

**Council Meeting
Nutter Fort
November 22, 2011**

The regular meeting of council of Nutter Fort, was held, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, in council chambers with the following members present; Stephen Korn, Barbara Gorby, William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Robin Newhouse, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Also present were Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix and Supervisor Jim Wolfe. Guests were Leanne Spornak, Jenalda Heflin, Jim Link, Charlotte Link, Mark Hayes, and Melissa Robinson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Rohrbough with Robin Newhouse offering prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Eight bids were received for the sale of the 1995 Ford F-350 dump truck. The high bid was \$2,800.25 from William Benson.

- William Benincosa motioned to accept the high bid of \$2,800.25 from William Benson, following a second from Robin Newhouse, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- An ordinance to amend 951.06 (attached) concerning dumpster purchase prices, was passed by unanimous vote on the 2nd and final reading, following a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Barbara Gorby.
- The ordinance on building permit fee increases (attached) was passed on the 1st reading by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Robin Newhouse.

The amount of fine for violation, per state code, from \$5 to \$100, addition to ordinance 1521.04 (attached) was passed by unanimous vote following a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Robin Newhouse.

Fire Chief Haddix reported that the new fire department building is proceeding well. The contractors will be wiring and plumbing the building next week and pour the concrete in the front.

Discussion was held concerning a proposed LED sign in front of the city office near route 20. Chief Haddix has talked with Hickman Signs and obtained a price for a 29" by 5'3" double sided color sign, with us installing. He will seek 2 more bids, for this size and larger signs for the next meeting. He reminded council that we have received a \$10,000 grant for a sign.

- Robin Newhouse motioned approval of a clarification of the annual employee bonus approved at the November 8, 2011 meeting. The clarification would grant the 2 part time employees a \$75 bonus and the fire chief the same \$500 bonus granted full time employees. After a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- The building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Barbara Gorby.
- The bills (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Robin Newhouse and a second by Stephen Korn.
- Barbara Gorby motioned approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2011 minutes, and, following a second by Stephen Korn, were approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business The mayor informed council that Beeghly Real Estate's contract has expired for listing the 2 city owned vacant lots at 802 Illinois Ave. Council felt we should list the property with Homefinders since they are a multi-listing company.

Mayor Rohrbough will contact Allegheny Power about possibly allowing a spot light be placed on the power pole adjacent to the flags on the island in front of the FOP Restaurant.

Councilor Newhouse questioned why there has been no action on making the fire chief a full time position. The mayor explained that he will meet with the auditors as to the financial ability to maintain funding for this full time position in the future.

The mayor has information on 2 possible grants for sidewalks and will seek one of these grants.

Stephen Korn asked what we could do to assist Bonnie Belles Pastry with the water problem they have in front of their entrance. Since the WVDOH paved Route 20 in front of the business, water has been pooling at their front door. Jim Wolfe will contact the district engineer and arrange a meeting with the engineer, Linda Fowler, the owner of Bonnie Belles and the mayor.

Approximately \$1600 in donations were obtained for the Christmas tree lighting celebration from local businesses.

Councilor Newhouse thanked council for the flowers during his recent hospitalization.

The mayor will set a date soon to present the 2 Nutter Fort residents over 100 years of age a key to the city and a certificate.

Councilor Benincosa questioned why we had to pay Dodson Pest Control \$2900 for termite treatment, when the other pest control company we have contracted, should have discovered the termite infestation during their monthly visits.

New Business The new business, Edward D. Jones on Buckhannon Pike will have their grand opening, December 9, at 11:45AM.

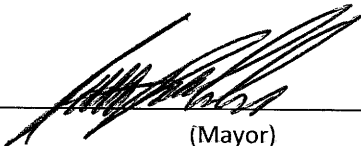
Discussion was held about the recent article in the newspaper stating that some people felt they were not informed as to what is going on with council. Both the mayor and the recorder have contacted the reporter and were told that this was a routine article and that only 2 people had complaints.

Leanne Spornak had written an editorial in response and was thanked by council for her support in the editorial.

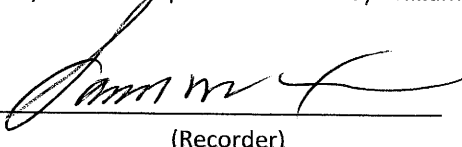
Council agreed to support the "Shop with a Cop" program and agreed to donate \$200 to the program. Since this was not on tonight's agenda, a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Haddix reported both the Christmas Parade and the Christmas tree lighting were huge successes and very well attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42PM after a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by William Benincosa.



 (Mayor)



 (Recorder)