

**Council Meeting  
Nutter Fort  
December 13, 2011**

The regular meeting of Council of Nutter Fort, was held, Tuesday, December 13, 2011, in Council Chambers with the following members present: William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Robin Newhouse, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent were Councilors Stephen Korn and Barbara Gorby. Also present were Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, and Supervisor Jim Wolfe. Guests were Renalda Heflin and Leanne Spornak.

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

- The building permit fee ordinance change (attached), was passed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing, after a motion by Robin Newhouse, a second by Karen Phillips and a unanimous vote of council.

Fire Chief Haddix reported the new fire department building construction is on schedule. He told council the concrete is poured and the workers are installing the drywall and the project should be completed prior to the expected April 1 date.

Chief Haddix also reported he has not received the quotes on the proposed LED sign.

- Robin Newhouse motioned to table this matter until further information is available. Following a second by Karen Phillips, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- Ordinance 951.07 dealing with recycling fees for commercial accounts (attached) was passed on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by William Benincosa.
- The building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Sam Maxson.
- Robin Newhouse motioned approval of the bills (attached) and after a second by Karen Phillips, they were approved by unanimous vote.
- The minutes of the November 27, 2011 minutes were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Robin Newhouse.

**Old Business** A date for recognizing the 2 Nutter Fort citizens who are over 100 years old will soon be set. They will be presented a "key to the city" and a certificate.

- Karen Phillips motioned we approve a letter (attached) in support of the new Highland Hospital in the old UHC building. This letter will be sent to our delegates, the Governor, both our state and national senators. After a second by Sam Maxson, the motion was approved by unanimous vote. Council will sign copies of the letters at the end of the meeting.

Robin Newhouse asked if any decision has been made in how to place a spot light on the flags on the "island" in front of the FOP restaurant. Underground storm drains prevent boring under the road to provide electricity. Newhouse asked if permission might be obtained from the power company to place a spotlight on the utility pole nearby.

The ribbon cutting of the new Edward Jones business went well. The mayor reported that up to \$25,000 might be available from the Community Partnership Grant. Council agreed that funding requests for a new salt spreader, two cameras for police cruisers, and street signs be listed as possible needs.

Preferred Properties, Inc has agreed to attempt to sell the 2 city owned lots at 802 Illinois Ave. They would list this property for six months and would charge a fee of \$2000 when the property is sold. They suggest asking \$10,000

- Robin Newhouse motioned we accept this offer from Preferred Properties, and, after a second by Karen Phillips, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The mayor reported we still do not have a report from the auditors as to whether we could fund a full time fire chief.

**New Business** The WVML winter meeting will be in Charleston, January 29 and 30

The mayor reports that we are using temporary staff in the office from Manpower as a method to hire a permanent employee.

**Police report:**

Police Chief Godwin submitted a list of ordinances (see 2 attachments) he would like passed for fees. They will be presented to council at a later date for consideration.

**Fire Department Report:**

Chief Haddix reminded council of the fire department Christmas Party, Saturday, December 17 at the school, due to ongoing construction at the fire department. The fire department will accompany Santa Sunday, January 18 collecting food for the local food banks. Haddix told council he has been contacted by the governor's office and that both the Governor and Senator Manchin want to attend the opening of the new fire department building.

**Maintenance Department:**

No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM after a motion by William Benincosa and a second by Robin Newhouse.

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Mayor

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Recorder