

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
05/24/2016**

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, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley. Absent: Treasurer Foley. Also present: Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe and Code Enforcer Warren Gregory.

Guests: Catherine Goings, James Malfregeot, Linda Blake, Janet Conrad, Warren Gregory, Connie Dumire, Dottee Mitchell, Dave Garvin.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 10th, 2016 meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable: No report.

- Natalie Haddix moved to approve accounts payable with a second by Karen Phillips. Passed by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business:

- Mayor Maxson updated the group on town entrance signs. Sample drawings were reviewed. There was discussion on size, cost, wording and looking at different/more contemporary designs. Mayor Maxson will look into other options and report back to council.
- Mr. Wolfe reported estimates of \$145,000.00 to \$150,000.00 for a new sanitation truck. Bruce Kidd moved to authorize advertising for bids on the new truck. Passed by unanimous vote after a second by Natalie Haddix.

New Business:

- Clarksburg Mayor Catherine Goings and Vice Mayor James Malfregeot gave an overview of the Robinson Grand Performing arts Center Restoration project. The resolution is not a request for financial support. Bruce Kidd moved to accept the resolution with a second from Karen Phillips. Motion passed by unanimous vote Mayor Maxson then presented them with the resolution.
- There was discussion of a license request for "Nail Designs" at 102 Burton Ave. as a booth rental from Jack Watson, owner of Head Quarters Hair Salon. This location is zoned business. The license request was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Karen Phillips.
- As a business owner, Karen Phillips suggested council draft a letter and send to the Harrison Board of Education and the WV Superintendent of Schools. She has received more information indicating the BOE and the YMCA are moving forward

with plans to open a day care at Nutter Fort Grade School. This would likely cause one local day care to close and a hardship on another. In addition, the town would not receive any B & O taxes from a day care at the school. The director of the YMCA indicated they are looking at opening day cares around the county. Mrs. Phillips noted this could be beneficial for other elementary schools in Harrison County, where there are no local day care facilities. Council was in favor. A letter will be drafted and sent as soon as possible.

- Linda Blake suggested starting a community garden. She noted there is grant money available. Council was in favor. Vacant lots will be considered. The idea will be pursued to begin next year.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported the Safety Fair is this Saturday at Clarksburg City Park.

Maintenance Dept: Mr. Wolfe reported the current PT employee will become FT on May 30th. Next Tuesday Anthony Zimmerman will start as a PT employee.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Gregory reported they are in the final stages of planning for demolition of the gym. The water tests results were negative. If possible, we will obtain the school sign from the building and offer it to RCB High School for display.

2-Improvements are being made to 508 Pennsylvania Ave.

3-140 Cimarron Rd. has been cleaned up. It may be going up for sale.

4- He and the Mayor have been working with Dave Romano on options for 302 WV Ave.

5-He has seen a recent increase in building permit requests and is working on high grass issues.

Public Comment: Connie Dumire and Dottie Mitchell from 136 and 140 Seneca Dr. respectively, reported issues with excessive water washing onto their properties and causing a variety of problems. A number of factors including excessive surface water, a spring and enlargement of a driveway were discussed. They provided a map of lots in the vicinity and asked that Nutter Fort evaluate the problem to see if the water can be diverted. The Town will look into the issue and respond back to them.

Council proceeded to Executive Session by acclamation for discussion of a personnel issue.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 8 pm by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor