

**Council Meeting  
Nutter Fort  
October 23, 2012**

The regular meeting of Nutter Fort Council, was held, Tuesday, October 23, 2012, in Council Chambers, with the following members present; Stephen Korn, Barbara Gorby, William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent was Councilor Robin Newhouse. Also present were; Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Supervisor Jim Wolfe, and Treasurer Julia Foley. Guests were; Jim Link, Charlotte Link, Leanne Spornak, Jenalda Heflin, Bertis McCarty, Edward Steele, Ryan Roberts, Linda Blake, and Dr. Shane Nicholson.

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

- The revised ordinance (attached) of the LED sign rental policy was passed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing, by unanimous vote following a motion by Sam Maxson and a second by Barbara Gorby.
- A motion was made by Barbara Gorby and seconded by Stephen Korn to fund half the cost of the annual Halloween Party for the kids, done by the fire department. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- City attorney Andrew McMunn was authorized to obtain judgment and only collect against the real estate at 610 Illinois Ave (see attached letter). After a motion by Sam Maxson and a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- Karen Phillips motioned to increase the street bond to \$25,000 which is a bond in case of damages for installing electric power for lighting the Route 20 Island. After a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- The building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous vote, after a motion by William Benincosa and a second by Barbara Gorby.
- The bills (attached) were approved for payment following a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Stephen Korn.
- Barbara Gorby motioned approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting with the correction (under Fire Department Report) that engine 73 would be sold and the proceeds from that sale be added to the down payment on a new engine. Following a second by Karen Phillips, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Old Business** Stephen Korn reports letters (attached) have been sent to local businesses for donations for additional Christmas decorations

**New Business** None

**Police Chief's Report** None

**Fire Chief's Report** Chief Haddix told council the ultimate giveaway is Saturday, October 27 and ticket sales are going well. Fire Prevention Week is nearly completed and was very successful. Information has been forwarded to the bank for final approval of the loan for purchase of a new engine.(see minutes of 10-9-12 meeting)

**Maintenance Supervisor's Report** None

**Treasurer's Report** The renovation of McDonalds is scheduled for completion by Thursday and they may want council to be present for the re-opening.

**Citizen's Comments** Edward Steele addressed council concerning a huge sink hole on his property at Watson Lane. He claims that several years ago the hole appeared and our garbage truck broke thru and sank to it's frame. He says the city dumped stone into the hole several times, but has not done so for several years. He claims he has spent much money on stone over the years. He has talked with Harrison County Commissioner Ron Watson and was told by Watson that it appears this issue is the city's responsibility. Supervisor Wolfe has consulted our attorney for advice. Mr. Steele paid Julia the back B and O taxes he owed.

- William Benincosa motioned we adjourn into executive session to address 2 personnel issues. Following a second by Karen Phillips, the motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:55PM.
- William Benincosa motioned we make a wage adjustment of \$1.25 per hour increase for Leslie Holbert in assuming the Data Technician position as well as training Alicia in performing water department duties and other matters. After a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was passed.

A job description for a newly created minimum wage position of grant writer will be prepared for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM after a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Stephen Korn.

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(Recorder)