

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
4/11/17**

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, Bruce Kidd, and Brenda Riley.

Absent: Councilors Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips, Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Chief Jeremy Haddix and Code enforcer W.H. "Greg" Gregory.

Also present: Chief Ron Godwin, acting Maintenance Supervisor Thurman Wolfe.

Guests: Linda Blake, Janet Conrad, Jim and Charlotte Link, Art Rohrbough, Libby Rohrbough and Marion Powell.

Minutes: Minutes of the 3/28/17 council meeting were approved after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mrs. Foley shared a letter from the State Auditor's office confirming our budget approval (attached).
- Mrs. Foley, Linda Blake and Peg Holmes will attend a workshop at WV Wesleyan College on June 2nd and 3rd called "Try This". The program will provide more information on establishing a community garden and on applying for grants. The fee is \$100.00 each. By sending three members from the same community, we are automatically eligible for a \$3000.00 mini-grant.
- Information was provided on extended warranties for the packer of the new refuse truck (attached). The new truck is only factory warrantied for one year. Council discussed this with Thurman Wolfe. The group decided the packer warranty was not necessary, but may be a good investment for the truck. We will look into an extended warranty for the truck.
- There was discussion on the bills regarding the purchase of two lawn mowers. Thurman Wolfe was asked for his opinion on the need for both, or could the unused mower be returned? He advised we have other mowers and if the equipment is taken care of, one could be returned. Accounts payable (attached) were approved after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Brenda Riley.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Council agreed to convene on Tuesday, April 18th at 9:30 am to "Lay the Levy".
- Business licenses were approved for Quality Detail, LLC at 415 Buckhannon Pike and for Solar Steve's Window Tinting at 407 Buckhannon Pike after motions by Bruce Kidd and seconds by Brenda Riley.
- Council considered purchasing a new riding mower. The current one was purchased in 2001 for about \$7000.00 and it needs replaced. Maintenance staff provided information on a Troy Built from Lowe's on sale for \$1899.00. After much

discussion, Bruce Kidd moved to purchase a riding mower at the discretion of the mayor and the Maintenance Dept. not to exceed \$2000.00. Motion carried after a second by Brenda Riley.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin reported they have been working with other agencies due to a number of Breaking and Enterings of vehicles in the surrounding areas. He reminded everyone to remove valuables, and keep vehicles locked.

Taser was gracious enough to provide approximately \$1200.00 of equipment free of charge as a result of equipment lost during Officer McMannus' house fire. His glock has been replaced and was covered by insurance. Chief Godwin was able to purchase additional used "certified" radar units at a very low cost. This was an extremely good deal and is a great addition to our existing equipment.

Fire Dept: No report

Maintenance Dept : Mayor Maxson advised there is no longer an inmate program. This is causing a hardship in the maintenance dept. especially with summer work such as mowing and helping with blacktop. There was discussion of hiring temporary summer help, possibly high school students. This will be looked into further.

Code Enforcement: No report

Public Comment: Art Rohrbough spoke on behalf of others in attendance regarding the poor condition of Old Dear Lane. This alley runs between Thomas Street and Edison Street. He asked if paving this summer would be possible. This street is not scheduled to be paved. It is too narrow for the commercial equipment. Thurman Wolfe advised we have a spreader box and maintenance staff could possibly pave it. It would take a lot of blacktop. This will be considered.

Mr. Rohrbough also asked if something could be done about numerous run-down properties, yard trash and high grass. He feels we should be assessing a fee to these properties, similar to fees assessed for building permits to improve property.

Linda Blake recently attended a community garden meeting. She asked if Mayor Maxson could get written permission to use the section of property owned by Clarksburg? He will talk to John Cooper about it. The units in the Clarksburg garden are 4' x 8'. They use rain water or tanks filled by the fire department for watering and receive free compost from the city. Information about the community garden will be in the next newsletter. It was suggested to also ask via newsletter if there are any master gardeners in the town? A spring garden clinic will be held on May 13th at the 4H Center.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor