

**Council Meeting
Nutter Fort
May 26, 2015**

The regular council meeting of Nutter Fort was held Tuesday, May 26, 2015, in council chambers with the following members present: William Benincosa, Stephen Korn, Donald Webster, Bruce Kidd, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent was Councilor Karen Phillips. Also present were: Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, and Police Chief Ron Godwin. Absent was Treasurer Julia Foley who was on vacation. Guests were: Natalie Haddix, Ryan Roberts, Charlene Louk, Jaime Trupo, Mike Hendeson, Beverly Henderson, Dave Garvin, and Janet Conrad.

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

The Mayor reported that employees with city issued cell phones from N'Tellos are having problems getting calls and slow e mail. He received a quote from US Cellular about switching back and they are willing to buy out our contract with N'Tellos, provide free phones, and grant a one-time bonus of \$150 credit for each of our 15 city phones.

- Bruce Kidd motioned to authorize the Mayor to switch the phones back to US Cellular, and, after a second by Donald Webster, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held concerning the prohibition of self-storage buildings along Buckhannon Pike. An inquiry was sent to our attorney and he responded (see attached e-mail), basically stating self-storage buildings are forbidden, except in an industrial district. We currently have no industry zoned area.

Mike Henderson, owner of T and L Hot Dogs, addressed council, saying he is interested in pursuing the purchase of the city owned 1405 and 1405 ½ Buckhannon Pike. Last spring, he was high bidder on the property at public auction, bidding \$57,500 (see minutes from June 24, 2014). We had set a reserve of \$79,000 for the property. Council accepted the bid of \$57,500 (see June 24, 2014 minutes). Mr. Henderson would not sign the agreement (see minutes from July7, 2014) until we abandon Don Jackson Lane for use of his business, as he planned to put in a drive thru lane.

Mr. Henderson now says he has decided against the drive thru lane and wants to purchase the property to locate a restaurant there. Since it has been so long since the original auction, we may be required to hold a new auction, according to our attorney. It had been mentioned that we might be able to give the property to the building commission and, it may be legal for them to sell the property to Mr. Henderson. Mayor Rohrbough will ask our city attorney and Councilor Kidd will contact Bridgeport City Manager Haws for their advice.

Discussion was held about an Independence Day celebration in the park. There is nothing planned and most felt it is too late to do anything this year.

- Bruce Kidd motioned approval of the building permits (attached) and, following a second by Stephen Korn, they were approved by unanimous vote.
- The bills (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd and a second by Donald Webster.
- The minutes from the May 12, 2015 meeting, were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion by Donald Webster and a second by Stephen Korn.

Old Business Charlene Louk reported that the house at 200 Bagwell Ave has been cleaned up some. Mayor Rohrbough told council that he had heard some people questioned why he hired professional firefighters to “cover” for emergencies a few weeks ago. He explained that Chief Haddix, along with several other firefighters were away on training and, in the interest of public safety, he hired some off-duty professional firefighters to cover. They made 15 in-town calls while on duty.

New Business Recorder Maxson reported early voting begins, May 27, 2015 in city hall and Saturday early voting Saturday, May 30 and June 6 in council chambers.

Police Chief's Report None

Fire Chief's Report Chief Haddix reported that the County Safety Fair will be Saturday, May 30 in the park

Maintenance Supervisor's Report None

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Foley was on vacation

Public Comment None

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM after a motion by Bruce Kidd and a second by Donald Webster

(Mayor)

(Recorder)