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Nitro appoints new municipal judge

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NITRO, W.Va. -- Nitro citizens will see a new face on the bench of the city's municipal court.

Richard Walters, a partner with a small corporate law firm in Charleston, was sworn in by former Judge Shawn Taylor at a regular Nitro City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Taylor, who served five years as judge, recently announced he would be stepping down due to increasingly large caseloads from his private practice.

"It's been fabulous," Taylor said of his experience as judge.

Walters said he is excited about the opportunity to serve the citizens of Nitro.

"I'm looking forward to learning more about the process and serving the city," Walters said. "If I can get out of here being thought of as well as Shawn, I'll be doing great."

Also Tuesday night, council members announced the selection of Terradon Communications to build the city's new website. According to Recorder Rita Cox, the site should be up and running by Nov 1.

In other news, councilman Bill Javins said a groundbreaking ceremony for the Smith Street boat-launch ramp will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Javins insisted that construction will begin the following Tuesday.

"I think we should make a motion that this be the last groundbreaking we have," Councilman Craig Matthews said, jokingly. "From here on out, we should only have ribbon-cuttings."