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Nitro to purchase fire department radio equipment

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NITRO, W.Va. -- Nitro City Council members agreed Tuesday night to spend \$6,875 for the installation of all new digital radio equipment for city fire department.

According to Capt. Shawn Alderman, this upgrade needed done as soon as possible because neighboring cities like St. Albans have already upgraded their fire department radio systems. Alderman also said that the radio antennae system is also out of date and should be replaced by 2011.

City Treasurer John Young suggested that not all of the radios should be replaced now, as the city should look into buying a new firetruck in the near future. Council members decided to go ahead and complete the installation now.

In other business, Young presented the completed audit from the West Virginia State Auditor's office. The city received a B+ overall and received only seven recommendations of needed changes.

Also, council received a progress report on the construction that has begun on the boat ramp located on Main Avenue. The report, in the form of a memo from Building Inspector Ronnie King, said that more than 200 tons of rock has been spread over the proposed parking area, and over 20 truckloads of debris has been removed from the riverbank. The report also said that the concrete ramp has been poured but had to be "pushed" into the water with heavy equipment and sustained some damage.

Mayor Rusty Casto said that he would bring the questions raised from the report to Bret Preston of the Division of Natural Resources to verify the accuracy.

Councilman Dave Casebolt recognized the Nitro citizen of the month as 3-year-old Kaylee Kohl, one of 20 finalists in the Gap Casting Call Contest. She has already won an all-expenses paid trip to San Francisco for a Gap photo shoot.

The finalists were chosen from more than 1 million entries across the country. You can vote for Kaylee at [www.gapcastingcall.com](http://www.gapcastingcall.com). Grand-prize winners will be chosen from public voting that is open until Dec. 20. Casebolt encouraged everyone to vote once a day for Kaylee to win.

Four grand-prize winners with the most votes will receive a \$1,000 Gap gift certificate and professional Gap photo shoot, which will appear in Gap Kids and Baby Gap stores nationwide.