

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
03/13/18**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Charlotte Link, 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, Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips, Brenda Riley, Donald "Duck" Webster, Treasurer Julia Foley, Chief Jeremy Haddix, Public Works Supervisor Taylor Keith.

Absent: Councilor William Benincosa, Chief Ron Godwin, Code Enforcer Keith Kesling.

Guests: Linda Blake, Janet Conrad, Jim and Charlotte Link.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 27th Council meeting were approved after a motion by Brenda Riley and second by Karen Phillips.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Foley distributed and explained a notice (attached) for an upcoming Zoning Board meeting to council members for their review.

- Accounts payable (attached) were approved after a motion by Karen Phillips, and a second by Natalie Haddix.

Unfinished Business:

- The second reading of the property maintenance ordinance (attached) was approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley.
- Request for Proposals on codified ordinance updates was discussed. A proposal from Walter H. Drane (attached) was reviewed and discussed. They included references and a client list for cities in the state that have used their services. W. H. Drane will be able to advise us on ordinance verbiage and content. The cost quoted is \$19,950.00 with an annual fee of \$380.00 for webhosting. This has been added to the proposed budget. "Duck" Webster moved to accept W.H. Drane to codify ordinances for the Town. Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips.
- Council agreed to have a workshop on March 27th at 5 pm prior to the regular Council meeting. They will discuss ideas for funding and possible implementation of a municipal fee for street improvements. Mayor Maxson asked Council to be thinking of questions and ideas for the Workshop. It will be advertised and open to everyone.

New Business:

- Council and Treasurer Foley thoroughly discussed current and proposed budget figures (attached) for FY 2018/2019. Council decided a separate budget meeting would not be necessary. Natalie Haddix moved to place \$40,000.00 from account #444 for FY 2017/2018, into an interest bearing account to be earmarked for paving. Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips. The proposed 2018/2019 budget was passed after a motion by "Duck" Webster and second by Karen Phillips.

- Changing Council meetings to monthly versus bimonthly was discussed. This is acceptable and current practice by some municipalities. A special meeting would be arranged if a subject required immediate attention. Some issues could also be handled via email or telephone approval. Some reasoning behind the suggestion is to cut down on the amount of copying and time spent preparing documents, paperwork, packets and minutes for each meeting. The item was tabled and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Mayor Maxson reported Chief Godwin returned on 2/28 and is doing well.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix updated Council on the ladder truck. They discussed pros and cons of having ladder truck and determined it is vital to our community, given the type of calls they respond to, limited backup from other departments and ISO ratings. Chief Haddix reminded Council the truck is nearly 26 years old. The department looked at all options, along with purchasing a new truck, which would cost \$8 to \$900,000.00. They will be attending training the end of April and will be able to talk to a number of vendors. Vendors are very competitive and it will be a good opportunity to discuss a new truck.

Public Works: Taylor Keith mentioned the possibility of purchasing a street sweeper. Council asked about options of rentals or paying another municipality to use their equipment. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Code Enforcement: No report

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor