

**Council Meeting
Nutter Fort
November 25, 2014**

The regular council meeting of Nutter Fort was held, Tuesday, November 25, 2014, in council chambers, with the following members present: William Benincossa, Donald Webster, Karen Phillips, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent were: Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, councilors Stephen Korn and Bruce Kidd. Also present was Treasurer Julia Foley and firefighter Tom Singleton. Absent were: Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Police Chief Ron Godwin, and Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix. Guests were: Ralph Pederson, Charlene Louk, Leanna Spornak, and Stephen McElray.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45PM, by recorder Maxson, with Councilor Benincosa asking prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

- The resolution (attached) consenting transfer of control of the cable franchise from Time Warner to Comcast and the resolution (attached) consenting to transfer control pursuant to agreement and plan merger among TWC, Comcast, and Tango, were passed by unanimous vote following a motion by Donald Webster and a second by Karen Phillips.
- The 2nd reading of the ordinance (attached), amending Chapter 1, Article 105, Section 5, 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 was passed by unanimous vote after a motion by Donald Webster and a second by Karen Phillips.
- The ordinance amending Article 151.03 (e) of the codified ordinances in regard to hiring practices to include pre-employment drug testing, background check, physical, and a hearing test, was approved on the first reading after a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Donald Webster, with an additional requirement for a drug test that would test for synthetic marijuana included in the ordinance considered for the 2nd reading.
- Donald Webster motioned approval of the building permits (attached), and, following a second by William Benincosa, they were approved by unanimous vote.
- The accounts payable (attached) were approved for payment after a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Donald Webster.
- The minutes from the November 11, 2014 meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Donald Webster and a second by Karen Phillips.

Public Comment Ralph Pederson, architect, who applied for the vacant code enforcement officer position, addressed council with his concern of not being notified that we had selected another candidate for that position. Recorder Maxson told him that we had not filled that position, but had hired a qualified code enforcement officer on a temporary basis due to an immediate need. When questioned, Mr. Pederson advised council that he did not have the credentials needed, but being an architect, such qualifications are easily obtained.

Stephen McElray, who is president of the Harrison County Republican Club, told council that the Republicans, who are now in charge of both the WV House of Delegates and the WV Senate, want to reach out and help the municipalities better serve the people.

Maintenance Supervisor's Report Supervisor Wolfe was absent

Police Chief's Report Chief Godwin was absent

Fire Chief's Report Firefighter Tom Singleton reported that the annual "Santa Run" will be December 14.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Foley told council the Christmas tree lighting will be December 6. She also told council the sidewalk grant meeting has been rescheduled for December 11 at 10:00PM.

William Benincosa reported the Nutter Fort Lions Club will hold a firefighter appreciation dinner for the firefighters and spouses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM after a motion by Donald Webster and a second by William Benincosa.

(Mayor)

(Recorder)

