

**Council Meeting  
Town of Nutter Fort  
05/10/2016**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Councilor Benincosa, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sam 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 and Brenda Riley. Absent: Karen Phillips. Also present: Treasurer Julia Foley, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, and Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe.

Guests: Jim Link, Charlotte Link, Janet Conrad, Linda Blake, Susie Maxson, John Wickline, Margaret Frost, Janet Gorrell, John Koerner.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April 26th, 2016 meeting were approved by acclamation after a motion by Bruce Kidd and a second by Brenda Riley.

**Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable:**

Mrs. Foley reported Cohen Law Group is encouraging us to take Time Warner's offer, but there are still too many discrepancies on the address list. In an effort to resolve this, Cohen has agreed to a conference call including TWC. It will be tomorrow at 2pm.

- William Benincosa moved to approve accounts payable with a second by Bruce Kidd. Passed by unanimous vote.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Councilor Haddix reported she and Councilor Riley attended the Library Board meeting on 5/9. The Librarian mentioned their consistently high electric bill and the lack of insulation in the building. Since the building belongs to Nutter Fort, Natalie suggested our maintenance staff evaluate the building for ways to make it more energy efficient. Council members also commented, that as time allows, perhaps the maintenance staff could make some of those improvements to save on labor costs and benefit the library long term. There was also discussion about past maintenance costs and who is responsible for them since the building belongs to Nutter Fort.

**New Business:**

- Mayor Maxson read a proclamation honoring WV Community Educational Outreach Services (CEOS) and presented the Proclamation to those present from the group.
- Mayor Maxson read a proclamation for National Police Week. He thanked Chief Godwin and all the Nutter Fort Police force for the good work they do for the town. There are blue bows available for \$1.00 in the office, if you would like to display them to show appreciation for the police dept.
- Bruce Kidd moved to approve the 2016/2017 Water Board Budget following discussion about the changes. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by Natalie Haddix.

- Bruce Kidd moved to approve the 2016/2017 Sewer Account Budget. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by Natalie Haddix.
- William Benincosa made a motion to authorize a \$50.00 voluntary assessment to the WV Municipal League. Passed by unanimous vote after a second by Brenda Riley.

**Committee Reports:**

**Police Dept:** 1-Chief Godwin reported they are working to get illegal vehicles removed from town property. Officers are issuing citations for them.

2-Officers are working on three safety programs this month: drunk driving, distracted driving and click it or ticket.

3-The Chief has also been working on the application process to fill a vacancy. An officer from Bridgeport Police Dept. will be working part time over the next 90 days to help cover for this shortage.

**Fire Dept:** Chief Haddix reported the Ultimate Giveaway on May 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success with approximately \$38,000.00 profit. Together with the elimination dinner three weeks ago, there has been approximately \$44,000.00 profit made for the Fire Dept. Chief Haddix thanked all the office and maintenance staff for all their help.

**Maintenance Dept:** 1-Mr. Wolfe reported he should have specifications for the garbage truck in the next few weeks.

2-Mr. Wolfe advised we might want to consider paving some streets this year instead of waiting until next year. Bryan Leatherman from JF Allen informed Mr. Wolfe the cost of materials is down this year.

**Code Enforcement:** Mayor Maxson reported:

1-The owner of 509 PA Ave. has been making some progress on cleaning up the yard.

2-There is no news to report on the possible demolition of the old gym.

3- Mr. Gregory is sending out letters to property owners with high grass.

4-Councilor Kidd reached out to the Romano family today regarding 302 WV Ave. They decided not to purchase the property for back taxes, but are reconsidering. If purchased, they would need assistance from the city to demolish the house. Asbestos is a concern. Mayor Maxson will call David Romano to discuss further.

**Public Comment:** Mrs. Link asked if improvements were planned for the signs entering Nutter Fort. Mayor Maxson advised work was to be done on them this week, but it had to be put on hold due to all the rain. There was discussion about the style of signs in nearby communities and different businesses that make them.

**Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Louk, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor

