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Nitro City Council appoints municipal judge replacement

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Nitro City Council appointed Richard Walters as its new municipal judge at its meeting Tuesday.

Walters, of Cross Lanes, has a law practice in Charleston and is a graduate of Syracuse University. He will be sworn on Oct. 18 following the retirement of Shawn Taylor, who is leaving the post to devote more time to his law practice.

Council also approved paying a 6-year-old bill from Lawson Monument Company. City treasurer John Young looked through financial records dating back to 2004 to make sure that the \$4,343 bill had not been paid, which he verified with the other city officials. Council authorized Young to pay the bill.

In other business, Nitro council voted to select KEMRON as the remediation specialist for the Brownfield Phase 2 hazardous waste assessment grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, which totaled \$200,000.

Vulcan Utility Signs Inc., of Foley, Ala. was awarded the contract to produce street signs for Nitro. Vulcan bid \$9,805.98 to make 212 signs.

Council also approved the transfer of \$250,000 from the general fund into an account with the State Treasurer's Board of Investments. According to city treasurer Young, the funds can be accessed at any time, and the account will have a variable rate.

Council agreed to award Dunbar Printing the job of producing Nitro's 2011 calendar. Dunbar bid \$4,921 to print 4,500 calendars.

Council also elected Bob Lagg, of Mardi Gras Casino, as a member of Nitro Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Finally, it was announced that early voting in Nitro for the Nov. 2 general election will begin Oct. 13 at City Hall.

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