

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
6/14/17**

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

Recorder Louk called the meeting to order in council chambers at 5:00 pm. She welcomed guests and Town Attorney Johnnie Brown.

Attendance: Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd and Brenda Riley.

Absent: Mayor Sam Maxson, Councilor Karen Phillips, Code Enforcer Warren Gregory.

Also present: Chief Ron Godwin, Supervisor Jim Wolfe, and Chief Jeremy Haddix.

Guests: Town Attorney Johnnie Brown, Linda Blake, Jim and Charlotte Link, Dave Garvin, Carl and Jean McGary.

Minutes: Minutes of the 5/23/17 Council meeting were approved after a motion by William Benincosa and second by Natalie Haddix.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mrs. Foley reported that she, Linda Blake and Peg Holmes from the beautification committee attended the *Try This Seminar*. They received new information on the Community Garden project, wellness activities for the town and grants available.
- Mrs. Foley distributed current accounts payable for councils' review. Accounts Payable were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Bruce Kidd.

Unfinished Business:

- Recorder Louk tabled discussion on the Code Enforcement position for possible Executive session until other agenda business and reports are completed.
- Linda Blake reported plots for the community garden have been plowed. She thanked Bruce Kidd and Donnie Shultz for getting this done. Wood for the boxes was donated by Sandy's and Marsh Lumber. Six of 12 boxes have been built. Linda, Janet Conrad and a few volunteers have been staining the boxes. They are also working on the pallets to be used as fencing. Two gallons of paint have been donated. Each person/group will be responsible for painting their own box. Two tons of compost have been delivered. She is working on getting top soil and two tons of mulch from Freed's at \$45.00 per ton. They're also going to build a watering system with rain barrels and PVC pipe. Rain water will be supplemented by the Fire Dept. as needed. The *Try This* workshop provided new information for the garden, community wellness and related grants.

New Business: Carl and Jean McGary of 219 Michigan Ave. were congratulated for the June *Yard of the Month*. A certificate and gift was presented by Recorder Louk and Linda Blake.

- Mrs. Foley presented revisions for the General Revenue Budget. She added no revisions were needed to the Coal Severance Budget at this time. The General Revenue Budget revision was approved after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Natalie Haddix.

- Council reviewed and accepted the 1st reading on a 2% Employee Wage Increase Ordinance after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Bruce Kidd.
- *Community Garden* and *Harrison Chamber* commitment letters were written and provided for councils' review. We are partnering with the Chamber of Commerce for support on grant projects for *Healthy Nutter Fort*.
- Council voted to accept the 2017/2018 Water Account Budget after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Brenda Riley.
- Ballot canvass for the June 13th election is required to take place on June 19th, 2017. Council agreed to meet at 6:30 pm in council chambers to certify the election results.
- Discussion on upcoming Maintenance Supervisor Position: Bruce Kidd moved to go into executive session when other business is completed to discuss this issue and also the code enforcement position. He added the session should include Treasurer Foley, Jim Wolfe and Johnnie Brown. Motion passed after a second by Brenda Riley.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: No report

Maintenance Dept: No report.

Code Enforcement: No report.

Public Comment: None

Executive session:

Council, Jim Wolfe, Julia Foley and Johnnie Brown convened to discuss:

- 1) possible termination of current Code Enforcement Officer Warren "Greg" Gregory.
- 2) replacement of the Maintenance Supervisor position due to upcoming retirement.

Bruce Kidd moved to conclude executive session. Motion passed after a second by Natalie Haddix.

- No guests returned at the conclusion of executive session.
- Bruce Kidd moved to accept Mayor Maxson's recommendation to terminate Warren "Greg" Gregory as Code Enforcement Officer. Motion passed after a second by Natalie Haddix.
- Attorney Johnnie Brown reviewed town ordinances regarding hiring practices and recommends advertising for Maintenance Supervisor and Code Enforcement Officer in the newspaper to be in compliance.
- Council voted to advertise in the newspaper for both positions after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Natalie Haddix.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

