have a report but was prepared to take questions.

TREASURER REPORT: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS FROM THE TREASURER WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HILL. THE MOTION PASSED.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt said the Budget Meeting to discuss sales tax expenditure will be held after the May 4 meeting of Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: There were no comments from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Stephens said the recent event at Ridenour Lake was a big success. He said he appreciates the citizen involvement.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN MURPHY MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN RICE AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER