

Council Meeting
Nutter Fort
January 24, 2012

The regular meeting of Council of Nutter Fort, was held, Tuesday, January 24, 2012, in council chambers with the following members present: Stephen Korn, Barbara Gorby, William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Robin Newhouse, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Also present were Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Treasurer Tammy Gwinn, and Code Enforcement Officer Adam Barberio. Guests were: Leanne Spornak, Charlotte Link, Jim Link and, Jenalda Heflin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Mayor Rohrbough, with Councilor Newhouse asking prayer, followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Code Enforcement Officer Barberio addressed council and presented his report. There have been several letters of violation sent and most have complied. Also, 4 properties have been demolished recently.

Fire Department Buiding Report Chief Haddix reports the front of the new building is almost completed and work is beginning on renovations of the back section.

Chief Haddix also reported that council met in a work session earlier concerning the LED sign. We will advertise the LED sign for bid.

Police Department Chief Godwin has requested his department borrow up to \$14,000 from the General Prime account and repay it at the rate of \$500 per month. This, along with the money budgeted in the police budget, would be used to purchase 2 new cruisers. The two 2001 models would be replaced.

- Karen Phillips motioned we allow the police department to borrow up to \$14,000 from the prime general account for the purchase of 2 new cruisers, and repay \$500 monthly until the full amount is paid. After a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- Karen Phillips motioned approval of the building permits (attached), and, following a second by Barbara Gorby, they were approved by unanimous vote.
- The Bills (attached) were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Robin Newhouse and a second by Barbara Gorby. Stephen Korn requested a copy of the audit report.
- The minutes of the January 10, 2012 minutes were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Stephen Korn.

Old Business: Allegheny Power will replace the 400 watt bulb in the street light nearest the flag poles on the island, with a 1000 watt bulb. The additional cost would be \$15 per month. We will see how this works. Also, we still don't know if the street between the island and the FOP parking lot belongs to the city.

Councilor Benincosa wants a possible re-naming of the street, known as Caroline St, between 3rd and 4th placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilor Benincosa also questioned why we could grant a 2% across the board raise last year and cannot do it now. Treasures Gwinn distributed a report (attached) that shows a deficit in receipts, mostly due to loss of the offices in Dr Mossalati's complex on Route 98. She also explained that a 2% raise would cost approximately \$20,000 annually. She also reported that the coal severance money is in a separate account and can only be used for certain things.

Discussed was the parking problem of residents of the apartment building owned by Kazem Nasseri. Chief Godwin explained that providing adequate parking for residents and users of the party room is the responsibility of Nasseri and that we should not get involved. The mayor stated that Nasseri was offered leasing of space from the city during off-business hours, but he declined.

New Business: None

Police Chief Godwin reported that 6 cases were heard by Police Judge Terango tonight and the chief felt we were wise in hiring a professional judge.

Fire Chief Haddix reported the fire department was awarded a grant of \$65,000 which will be used for a new thermal imaging camera, rescue equipment, and turn out gear.

Councilor Benincosa said he met with Bridgeport Mayor Christie and Christie bragged on the Nutter Fort Fire Department and our city.

Mayor Rohrbough reminded council about the Lights on Drugs walk, Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM after a motion by Robin Newhouse and a second by Barbara Gorby.

(Mayor)

(Recorder)