

Nitro City Council
Minutes
March 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Casebolt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Nitro Church of Christ. The following were in attendance with the Mayor: Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 1 Councilwoman Donna Boggs, Ward 2 Councilwoman Cynthia Rice, Ward 3 Councilman Joey Murphy, Ward 4 Councilman Michael Hill, 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 Barr.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casebolt said the future dates of Council are March 16, and April 6 and 20.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BARR. VOTE WAS FOR THE MOTION.

OLD BUSINESS

NITRO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NDA) FINANCIAL REPORT: COUNCILMAN ANDY SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTED BY NDA DIRECTOR KIM REED AND PREPARED BY NDA FINANCIAL OFFICER SUSAN GRAVES WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN BIDS FOR DRAINAGE WORK AND LAYING ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR NITRO PARK: COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM JIM TRIBBLE FOR \$200,000.00 WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

PAVING PARKING LOT NITRO PARK: COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM MR. ASPHALT FOR \$126,812.00 TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT AREA AT THE POOL, LIBRARY, AND BALL FIELDS. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.

NEW BUSINESS

NITRO POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPOSAL INVOLVING SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS: Jason Garbin of the Nitro Police Department presented Council with the proposal of a voluntary program for citizens to contact the Nitro Police Department to make them aware of surveillance cameras that are already in place at residences and businesses so that in the event of a crime being committed the Police Department can be aware of extra surveillance opportunities in the community. COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BOGGS MADE THE MOTION TO PERMIT NITRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH A PLAN TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM CITIZENS SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR AND A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

ADDITIONAL WORK BY NETRANOM EXTENDING COVERAGE AT RIDENOUR LAKE: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ALLOT \$11,323.00 TO NETRANOM TO INSTALL EXTRA CAMERAS TO INCREASE SURVEILLANCE ABILITY AT RIDENOUR LAKE AREA WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL. Kim Reed explained that the cameras are needed to give better visibility at the gazebo and at shelter four. THE MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCIL VOTING UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

COUNTY ROUTE 25/3RD AVENUE TO BE PART OF CITY ROADWAY SYSTEM WITH 31ST STREET BRIDGE REMAINING WITH WV HIGHWAY SYSTEM: COUNCILMANN BILL JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT OLD COUNTY ROUTY 25/3RD AVENUE WITH 31ST STREET BRIDGE REMAINING WITH WV HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE RECORDER RITA COX, COUNCILWOMEN CYNTHIA RICE AND EMILY BARR, AND COUNCILMEN ANDY SHAMBLIN, BILL JAVINS, MICHAEL HILL, AND JOE MURPHY. VOTING IN OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION WAS COUNCILWOMAN DONNA BOGGS. THE MOTION PASSED.

PURCHASE ONE TON TRUCK/PUBLIC WORKS: COUNCILMAN ANDY SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTON TO PURCHASE A NEW ONE TON TRUCK FROM STEPHENS AUTO FOR \$44,988.00 WHICH INCLUDES SNOW PLOW FOR \$395.00 AND DUMP BED FOR \$15,120.00 ALONG WITH THE BASE PRICE OF \$29,473.00 FROM THE WV STATE BID. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO PASS.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Johnnie Brown did not have a report to give. He said he was prepared to take questions from Council members.

TREASURER REPORT: COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR MADE THE MOTON TO PASS THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET REVISION WITH COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL MAKING A SECOND TO THE MOTION. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt said there will be clean up on 40th Street on Saturday.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Javins said he appreciated that the paving will be done on the library parking lot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Stevens said there is a plan to have the Easter Bunny be at the library parking area to give out easter eggs with safe distancing on Saturday, March 20 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN MURPHY MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SHAMLIN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER