

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
1/12/2016**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Councilor Benincosa, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order in council chambers at 7:30 pm by Mayor Sam Maxson. Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, and Karen Phillips. Also present: Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, and Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe. Guests: William Hust, Luke Brogger, Pam and Bertis McCarty.

Minutes: December 8, 2015 minutes were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd, second by Karen Phillips.

Treasurer's report: Recorder Louk reported the following for Treasurer Foley: Mrs. Foley received an email today on our sidewalk project stating it will still be awhile before construction is started. They have to place it out for bid, have pre-bid meetings, etc., but they are slowly making progress.

Also, Mazzo's Excavating is supposed to start repairs on the Edison St. wall damaged some time ago when a truck drove over it. The estimate to repair that section of the wall is \$17,472.00. We have already received the check from Erie Insurance for the damage. Lastly, anyone wishing to register for the upcoming WV State Auditor's workshop, please let Julie know and she will get them registered. A form is included in your packet.

- Accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd. Second by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished business: None

New Business:

- Mayor Maxson recognized Jack Leeson of 405 2nd Ave for being selected as the 2015 Christmas House. He is ill and plans to attend the next council meeting.
- Mayor Maxson discussed a proposal to amend the Ordinance adopted in March 2015 establishing pay increases for specific certifications and skills (attached). The Mayor explained, the ordinance needs revised to include additional certifications not listed originally, and address other personnel in addition to maintenance employees. Council and supervisors have ideas to update the ordinance. A rough draft of changes was provided to council and discussed this evening with additional suggestions. A draft for the first reading will be presented at the Jan 26th council meeting.
- Building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd, second by Karen Phillips. Council members commented the building permits could just be included in our packets in the future. Mayor

Maxson explained at the last council meeting the permits do not need to be approved by council.

- Mayor Maxson reported Code Enforcer, Gregory was unable to attend tonight due to slick roads. The Mayor has discussed several property issues with him. Council agreed there needs to be better follow-up on these problems. One pressing issue is the poor condition of the old RW gym and who is responsible for repairs. Owner, Mike Ross recently let the building go for back taxes. Mayor Maxson is checking on this through several sources.

Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin reported officer Bartlett is attending the meth lab training being held this week. He is the only officer who has not had this training.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported:

- 1) The ISO review is complete and all the Fire Dept review went well. He is hopeful the local rating will be lowered as a result of the review. There were some problems with the Greater Harrison Water System portion, which should not affect the local rating. It has been 21 years since the last review.
- 2) The siren was placed back on top of the fire dept. on Saturday.
- 3) Tickets are being printed for the Gun Bash scheduled for May, 7th, 2016.
- 4) Current meth lab training is being held in the fire dept. training room due to the large number in attendance. Nutter Fort Fire Dept. may be asked to participate in all meth lab cleanups in the county.

Maintenance Dept.: No report

Comments:

- Mayor Maxson stated he, Mrs. Maxson and Mrs. Louk will be attending the Municipal League Conference next week.
- The Mayor acknowledged guests and asked for any issues from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by William Benincosa.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor