

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Casebolt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers with the following in attendance: Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilwoman Donna Boggs, 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. Ward 2 Councilwoman Cynthia McGill and Councilman at Large Andy Shamblin were not present.

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2021 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BARR. VOTE WAS FOR THE MOTION.

RECOGNITION NITRO LITTLE LEAGUE 7/8 YEAR OLD ALL STARS: Councilman Joe Murphy introduced the members of the 7/8 year old All Star Little League baseball team and Council congratulated them on the success on the field for this season. Mayor Casebolt helped pass out rings to the players and coaches.

OPEN BIDS FOR TENNIS COURTS INSTALLATION: Recorder Rita Cox opened the bid for paving of three tennis courts with two on Nitro High School property and one at the Nitro City Park area with the total bid being \$572,344.24. COUNCILWOMAN BARR MADE THE MOTION TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE BID CONSISTING OF MAYOR CASEBOLT, RECORDER COX, AND COUNCILMAN MURPHY WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MURPHY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU (CVB) ANNUAL REPORT: COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT FROM CVB DIRECTOR JOE STEVENS REPORTING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL. THE MOTION PASSED.

REVISION OF POOL HOUSE PLANS: Mayor Casebolt shared revised plans with Council that includes a room to be used all year that will replace the exercise room. He said the room will be heated and can be used for various events. He said because of changing construction costs he recommends putting out to bid a construction management position. COUNCILMAN HILL MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED PLANS FOR THE POOL HOUSE AND THE ADDITION OF A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE PROJECT. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS AND A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PAVING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO SOLICIT BIDS TO REMOVE AND REPLACE CONCRETE PADS WITH THE DIMENSIONS BEING 10 FT. BY 20 FT. AND SIX INCHES DEEPT. THERE WAS A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NEW BUSINESS

LIGHTING BALL FIELDS: Councilman Michael Hill said he would like for Council to consider adding lights to the ball fields at the Nitro Park sports complex. Mayor Dave Casebolt said that he would like to wait until Council has a completed long range plan in place for the park before lighting is considered. Councilman Hill said he would wait till that is completed but stated that he wants that plan to contain lighting for the ball fields.

COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET REVISION: RECORDER RITA COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET REVISION WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: RECORDER RITA COX MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY CITY TREASURER JOHN YOUNG. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BOGGS AND THE MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ATTTONEY REPORT: Shirley Burdick and William Madron said there is a garage on property that obstructs their view of the river and is possibly property that belongs to them and/or the city right of way and was built without a permit. They said they had approached the city in 2008 about the matter and there was no resolution. Johnnie Brown said he would research the matter and report back.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Dave Casebolt said there were complaints about individuals putting off fireworks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilwoman Donna Boggs said she believes council should revisit the ordinance on fireworks. She said she has gotten many complaints about the misuse of them.

Councilman Michael Hill said the 10/11/12 year girl's all-star softball team went to the WV State Tournament to represent their district and that is a big achievement. He said he hopes to recognize them at a future Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Stevens said that the Ridenour Regatta is July 27.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN HILL MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BOGGS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER