

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
2/9/2016**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Councillor Benincosa, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sam Maxson called the meeting to order in council chambers at 7:30 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Ryan Roberts. Absent: Julia Foley, Treasurer and Code Enforcer Warren Gregory. Also present: Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix and Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe.

Minutes: January 26, 2016 minutes were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Karen Phillips.

Treasurer's Report:

Mayor Maxson reported we are still waiting on information from Time Warner (TW). They are not releasing information in a timely manner. Cohen Law Group is representing us and will be meeting with TW attorneys.

Comments regarding the budget revision (attached) and net increase were brought up at this time.

Bruce Kidd moved to approve accounts payable (attached) and the 2015/2016 Budget Revision (attached). Motion approved by unanimous vote after a second by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished Business:

- Mayor Maxson gave an overview of the pre-council workshop this evening to discuss the proposed ordinance (attached) concerning additional compensation for department personnel related to certifications and duties enhancing job performance. Bruce Kidd moved to accept the first reading of the ordinance after minor revisions. Motion seconded by Karen Phillips and passed with Councillor Haddix abstaining.
- Mayor Maxson updated council on the old RW gym. The Mayor, Chief Haddix and Code Enforcer Gregory were able to tour inside the building on Feb 6th. The interior of the building is totally run down with a large hole through the ceiling to the outside, serious floor damage, extensive mold, etc. Mr. Gregory is sending a letter to Mr. Ross stating the building is dilapidated and will be condemned. John Cole was contacted by Mike Ross to roof the building, but indicated he would not, due to the poor overall condition of the building.

New Business:

- Mayor Maxson asked for council's opinion on participating in Harrison County's Comprehensive Plan. Chief Haddix advised he went through this process last year

with the Fire Dept. and thought it was advantageous. Terry Shulte is very knowledgeable and helpful in explaining the plan. Bruce Kidd suggested giving Mayor Maxson authority to talk with Ms. Shulte and make a decision on participating in the plan. Council was in agreement with proceeding in this manner.

- The Mayor announced we were contacted today by Fabo Architects of MD. They will be doing a major renovation inside the Rite Aid building in the second quarter.

Committee reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin advised:

- 1) the officers have been doing extra work the last few weeks. Recent traffic stops have led to findings of meth and heroin. They are working with SCAD on some other problems.
- 2) Vests are gradually being upgraded for each officer.
- 3) Officers in the process of trading out their pistols. They are using 2nd generation now, upgrading to 4th generation 40 caliber glocks.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported:

- 1) Ultimate giveaway ticket sales are going better than expected with the special through Feb. 14th: buy 4 tickets for \$100.00, get one free.
- 2) An elimination dinner is scheduled for Sat. April 16th. More information to come.

Maintenance Dept: Jim Wolfe said his men have been working on the garage in their spare time. Stop by and see the improvements.

Code Enforcement: Council noted the current report was thorough and complete. Mr. Gregory is very knowledgeable in his field. He has been working more aggressively with the Mayor on several problem properties.

Public Comment:

Councillor Kidd stated the HCDA voted unanimously to give \$50,000.00 to the YMCA at the last meeting. The new Executive Director, Laura McMahon is planning some major changes in the next six months.

Councillor Roberts announced he will be moving to Taylor county for work related reasons. He would like remain on Council until the move is final. Council in agreement with this.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd, second by Ryan Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

