

**Council Meeting
Nutter Fort
February 26, 2013**

The regular meeting of Nutter Fort Council was held, Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 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: Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Treasurer Julia Foley, Grant Writer/Project Coordinator Dr. Shana Nicholson, and Data Technician Leslie Holbert. Guests were: Jim Link, Charlotte Link, Leanne Spornak, and Bertis McCarty from WV Rural Water.

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

- William Benincosa made a motion to approve the resolution (attached) for funding to purchase 2 new snow plows. After a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- Robin Newhouse motioned we reject the bids 2 bids received for the wall in front of town hall (see February 12, 2013 minutes). Following a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Fire Chief Haddix briefed council about billing insurance companies for materials used and the use of special equipment when responding to calls. He told council that, especially when responding to auto accidents the cost of items used, such as road flares, oil dry, and other things, has been absorbed by the fire department. Harrison County allows the billing of such costs. An ordinance will be presented to council at the next meeting authorizing this.

A discussion was held regarding the city's current employee drug and alcohol policy. A work shop will be scheduled to discuss this.

Treasure Foley addressed council concerning the current charges for water and sewer taps. She and Maintenance Supervisor Wolf felt out current charges were too low and we typically loose money on each one we do. Suggested was a fee of minimum \$500 for a water or sewer tap. If the cost exceeds \$500, they would be billed the total amount. Ordinances will be presented at a later date.

- A resolution (attached) honoring NEA's Read Across America, was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Karen Phillips.
- Robin Newhouse motioned approval of the building permits (attached) and, following a second by Barabara Gorby, they were approved by unanimous vote.
- The Bills (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Robin Newhouse and a second by Barbara Gorby.

- The minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Karen Phillips.

Old Business A gas well is being drilled just outside the city limits at the top of Route 98 and they are using water from the pond on the Lyons property. Data Technician Holbert told council that the drilling company will not be purchasing any more water from us, but, when the wells are complete, the pond will be empty.

Grant Writer/Project Coordinator Nicholson has met with Edward Steele (see minutes of 2-12-13) concerning the sinkhole at his property on Watson Lane. Supervisor Wolfe has met with WVDOT Anthony Rome and Mr. Rome is willing to appear before council to answer questions.

New Business Councilor Newhouse asked if council had ever considered placing a cover over the walkway coming into council chambers along the building. He was told it was considered, but the cost would be too great and the stone on the side of the building would not withstand being cut to install an awning.

Police Chief's Report No Report

Fire Chief's Report Chief Haddix informed council that tickets for the annual elimination dinner will be available soon and the event, scheduled for April 13, will be held in the fire department bay.

Maintenance Supervisor's Report No Report

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Foley asked council's permission to purchase a 2 x 3 ad in the Exponent Telegram's Progress addition due out in March, to promote shopping in Nutter Fort. Council all agreed.

Citizen's Comments Beautification Committee member Leanne Spornak, addressed council with concern's that the flower boxes at the entrances to town need refilled with dirt. The maintenance department will purchase top soil and fill the boxes.

- Robin Newhouse motioned to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:20PM and, after a second by Stephen Korn, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The regular meeting was resumed at 10:25PM

The Mayor informed Data Technician Holbert that her presence at council meeting would not be needed unless we needed an issue explained, but she was welcome to attend as a private citizen.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27PM after a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Karen Phillips.

(Mayor)

(Recorder)

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