

Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
10/24/17

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

Mayor Maxson called the meeting to order in council chambers at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley.

Also present: Treasurer Julia Foley, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Chief Ron Godwin, Public Works Supervisor Taylor Keith, and Code Enforcer (CE) Keith Kesling.

Guests: Jim and Charlotte Link and Nathan Rohrbough.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 10th, 2017 Council meeting (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report: None.

- Natalie Haddix moved to accept accounts payable (attached). Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished business: Mayor Maxson, Julia Foley and Taylor Keith met with three representatives from DOH (including an engineer) regarding the Sidewalk Project. The project meets code, but is very poor craftsmanship. Some sections have already been repaired. When repairs were made, the good concrete, bordering these sections was also damaged. They will be making more repairs, but we're not sure how much they will do. We still owe our 20% of the payment, which technically does not have to be paid until the project is done properly. Council agrees this portion should be held until the project meets expectations. Mayor Maxson is not sure how much leverage we have on esthetics vs. practicability. We will get input from our attorney on how to proceed. We may still need to get an estimate on getting repairs done on our own. Mr. Kesling added he is concerned because the sidewalk is already chipped and will likely worsen during the winter, then presenting a tripping hazard. He was curious as to where the state inspectors were while the project was being done? Also, why did the engineer sign off on the project (if he inspected it), while having photos of the poor quality? He recommends we mention all this to Mr. Brown. Mrs. Foley added one of the DOH reps mentioned that some concrete appeared to be overworked. Also, the 80/20 grants for sidewalks are available again. They cannot be used for paving.

- Times for Trick or Treat are 6-7 pm on 10/31, with the Fire Dept. party from 7-8 pm. Donations of candy were split between the Library's Trunk or Treat and the Fire Dept. party. 10 Bikes have been purchased/donated. Councilor Phillips asked if there were other needs for the party? Councilor Haddix responded that donations towards pizza and snacks are welcomed.

New Business:

- A draft ordinance to increase employee incentive pay was introduced. This would be the first increase since 2002. Council felt they needed additional time to review the proposed figures prior to making a decision. Council asked this be tabled and discussed in executive session at the next meeting. Executive session will follow other regular business. Mrs. Foley answered questions about the proposed figures and was asked to bring the number of full and part time employees to the next meeting.
- There was discussion on filling the vacant council seat. Karen Phillips moved to nominate “Duck” Webster with a second by Brenda Riley. There was discussion on the time frame to fill the vacancy and possibly waiting handle this at the next meeting. Since the motion had a second, a vote was required. Motion passed by majority with Mr. Benincosa voting “no” and Mrs. Haddix abstaining. Mr. Webster will fill the vacant council seat.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported Fire Prevention month is going well. There was a very efficient fire drill at the school on Friday. 1300 children got out of the school in 45 seconds.

Maintenance Dept: Taylor Keith reported Wade Keith and Kenny Friend both received their Water Distribution (WD) Certification. Two fire hydrants have been replaced this month. They are still doing black top patching.

Code Enforcement: Things are going well. No progress yet on clean up of the back of the RG building. He’s working with Taylor on the sewer right-of-way behind the RG building for upcoming upgrades. This may prompt the owner to clean it up quicker. Ideas were discussed for additional businesses and occupants for our vacant buildings and property. They Mayor has been working with Jamie Metz and Jim Lyons. He would like council to also be thinking of potential new businesses.

Public Comment: Nathan Rohrbough recommends we continue to pursue the sidewalk projects if financially possible. This could be through grants or use of budget money with the citizens paying a portion in front of their residences. Mrs. Foley is not sure of the terms for the grant, but will check into it.

- Mayor Maxson acknowledged Bruce Kidd’s recent resignation from council due to relocation. He thanked him for his dedication and years of service.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

