

Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
06/14/16

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Councilor Haddix, 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 Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley. Absent: Councilor William Benincosa, Treasurer Julia Foley, Code Enforcer Warren Gregory and Police Chief Ron Godwin.

Also present: Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix and Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe.

Guests: Dottie Mitchell, Connie Dumire, Louise R. Sommerville, Jim and Charlotte Link, Pam and Bertis McCarty, Linda Blake, Janet Conrad.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 24th meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report: None.

- Accounts payable approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Natalie Haddix.

Unfinished business:

- Mayor Maxson shared samples of signs and prices from Showstopper Graphics and Hickman Signs for new town entrance signs. Hickman can make the sign on a composite material more durable than plywood. Mayor Maxson will ask Showstopper if they can use a similar material. There were suggestions for the actual design and fonts the Mayor will also check on. Council will discuss further at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Bud and Linda Demark of 303 Indiana Avenue were recipients of the June Yard of the Month. They were unable to attend. Janet Conrad accepted the certificate on their behalf.
- Bruce Kidd moved to accept the first reading for a 2% employee pay increase for FY 2016/2017 with a second by Karen Phillips. Motion carried with Councilor Haddix abstaining.
- Bruce Kidd moved to accept the final revisions of the 2015/2016 General Revenue and Coal Severance Accounts with a second by Karen Phillips. Motion carried.
- Bruce Kidd questioned the number of flea market sales being conducted in the Food Lion parking lot. It appears they have become more frequent than allowed. The ordinance for this type of sales will be reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: No report

Maintenance Dept: Mr. Wolfe reported asphalt prices are approximately half of what they were last summer and the last 20 years. We should consider doing some paving due to low costs. Council was in agreement. Mr. Wolfe, Mayor Maxson and Treasurer Foley will meet to determine available funding. A decision will need to be made soon to get on the list for paving this season. JF Allen has a state contract, therefore the job does not need to be bid on. Also, there is a possibility they will waive the \$2500.00 equipment fee since they are working in the area.

Code Enforcement: 1) Mayor Maxson and Councilor Kidd met with Mr. Gregory to discuss expectations, responsibilities and timeliness of the Code Enforcement position.
2) Bruce Kidd noted lost revenue from recent work done at Food Lion with no permit obtained. There is concern among council that this is happening quite frequently throughout the town.
3) demolition of the gym will begin on July 1.
4) there is no new information on the other properties such as 302 WV Avenue.

Public Comment: 1) Linda Blake is the new chairperson of the Beautification Committee.
2) Dottie Mitchell-140 Seneca Dr. and Connie Dumire-136 Seneca Dr. asked if there had been any resolution on the water run-off problem they discussed at the last council meeting. Ms. Mitchell noted she has termites around her out-building due to wet ground. They describe most of the problem being from run-off from the end of Kentucky Ave. Mayor Maxson advised he and maintenance staff visited the area, but had no immediate solution. Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Dumire suggest consulting with an engineer for a possible solution. Mayor Maxson will look into this further.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor