

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
10/13/2015**

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. In attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Ryan Roberts. Also present: Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe and Julia Foley, Treasurer.

Guests: Edward A. Steele and Don Sinclair.

Minutes:

- Minutes of the 9/08/15 were re-approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Ryan Roberts. Second by Karen Phillips. Minutes were amended to reflect the absence of Councilor Kidd. We were advised to record the absence of any council member at the 10/1 St. Auditor's seminar.
- Minutes of the 9/22/15 meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd. Second by Karen Phillips.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs Foley received an email from Cohen Law Group. They were successful in maximizing the transfer of Time Warner to Charter franchise agreement. They will provide the transfer resolution package for approval at the next council meeting.

Accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd. Second by Ryan Roberts.

Unfinished business:

- Mayor Maxson reviewed the draft ordinance of B & O tax incentives with the following revisions: the minimum investment for new businesses was removed; the minimum investment for expanding business remained at \$100,000. Following discussion, William Benincosa made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance. Motion died for lack of a second.
- Regarding the sale of 1405 Buckhannon Pike, Mayor Maxson spoke to Ron Watson and Willie Parker. They are willing to handle the sale of the property through the Harrison Co. Development Authority. Council discussed pros and cons of keeping vs. selling the property for development and long term revenue. Bruce Kidd moved to give the Mayor authority to turn the property over to the Development Authority to put it on their website, with the intent of selling it at a minimum of \$75,000.00, utilizing the new Economic Development Authority to market it. We could then re-evaluate in six months. Second by Karen Phillips. Passed by unanimous vote.
- Area Trick or Treat dates/times (attached) was reviewed. Council agreed it was best to schedule on the same date as nearby communities. William Benincosa made a motion

to hold Trick or Treat on 10/31 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Second by Charlene Louk.
Approved by unanimous vote. The Fire Dept. party will follow at 7:30 pm.

New Business:

- Mayor Maxson introduced Ordinance 151.26.1-Incentive Pay for Service Workers. A memo explaining the rationale is attached. The first reading was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix. Second by Bruce Kidd.
- Mayor Maxson provided information for a possible change to Citynet for phone and internet service for Town offices. They are running a cable through Nutter Fort to the Industrial Park in Stonewood. Their internet is broadband and should be much faster. Currently this does not include cable, but they will have cable available in the near future. We are paying \$315.00 per month for telephone and internet/cable. Currently the Fire Dept pays separately. Citynet offered a package (without cable) for \$300.00 per month which would also include the Fire Dept. Mrs. Foley will check with them on the cost with cable. More information will be available a future meeting.
- Mayor Maxson gave information on the Nutter Fort Elementary PTSO Trunk or Treat (attached). It will be held on Saturday 10/24 from 2 to 4 pm. The Fire Dept. and Blackberry Festival will both be represented. After discussion, Natalie Haddix moved to purchase \$100.00 in candy from the Town to be passed out by the Fire Dept. Second by Bruce Kidd. Passed by unanimous vote. Natalie will provide a sign crediting the Town of Nutter Fort and the Fire Dept. for the candy provided.
- Building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd. Second by Natalie Haddix.

Police Dept: Chief Godwin reported the tasers have arrived. He is working with the Federal government to return guns no longer needed. Chief Godwin is close to finishing the partial grant for bullet proof vests.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported the service in Emmittsburg was awesome. President Obama spoke and honored Michael Garrett in his speech.

Maintenance Dept: No report

Public Comment: Edward Steele made council aware of the ongoing problem of sinking on his property. Mr. Steele stated the EPA told him he could block the drain to resolve the sinkage, although there was no mention of that in the EPA report he provided earlier to the Mayor. He made council aware this will cause water issues across Rt. 20 near the 911 Center. Mayor Maxson will talk with the town attorneys and get back to him with their response.

Natalie Haddix moved to adjourn at 8:39 pm. Second by Ryan Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

