

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
3/28/17**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by William Benincosa, 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 William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley.

Also present: Ron Godwin, Jeremy Haddix, Officer James Young and W.H. "Greg" Gregory.

Absent: Jim Wolfe.

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

Minutes: Minutes of the 3/14/17 council meeting were approved after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Karen Phillips.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mayor Maxson and Councilor Kidd reported the Auditors completed the Town audit and held an exit interview on 3/26/17. Results were all positive with the exception of one non-reportable finding of "Segregation of Duties". The criteria states "internal control dictates responsibility for approving, executing and recording transactions should rest with different individuals". This is a common finding in many offices due to the number of staff. The reporting auditor was very complimentary of the organization and efficient record keeping of our staff.
- Accounts payable (attached) were approved after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by Brenda Riley.

Unfinished Business:

- Mayor Maxson noted a solar light has been installed near the town sign across from Papa John's. Two more are ordered for the other town entrance signs. The sign on Rt. 20 near the car wash will probably be moved closer to the bridge.
- The new refuse truck is nearly completed and will be delivered soon.

New Business:

- A proclamation designating April 4th as Mayor & County Recognition Day for National Service was reviewed and accepted by acclamation.
- The mandatory April 4th uniform drawing for ballot position for the June 13th election was set for 10am in the Town office.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin reported the new officer, Shane Richardson was sworn in today and will hopefully attend the June Academy class.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix advised Senate Bill #168 was removed from the agenda by Senate President Mitch Carmichael. This bill would have provided funding for equipment and training of firefighters, generated from 1% of the fire portion of homeowners' insurance premiums. Mayor Maxson added, letters were sent to our Senators in favor of the bill. He also sent a letter to Senator Carmichael expressing our disappointment of the bill being removed from the agenda.

Also, Chief Haddix noted the House voted today to shut down RESA. This may not include the Public Safety section, which provides firefighters' training. This has not yet been determined. This could greatly increase costs if training has to be taken through WVU.

- Four bullet-proof vests are on order. Firefighters are sometimes called as a backup to the Police Dept. These will give them necessary added protection.
- Sales are ongoing for the May 6th Ultimate Giveaway tickets.

Maintenance Dept : No report

Code Enforcement: Mr. Gregory told the group the letters sent has prompted some action by owners of the old GoMart. It will be a long process, but the owners plan to work on each violation. Someone has been measuring for a fence around the property.

Bruce Kidd asked if all letters were sent to dilapidated/vacant building owners? Greg said they had been sent. Also, the letter to Casey Mossallati has to be re-sent due to the wrong address. It was re-sent last Thursday.

- Officer Young told council a citizen reported a door to the old thrift store in the Mossallati building complex was unlocked. Officer Young verified this. Inside the room are bags containing medical waste. There was discussion of what could be done about this. There was mention of the Health Department intervening.
- Mr. Gregory told council he has been getting anonymous complaints. This is not acceptable in case of litigation. He will act on the complaints, but needs a complainant name. This information will be kept confidential.
- Council members again shared concerns about the condition of RG Motors property when they move. Mayor Maxson has spoken to the owner several times about this. Chief Haddix was told the owner wants to rent the property for \$10,000.00 per month.

Public Comment:

Linda Blake said letters were sent to churches to see if there is interest in a community garden. It was suggested to add this to the upcoming newsletter to solicit community interest. Linda plans to attend a workshop called "Try This" in June at WV Wesleyan, knowing the timing is not ideal for planting. She is hoping to get information about possible grants. A location they are considering is a flat area going up Illinois Avenue. The land is near the park and owned by Clarksburg. Sam will talk to John Cooper from the Park Board about using the property.

- Linda also reported the 4H All Stars plan to weed eat at the Mills cemetery. They will probably make other improvements such as painting the fence, if the paint is purchased for them. This is a historic cemetery and should be kept in better shape.
- Linda asked if the sign across from Papa Johns could be boxed in for planting flowers? Mayor Maxson said they are planning to get this done.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor