

Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
06/27/17

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

Mayor Maxson called the meeting to order in council chambers at 6:32 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley.

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

Absent: Treasurer Julia Foley.

Guests: Bill Mullooly, Jim and Charlotte Link, Libby and Art Rohrbough.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 14th meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Brenda Riley and second by Bruce Kidd.

Treasurer's Report: None.

- Recorder Louk reported one poll worker's name was incorrect on the accounts payable. Treasurer Foley is making the change from Toothman to Leatherman. Accounts payable approved with this correction after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Brenda Riley.

Unfinished business:

- Council accepted the 2nd reading on a 2% Employee Wage Increase Ordinance after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Brenda Riley.
- The Maintenance Supervisor and Code Enforcement Officer vacancies were advertised in the newspaper on 6/20 with a closing date of 6/26/17. Council was fairly certain there was one resume submitted for each position. Mayor Maxson will verify this with office staff. Resumes will be emailed to the committee tomorrow and reviewed to determine if interviews are needed. It's possible a decision could be made by the end of the week.
- Community Garden update: Bruce Kidd reported planters have been put in place and the fence is painted. They are making good progress. There's been a problem with their unused mulch and topsoil disappearing. The committee and volunteers are planning a *work weekend* this weekend. Councilors Benincosa and Kidd plan to ask the Nutter Fort Lion's Club to support the project in some way.

New Business: None

Incidental Business: 1) Councilor Haddix reported the following from the last Nutter Fort Library Board meeting: The Library lost \$2700.00 in county funding which has already caused a cut in staffing hours. Mrs. Haddix has emailed all three county commissioners. Commissioner Hinkle and Fazzini responded. They are meeting with Clarksburg Library officials to discuss funding cuts. Nutter Fort Library representatives will then be invited to a meeting to see if any of the funding will be returned. Mrs. Haddix added she is concerned about the cost of electricity for the building due to the poor insulation.

2) Councilor Kidd stated the hiring committee recommends Taylor Keith will be appointed *acting* Maintenance Supervisor. Mayor Maxson confirmed he will appoint him.

3) Councilor Riley had a call this morning about the large amount of unsightly debris piled near the dumpster behind Leer-Sharp Caps (the McDougle property).

3) Councilor Phillips made council aware of a vacant home at 409 WV Ave. with high grass and poison growing up onto an elderly neighbor's home. Part-time maintenance staff sprayed weed killer to take care of the problem.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: 1) Chief Haddix reported 4 to 5 guys helped with storm damage in Reynoldsville and Sycamore Road after recent storms. Maintenance provided a large sump pump for flooding in Bonnie Bell's parking lot. There were questions about the water issue on Ohio Ave. from extra run-off since the gym demolition. Ideas were shared for a permanent solution.

2) They will have a raffle this fall for a vacation package worth \$6000.00 in lieu of an elimination dinner. Tickets are \$20 each. The winner will be based on the Daily 3.

Maintenance Dept: Recorder Louk asked if there was any news on a paving date. Mr. Wolfe sent an email and is waiting to hear from J.F Allen.

Mrs. Haddix asked about an issue from the Sanitary Board Meeting regarding the sewer problem on Fort St., and how long it might take to complete the project? Mr. Wolfe isn't sure. We may need to apply for a grant due to the cost of the repair. Mayor Maxson hopes to meet and discuss work needing done and how/when it will be completed.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Maxson reported he's not been able to reach John Heater or Phil Shuman to get any new information on the old Go Mart property. Also, he is sending a letter to RG Motorsports asking them to clean up their vacant property.

Public Comment: 1) Bill Mullooly of 313 Burton Ave made council aware of his neighbor's abandoned cars. One has been in the yard for two years and another on blocks parked on the road for two months. The same neighbor has a fenced yard to the back alley with 7 barking dogs causing frequent disturbance. He has called the police several times, but the dogs tend to stop barking before the police arrive. He asked if anything more permanent could be done to take care of both issues?

2) Art Rohrbough of 311 Burton spoke in agreement of Mr. Mullooly's issues and also added a problem with the collapsing retaining wall at the vacant house across the street from them. The wall is unsightly and potentially dangerous. He also is discouraged by high grass and unsightly properties. He voiced these concerns at a recent council meeting and hasn't seen any improvements. He cut high grass himself on two neighbors' property near the bottom of Old Dear Lane. The weeds were hitting cars as they drove by. He also asked again about patching/paving Old Dear Lane. He would like to see ordinances enforced and action taken with the property owners. The Mayor assured both residents we would do our best to get something done. A new code enforcer will be on board soon to help with these problems.

3) Council is in agreement to take action to enforce ordinances for high grass, dilapidated properties, etc.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

