

**Council Meeting  
Town of Nutter Fort  
2/14/17**

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 and Thurman Wolfe.

Absent: Jim Wolfe and Code Enforcer W.H. "Greg" Gregory.

Guests: Reverend Bonnie Starkey, Janet Conrad.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the January 24th, 2017 Council meeting were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley (attached).

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs Foley reported on financing of the new refuse truck. There is \$109,000.00 in the account designated for this purpose. \$100,000.00 will be used as the down payment. \$50,000.00 will be financed at 3.71% for 3 years (attached). There is no penalty for early payoff. Recorder Louk has been reviewing the Employee Handbook for revisions. It does not specifically outline "no smoking" in town vehicles. She opined it should be clearly stated there should be no smoking in town vehicles. Council agreed. Some felt this was stated somewhere in town guidelines. Ms. Louk will try and locate this guideline. Thurman Wolfe noted Jim Wolfe has told his staff smoking is prohibited in town vehicles. The Fire and Police Departments already abide by this practice.

- Mrs. Foley clarified not all contractors working on the remodel of the old Subway building are registered. This was reported incorrectly at the 1/24/17 Council meeting during the code enforcement report by Mr. Gregory.
- Council was reminded that Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm was set for the budget workshop. Mrs. Foley will advertise this. Our budget deadline is March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Accounts payable (attached) were approved after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by Bruce Kidd.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Mrs. Foley reviewed revisions to the General Revenue Account Budget. After discussion, Natalie Haddix moved to accept the budget with revisions. Motion carried after a second by Brenda Riley.

- The Nixle Engage Platform and costs were discussed (attached). This item was tabled. We know some features of Nixle are available at no cost. More information is needed before making a decision. It was suggested to discuss with the Mayor's Association and get input from the Harrison County Commission and the 911 Center. We may be able to participate with a County agency in order to save costly fees.

**Committee Reports:**

**Police Dept:** The Department has been very busy. Calls have increased. Training took place last Sunday and there is more coming up. There's been an increase in counterfeit bills. They are good quality and difficult to identify. Vests have been received. The department got an excellent price. They were purchased with private contributions and budget funds. Chief Godwin is still working to hire the new officer. He is hopeful he will be hired in time to attend the March academy class. Chief Godwin is working with a technician to be sure all Police Dept. security cameras are working properly. The department received 5 Dell laptops and printers through the Governor's Highway Safety program. They can now print tickets in the cruisers. These should work with the current Accident software to decrease work involved with tickets. They will be working with clerical staff to work out the details.

**Fire Dept:** Chief Haddix thanked everyone for their contributions and also everyone's assistance related to the services for Matt McElwain.

- Ultimate Giveaway ticket sales are going well.
- Chief Haddix commented the prices quoted for vests for the fire department were very reasonable. They will be purchasing a few for the department.
- The Fire Department lost its camera and door system security. Repairs cost \$2700.00.
- The beginning of the year has been very busy. They have already responded to nine working fires and 16 extrications. Numbers are up considerably from last year.

**Maintenance Dept :** Thurman Wolfe reported all equipment/vehicles having issues reported at the last council meeting have been repaired. Natalie Haddix noted Anthony Zimmerman has been hired full time. The department is still short one employee.

**Code Enforcement:** None

**Public Comment:** None

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7: 20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Louk, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor