

NITRO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
December 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Casebolt called the meeting to order with the following present: Recorder Cox, Ward 1 Councilwoman Boggs, Ward 2 Councilwoman McGill, Ward 3 Councilman Murphy, Ward 4 Councilman Hill, Councilwoman at Large Barr, Councilmen at Large Javins and Shamblin, City Attorney Johnnie Brown, and City Treasurer John Young.

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

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dave Casebolt said the future dates of Council are December 20, 2022 and January 3, 2023 and 17, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 52.14 (PRIOR CODE 915.14) OF THE NITRO, WV CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE NITRO REGIONAL WASTEWATER UTILITY (10% RATE INCREASE): RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO PASS ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 52.14 RELATING TO THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE NITRO REGIONAL WASTEWATER UTILITY WITH A 10% RATE INCREASE WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS. Attorney Matt Davis said the increase if passed by Council will take effect on February 3, 2023 and a Public Hearing will be held on December 20, 2022 at the meeting of Council. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.

CONTRIBUTION TO STATUTORY ENTITY/NITRO REGIONAL WASTEWATER UTILITY: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE A CONTRIBUTION TO NITRO REGIONAL WASTEWATER UTILITY OF \$400,000 WITH \$100,000 COMING FROM SALES TAX AND \$300,000 COMING FROM ARPA FUNDS (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT). THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BOGGS. COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

BUDGET REVISION: COUNCILMAN ANDY SHAMBLIN MADE THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE BUDGET REVISION GENERAL FUND NUMBER 2 WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NEW BUSINESS

ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM MICHAEL GRIFFITH FOR CITY ACCOUNTANT POSITION: RECORDER COX MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND TO HIRE MICHAEL GRIFFITH AND ASSOCIATES PLLC CPA GENERAL ACCOUNTING. THERE WAS A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JOE MURPHY AND A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION. (SEE ATTACHED)

HOME RULE PROGRAM 2022 PROGRESS REPORT: John Montgomery updated Council on the 2022 Home Rule Program Progress Report. He indicated that the report indicates funds being saved to work on the Walker Street Project to explain the amount of money being put aside.

STORAGE CONTAINERS PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM UNITED RENTALS FOR TWO 8X4 0X8 ' 6" STORAGE CONTAINERS AT \$10,050 WITH THE COST OF THE CONTAINER \$9500 AND DELIVERY AT \$550. THERE WAS A SECOND BY RECORDER COX AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE TO MAKE AMENDMENT TO CITY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REMOVING REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 157: John Montgomery said the ordinance was not prepared for first reading.

OPEN BIDS FOR POLICE GEAR: COUNCILWOMAN EMILY BARR MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM MSC (MARKL SUPPLY COMPANY INC.) FOR \$18,758.90 FOR POLICE GEAR FOR 22 OFFICERS WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MICHAEL HILL. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

OPEN BIDS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT FLOOR REPLACEMENT: Recorder Rita Cox said there were no bids submitted.

WV READY AMERICORPS PROGRAM: COUNCILMAN JAVINS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE \$13,000 TO FUND AN AMERICORPS EMPLOYEE AND TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF RECORDER COX, COUNCILWOMAN BARR, COUNCILMAN JAVINS AND KIM REED TO AMERICORPS PROGRAM WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SHAMBLIN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE. COUNCILWOMAN BARR MADE THE MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE PROCEED TO MAKE THE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH HIRING AN AMERICORPS EMPLOYEE WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN JAVINS AND A VOTE BY COUNCIL FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Johnnie Brown said he did not have a report to present and was prepared to take questions from Council.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer John Young indicated Council has received a current Check Report and Pay Code Report and would take questions from Council. He said that Council would meet following the next meeting of Council on December 20 to discuss budget items.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Casebolt thanked everyone for the participation in the Christmas parade.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: There were no Council comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN HILL MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN BARR AND A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

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DAVE CASEBOLT, MAYOR

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RITA COX, RECORDER