

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
1/26/2016**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Councillor 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 and Bruce Kidd. Absent: Councillors Phillips, Roberts and Treasurer Foley. Also present: Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor Thurman Wolfe and Code Enforcer Warren Gregory.

Guests: Jack Leeson, Janet and Mark Conrad, and Dave Garvin.

Minutes: January 12, 2016 minutes were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Natalie Haddix.

Treasurer's Report: Mayor Maxson reported for Ms. Foley. She heard from Chapman Technical Group. They proposed the following timeline for the sidewalk project (from FOP to Nutter Run Rd): to advertise on March 8th and 15th; pre-bid meeting on March 17th and bid opening on March 29th. Bruce Kidd moved to accept the timeline, second by Natalie Haddix. Passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- Mayor Maxson and Janet Conrad presented a certificate to Jack Leeson of 405 Second Ave. for his decorations and selection as Christmas House 2015.
- Mayor Maxson gave an overview of the pre-council workshop this evening to discuss the proposed ordinance (attached) concerning additional compensation for department personnel related to certifications and duties enhancing job performance. Council has questions regarding different water certifications and additional compensation for them. Clarification is needed from Jim Wolfe and/or Bertis McCarty before proceeding. Another workshop will be held prior to the Feb 9th Council meeting to discuss further.

New Business:

- Council discussed the request for a license for location of storage buildings at 802 Illinois Ave. for Ashlee Layne Properties. Enclosed zoning regulations were discussed. Councillor Haddix pointed out the correct address is in the 600 block of Illinois Ave. The correct address will be confirmed. After much discussion with input from Code Enforcer Gregory, it was decided the request will be denied. This area is zoned residential, therefore storage buildings are not permitted. The owner will be notified.
- Mayor Maxson explained the Library has requested the recent roof repair cost be deducted over a number of quarterly payments rather than the full amount that was deducted from the January 2016 quarterly payment. Council discussed the Income and Expense Annual Report for area libraries (attached). Council would like more clarification on the library's expenses and income. Mayor Maxson plans to attend their next board meeting. Natalie Haddix moved to

deduct the cost of the roof repair over four quarters beginning this month; with an adjustment made since the full \$2250.73 was already deducted from this month's quarterly supplement. Motion seconded by William Benincosa and approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported:

- 1) responses went smoothly in spite of the severe snow storm this past weekend.
- 2) the dept has done testing through all phases on the re-installed siren. Weekly testing will be around 7pm on Mondays. It will be used for major events, not every call.
- 3) alternate giveaway tickets are now available. Prices are \$30.00 each, 4 for \$100 and a special- now until Valentine's Day, buy 4 and get one free.

Maintenance Dept: The Mayor thanked the street dept for a great job with snow removal during the recent severe snow storm. He commented all the departments worked well together. Thurman Wolfe added his crew had also assisted nearby towns with equipment problems they had during the storm. Mayor Maxson thanked the Fire Dept and all the citizens that provided food during the storm for all the workers.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Gregory reviewed the report provided to Council. He is working on several problem properties. He and the Mayor noted they have heard from Mike Ross regarding the old RW gym. Mr. Ross has promised something will be done with the property when the weather breaks. The mayor played a voicemail from Mr. Ross regarding the issue. Mr. Gregory sent registered letters to several residents with vacant/condemned properties. They have 14 days to respond.

Public Comment: Councillor Benincosa has been researching Home Rule (HR) and opined an additional sales tax such as the ones just adopted by nearby cities would benefit Nutter Fort. Mayor Maxson advised we are not eligible for HR until 2017. We are class IV. HR only applies to Class I, II and III municipalities at this time.

Councillor Kidd advised as a member the Harrison Co. Development Authority, he moved to give \$50,000.00 to the YMCA, but the motion did not pass. He plans to request funding again at this week's meeting. The YMCA has a new executive director and this is much needed funding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Natalie Haddix.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor