

**Council Meeting  
Nutter Fort  
November 11, 2014**

The regular meeting of Nutter Fort council was held in council chambers, Tuesday, November 11, 2014, with the following members present: William Benincosa, Stephen Korn, Karen Phillips, Bruce Kidd, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent was councilor Donald Webster. Also present were Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe, and Treasurer Julia Foley. Absent were Police Chief Ron Godwin and Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix. Guests were: Charlene Louk, David Garvin, Leanna Spornak, Charlotte Link, Jim Link, and Jamie Trupo.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Recorder Maxson as Mayor Rohrbough was out on a fire call. Councilor Benincosa asked prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Discussion was held about amending Chapter 1, Article 105, Section 5, relating to extending terms of elected officials. Recorder Maxson explained that, if approved, this ordinance would cause to be placed on the ballot June 9, 2015, an amendment that would elect, in the 2017, election, the mayor and the top 3 vote getters for council to a 4 year term. Then in the 2019 election, the Recorder and 2 council members would be elected for a 4 year term.

- Bruce Kidd motioned that we pass the ordinance to amend Chapter 1, Article 105, Section 5, (ordinance attached) relating to extending the terms of office for elected officials from two years to four years and to stagger dates for the election of those officials. Karen Phillips voiced a second and the motion was approved, on the first reading by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held concerning requiring a pre-employment drug test, physical and hearing test for new employees. The cost would be about \$135 and only be done on those that we plan to hire. All were in favor.

- Karen Phillips motioned approval of the building permits (attached) and they were approved by unanimous vote following a second by Bruce Kidd/
- The accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Bruce Kidd and a second by Karen Phillips.
- The minutes from the October 28, 2014 meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Bruce Kidd.

**Old Business** Paving of Franklin Street has been completed and was paid for by the Town of Stonewood, who ran a new water line through Nutter Fort.

Work installing the flag pole lighting on the "island" is progressing with concrete to be poured Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

**New Business** The Christmas Tree lighting is scheduled for December 6, 2014 and local children will be invited to make ornament in the fire department to be placed on the tree.

- Bruce Kidd motioned we purchase a 3"X5" ad in the Exponent-Telegram for \$120 to promote the tree lighting. Karen Phillips seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Police Chief's Report** Chief Godwin was not present

**Fire Chief's Report** Chief Haddix was not present

**Maintenance Supervisor's Report** Supervisor Wolfe commented on the excellent job of paving on Franklin Street. Parrotta Paving of Morgantown did the paving (paid for by Stonewood)

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Foley informed council that the Safe Way to School Grant administrators, want a meeting with council about the sidewalk project (see minutes from October 14, 2014 meeting), sometime next week, possibly Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 AM. She will let us know. Bruce Kidd questioned Treasurer Foley about the gas and oil severance. She told him we receive a small amount based on our population.

**Public Comments** Charlotte Link suggested we advertise the Christmas Tree lighting on social media, in the calendar of event in the paper, as well as public service on the television. Which is at no cost. We will do that.

Leanna Spornak inquired about the missing "Welcome to Nutter Fort" sign at the south end of town. The Mayor reported the sign has been taken down and is being re-lettered.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM after a motion by Bruce Kidd and a second by Karen Phillips.

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(Mayor)

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(Recorder)