

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
3/14/17**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Charlene Louk, 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, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley.

Also present: Julia Foley, Ron Godwin, Jeremy Haddix, and Jim Wolfe.

Absent: William Benincosa and W.H. "Greg" Gregory.

Guests: Bertis McCarty, Rocky Romano and Linda Blake.

Minutes: Recorder Louk noted she omitted the motion to accept the accounts payable from the draft of the February 28th minutes, but has made the correction to the final version. Minutes were approved by acclamation with this correction.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Foley reported she has been talking to Time Warner Cable again. There's been a personnel change and the new representative seems to be more cooperative. A phone conference will be set up at a later date. Mrs. Foley will keep us updated.

- The Auditors will be at Town Hall beginning Monday 3/20 for our annual audit.
- Accounts payable (attached) were approved after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by Brenda Riley.

Unfinished Business:

- Bruce Kidd asked if letters were sent to dilapidated/vacant building owners? Mayor Maxson spoke to Mr. Gregory about this. He will follow up to be sure it was done.
- Bruce Kidd noted letters were sent to businesses regarding backflow and asked what is expected to happen next. Mr. Wolfe explained businesses are to call and make an appointment. Taylor Keith is trained in Backflow/Cross Connect and will inspect plumbing to see if businesses have what is needed to prevent backflow into the town's water system. Businesses will be responsible for installing the necessary valves at their own expense if needed.

New Business:

- FY 2017/2018 General Revenue Account Budget draft was provided (attached). The budget was accepted after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Karen Phillips.
- FY 2017/2018 Coal Severance Account Budget draft was provided (attached). The budget was accepted after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Karen Phillips.
- A voluntary assessment of \$50.00 to the WV Municipal League was considered. The \$50.00 assessment was passed after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Karen Phillips.

Incidental Business:

- Chief Haddix advised RG Motors last day before moving to their new location will be April 22nd.
- A ribbon cutting was held on Monday, 3/13/17 at the Allstate Insurance Agency at 1701 Buckhannon Pike.
- The town received a very nice thank you note from Kristi McElwain and family (attached).

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix asked everyone to reach out to their senators to pass Senate Bill 168. This would provide a full 1% generated from the fire portion of homeowners' insurance premiums. Prior to 2005 the 1% was split between volunteer fire departments and teachers' pensions. In 2005 this funding was cut to 0.55%. The funding is used for training of firefighters. Chief Haddix has all the information to call/email the senators. Council agreed it would be a good idea to send letters to each senator from the Town. A letter will be written and sent.

Maintenance Dept : No report

Code Enforcement: Mr. Gregory

Public Comment: Assessor Rocky Romano thanked everyone for their support during his campaign. Also, he is representing the Columbian Club and space is available to attend the Frank Loria Awards Banquet at Bridgeport Conference Center on 3/20/17, if anyone is interested.

Linda Blake said the Beautification Committee would like to pursue the idea of a community garden. They may attend a workshop called "Try This" in June at WV Wesleyan. A possible location is on Indiana Avenue. The land is owned by Clarksburg near the park. This is in the planning stages. Sam will talk to John Cooper from the Park Board about using the property.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor