

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
3/22/2016**

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, and Karen Phillips. Absent: Councillors Bruce Kidd and Ryan Roberts (resigned effective today). Also present: Treasurer Julia Foley, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, and Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe.

Guests: Jim and Charlotte Link, Brock and Spencer Malcolm, Brenda Riley, John Robinson, Jr., Donald L. Webster, Dave Garvin, Rocky Romano.

Minutes: Karen Phillips made a motion to approve the March 8th, 2016 minutes. Motion approved by unanimous vote after a second by Natalie Haddix.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable:

Mrs. Foley reported the generator grant through FEMA was denied due to not meeting their criteria of need. She is now working on a generator grant through Homeland Security. Chief Haddix is helping her with it.

- Karen Phillips moved to approve accounts payable (attached). Motion approved by unanimous vote after a second by William Benincosa.

Unfinished Business:

- Mayor Maxson gave an update on Harrison County's Comprehensive Plan (CP):
1-The state requires us to have a comprehensive plan. It would be costly for Nutter Fort to design their own. This is an opportunity to be a part of the HCPC at no cost.
2-the 3.15.16 conference call with Christie Demuth-land use planner with the WVU College of Law Land Use and Sustainable Development Clinic (LUSDC) regarding the retainer agreement (attached) was very informative. She answered all the questions from our planning commission. Christie will meet with the planning commission on March 28th to review and update our land use map.
3-the required open house will be April 12th at 6 pm prior to the council meeting. The open house is to get public input and answer questions.
- Natalie Haddix moved to authorize Mayor Maxson to sign the retainer agreement in regard to Harrison County's Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by William Benincosa.
- Mayor Maxson received Ryan Roberts resignation effective today. Brenda Riley, John Robinson and Donald (Duck) Webster were present as candidates to fill this vacancy. Each candidate gave brief comments about themselves. Mayor Maxson informed council that we could discuss the candidates in an executive session prior to voting in the open meeting. It was noted that Councillor Kidd was absent and would not be able to provide input. Councillor Phillips moved to table the item until the next council meeting to get input from everyone for such an important decision. Second by Recorder Louk. Motion passed with Councillor Benincosa opposing the motion.

New Business:

- The annual spring clean is set up for the 3rd week of June, which follows the community yard sale on June 4th.
- There were 11 interested parties present at the 3/17 pre-bid meeting for the side walk project. This attendance was very encouraging.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: None

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported there are only about 800 tickets left for the Ultimate Giveaway on May 7th. There are only about 25 tickets left for the 4/16 Elimination dinner. Ticket sales for both are going very well.

Maintenance Dept: No report

Code Enforcement: Mayor Maxson reported:

1-he and Mr. Gregory have been dealing with Mike Ross and Ike Morris. The RW gym will be professionally demolished. Details to come. It was suggested to possibly salvage some bricks and the large RW sign to be sold or given away as keepsakes.
2- we are working with the landowners at 509 PA Ave. to get the yard cleaned up.

Public Comment: 1-Mrs. Link asked if the HCCP is the first step towards metropolitan government? Mayor Maxson replied it is not, based on input from attorneys and WVU LUSDC.

2-Mr. Webster commented it would be a great step to get the RW gym demolished.

3-Rocky Romano introduced himself. He is a candidate for Harrison County Assessor.

4-Brock Malcolm introduced himself. He is a candidate for House of Delegates.

5-Mayor Maxson received an invitation for Leadership Day on April 29th at Nutter Fort Intermediate School. They are requesting an RSVP for anyone attending.

6-Councillor Phillips informed the group she is dealing with the board of education on the issue of the school opening a day care in conjunction with the YMCA for before and after school care. Mrs. Phillips had this program at the school, but moved the children to her other facility last year. This program was very costly and not financially profitable. Mrs. Phillips was told she could not have children there on days when school was closed, since no school staff is present. This made consistent, daily operations impossible. Also, the YMCA is non-profit, so Nutter Fort would get no B & O taxes from the business if this happens. Mrs. Phillips is also concerned the YMCA is not aware of all the laws and licenses governing a day care facility. She plans to talk with Dr. Manchin and will keep us updated.

7-Cook Brothers are building a double bay car wash near the Stonewood Bridge. This is outside city limits. Therefore, we will only get revenue for sewage.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor