

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
12/13/16**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by William 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, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley.

Also present: Julia Foley, Ron Godwin, Jeremy Haddix, Jim Wolfe and Code Enforcer W.H. "Greg" Gregory.

Guests: Linda Blake, Connie Leuliette and Jennifer Robinson.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 22nd Council meeting were approved after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Foley has been contacted by the Clarksburg Paper. They are running 2"x 2" advertisements to support RCB Girls and Boys Basketball. They are \$70.00 and the add runs twice. William Benincosa moved to purchase the advertisement for the Town of Nutter Fort. Motion passed after a second by Natalie Haddix.

- The Town has been recognized by the DEP as a "Make-it-Shine Clean Community". Councilor Kidd suggested a formal presentation with a photo for the newspaper with representatives from DEP, Council, Beautification Committee and other involved parties. Council agreed and Julie will work on this.
- A supplement (attached) was handed out from "Sage" for the annual renewal cost of office software. This is part of the accounts payable for this month (attached). Accounts payable were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by William Benincosa.

Unfinished business:

- The draft ordinance creating a Deputy Chief position for the Police Department was presented for the second reading. Bruce Kidd moved to accept the 2nd reading of the ordinance. Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips.

New Business:

- Mayor Maxson presented the Robinson family of 701 Illinois Ave. with a certificate recognizing them for the 2016 "Christmas House".
- A motion to cancel the December 27th meeting was passed after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley.
- Changes to members of the Beautification Committee were discussed. Linda Blake made several attempts via phone, social media and personal letter to contact Leanna Spornak, who has been inactive. She has not responded. Bruce Kidd moved to remove Leanna Spornak and appoint Shirley Sheets and Mark Conrad to the committee. Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin continues to work on filling two officer vacancies. The ordinance passed this evening will help move the process along for candidates who are experienced and fully trained. He also explained difficulties in using part time officers, who are civil service employees of other municipalities for more than a 90 day period.

Fire Dept: The Santa Run this past Sunday brought in two truckloads of food. The tree lighting event was well attended. Gun Bash tickets are available as a special deal through Christmas Eve @ 6 for \$100.00. There are a few tickets left for the Christmas Eve drawing to benefit Kevin Kimble. This is for a gun safe and guns.

Maintenance Dept : new Town entrance signs have been installed. The sign on the North end will have the box enlarged in the spring for planting flowers. The one on the south end may be moved closer to the bridge at a later date.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Gregory reported:

- 3 home inspections have been done in the last two weeks.
- He has been working on issues with some building permits.
- Mr. Lister is working to clean up his property.
- Natalie Haddix noted someone has been working on the trailer next to the church on Ohio Ave. and it's looking very nice.

Public Comment: Bruce Kidd gave a report from the recent Harrison Co. Development Authority (HCDA) meeting:

- The Robinson Grand Theatre renovation project is progressing. Bonds are being initiated to help finance the project. Adjacent buildings have been purchased for additional space. It will cost \$900,000.00 annually to maintain. This will come from rentals and proceeds from performances.
- The oil and gas industry is picking back up again and is expected to continue.
- Plans are moving forward for the natural gas to electric power plant. This will service cities on the east coast.
- The natural gas pipeline project for service to the Carolinas is progressing.
- Bombardier may be expanding.

HCDA is State mandated and members are appointed by towns. The Harrison Co. Economic Development Authority is made up of companies that "buy" into the group. Mayor Maxson emailed information and photos of vacant properties for possible re-development to Jamie Metz and has not heard back from him. Bruce Kidd commented Mr. Metz is still getting acclimated to his new position.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor