

**Council Meeting
Nutter Fort
May 14, 2013**

The regular meeting of council of Nutter fort, was held, Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in council chambers with the following members present; Stephen Korn, Barbara Gorby, William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent was Councilor Robin Newhouse. Also present were Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe, and Treasurer Julia Foley. Guests were: Jonathon Rowh, Art Rohrbough, Ryan Haws, Bertis McCarty, Jeff Ash, Pat Arbogast, David Moran, Cindy Britton, Libby Rohrbough, Julie Ford, Marion Powell, Charles Powell, Jim Link, Charlotte Link, Leanna Spornak, Jason White?, and Elizabeth Whitehair.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by mayor Rohrbough, prayer by Councilor Benincosa, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

- Following a public hearing with no comments by the citizens, Barbara Gorby motioned approval of the ordinance (attached) authorizing the purchase of the property located at 1405 Buckhannon Pike. After a second by Sam Maxson, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- An ordinance (attached) was passed on the first reading that would increase the compensation rate for election officials after a motion by William Benincosa and a second by Karen Phillips.
- The 2013/2014 sewer account budget (attached) was passed by unanimous vote after a motion by Stephen Korn and a second by Barbara Gorby.
- The 2013/2014 water account budget (attached) was approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Karen Phillips.

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of hiring a new attorney. Johnny Brown, the attorney used previously for a personnel matter, has submitted a proposal to work on an hourly basis at \$175 per hour. His firm has offices in both Morgantown and Charleston and represents several cities and is very familiar with municipal laws. Council agreed to use Mr. Brown as the need arises.

- The building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by William Benincosa and a second by Karen Phillips.
- William Benincosa motioned approval of the bills (attached) and, after a second by Barbara Gorby, they were approved by unanimous vote.
- The minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Karen Phillips.

Old Business: The mayor reported that he and Supervisor_Wolfe have assessed the needs of the island in front of the FOP and recommend pouring concrete around the flags and monument and placing a total of 9 LED lights to illuminate the flags. The cost of the lights is \$5793 plus the cost of the approximately 2 yards of concrete. Labor would be done "in house".

The mayor also reported that grant coordinator, Dr. Shana Nicholson, will attend the next meeting with her report.

New Business Several letters have been sent to property owners concerning high grass and dead storage of vehicles.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Godwin reports the department has been awarded a DUI /Click it or Ticket grant. He is also working on a list of dead vehicles storage in town.

Fire Chief's Report Chief Haddix reports that the new truck is here and they have been preparing it for service. Tickets for the Ultimate Give-Away are at the printers and will be available soon.

Maintenance Supervisor's Report Supervisor Wolfe reports that city wide clean up (extra trash pick-up) is scheduled for next week.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Foley stated that the town newsletter has been distributed. She also asked permission to place a notice on the LED sign asking motorists to be cautious of bicycles and motorcycles, following a complaint from a cyclist. Council agreed that this would be a good idea.

The mayor reported that the spring sweeping of the streets, contracted to the city of Clarksburg, has been postponed due to the maintenance problems with Clarksburg's sweeper.

Citizen's Comments Burton Ave resident Artie Rohrbough addressed council with concerns about what he claims are 2 drug houses on his street. He says that cars are constantly speeding and coming and going. He is concerned about the safety of the neighborhood and stated he feels the police are not doing anything about it. Fifteen other Burton Ave residents attending echoed similar concerns. Chief Godwin told Mr. Rohrbough that he is aware of the situation and has even enlisted the help of the DEA, the Harrison County SCAT Unit, as well as the drug task force.

Being no further business, Recorder Maxson motioned and Barbara Gorby seconded to adjourn into executive session to discuss a policing issue.

The regular meeting was resumed at 9:14PM

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM after a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Barbara Gorby.

Mayor

(Recorder)

