

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2021

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

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 future dates of Council are February 16 and March 2 and 16.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. THE MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST TO PURCHASE OFFICE FURNITURE TO ORGANIZE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FILES: A. J. Shinn presented Council with three bids for office furniture for the Code Enforcement/Building Department: Dynamic Graphic at \$4795.00; Capitol Business Interiors at \$3814.65; and B. Stanley Gill at \$3983.00. COUNCILMAN ANDY SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM B. STANLEY GILL AT \$3983.00 AND THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BOGGS. A. J. Shinn said that he was familiar with the product from B. Stanley Gill and appreciated the quality. He said that the product will be put together by the B. Stanley Gill company. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCIL VOTING UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION.

OPEN BIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTERIOR WORK: COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BOGGS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SINGLE BID MADE BY SYNKOTE SPECIALTIES COMPANY FOR \$10,000.00 TO STUCCO THE FRONT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

NICOLE MCCARTNEY REPRESENTING BEN FRANKLIN TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Councilwoman Donna Boggs said she had been communicating with Nicole McCartney who is an assistant principal at Ben Franklin School about working with the city. Nicole McCartney said that she was reaching out to the community to increase awareness and involvement concerning the school. She said some technical schools are getting involved in doing the Christmas displays like Nitro has at Ridenour Lake and she said Ben Franklin would be interested in working with the city. Mayor Casebolt said he would appreciate working with them and thanked her for reaching out to the city.

FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY FIRE MARSHAL: John Montgomery said he was not prepared to present the ordinance. Mayor Casebolt said the decision to authorize a fire marshal will be

referred to the Police and Fire Committee for a recommendation. He said that an ordinance will give the powers to arrest to the fire marshal and this is an important decision for Council to make.

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

TREASURER REPORT: John Young presented Council with Pay Code Report and Check Report.
COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS AND THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BARR. THE MOTION PASSED.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt said that the plans for an entryway park at McDonalds will probably not get approval and Council may need to look for an alternative plan.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Cynthia Rice said the Get Out To Move program will be starting back up on the first Saturday in March and will meet at 10:00 am at Ridenour Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Stevens said the Get It To Go campaign is beginning and it will encourage people to use local restaurants by getting carry out food and he encouraged Council members to share the information on Facebook.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BARR AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER