

**Council Meeting  
Town of Nutter Fort  
7/10/18**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by William Benincosa, 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 William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Brenda Riley, Donald "Duck" Webster. Treasurer Julia Foley, Taylor Keith-Public Works (PW) Supervisor, Keith Kesling-Code Enforcement.

Absent: Natalie Haddix and Chief Jeremy Haddix.

Guests: Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell and Linda Blake.

**Minutes** of the June 12th meeting (attached) were approved after a motion by "Duck" Webster and second by Karen Phillips.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Mrs. Foley reported they have been busy working on the street improvement fee.

**Accounts payable** (attached): approved after a motion by Brenda Riley and second by Karen Phillips.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Chief Godwin spoke on the ordinance creating a crime-free housing and rental housing registration program. His dept. will always reach out to landlords before they take any action. Mrs. Foley added, there have been positive comments about adopting this ordinance on Facebook. There was also clarification of the fee. Mrs. Sheets asked about the fee change from \$20.00 to \$50.00. Mr. Kesling noted the fee has always been \$50.00. He also added, landlords may contact him or the office to get on the list for an inspection, so they can get on the two-year rotation, as outlined in the ordinance. "Duck" Webster moved to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by Karen Phillips.
- Council reviewed a document (attached) outlining the proposed paving project. Mrs. Foley and Mr. Keith answered questions and explained the proposed timeline. Dominion's gas line project also impacts our paving needs and should be completed in August. Streets included are Ohio Ave., one block of bordering streets, Elkins Ave. and Washington Street.
- Gino Colombo is still working on a suggested crosswalk across Rt.20 near the park.
- There is no new information from Attorney Brown on 302 WV Ave.
- We are working with Mr. Brown on the old Go Mart. Mr. Kesling suggests the maximum fines be imposed, according to the ordinance for *Vacant Structures*. Once the structures hit the *one year vacant* mark, letters should be sent to owners including required fees. Late fees should be listed on the invoices for 30, 60, and 90 days overdue. We should consider amending the ordinance to include additional fines and possible liens. He also suggested a *Fire/Police fee* for responses to vacant structures. Ronnie has heard of this type fee and will check further on it.

**New Business:**

- Dave Nuzum and Judy Coche' of 206 Pennsylvania Ave. received *Yard of the Month* for July. They were unable to attend tonight. Linda Blake will deliver their certificate and gift.
- Mrs. Foley explained the first budget revisions for FY 2018/2019, based on estimated figures in February to actual figures on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The General Revenue had an increase of \$37,028.00 and was placed in the Rainy Day Fund. This can be moved to the Paving Fund at a later date if needed. Coal Severance had a decrease of \$562.00 from the street construction. There aren't many line items in Coal Severance. Both budget revisions were approved after a motion by "Duck" Webster and second by Brenda Riley.
- A license for Black & White Coffee and Ice Cream at 1512 Buckhannon Pike was approved after a motion by William Benincosa and second by Karen Phillips.

**Committee Reports:**

**Police Dept:** Chief Godwin reported the new guns are in and training will be held. Training at the range on other firearms was just completed. They've been very busy with summer activity at the park, a few evictions and making improvements to clean up the town. They are working closely with Public Works and Code Enforcement. Everyone works well together. Brenda Riley said Bruce Kidd asked her to publically thank the PD for recovering his trailer and 4-wheeler so quickly. Ronnie added, before finding Bruce's, they recovered two other stolen trailers.

**Fire Dept:** No report.

**Maintenance Dept:** Taylor Keith reported they have been doing a lot of clean up, painting curbs and fixing water issues not handled properly when the last water project was done. He talked to Thrasher about making repairs to some of these areas when they do the sewer project. Some of the clean up is due to ordinance violations. In these cases, residents are billed for Public Works hours spent on the project.

**Code Enforcement:** Mr. Kesling explained when residents refuse to pay for clean up hours, it is a misdemeanor, and they can be brought before the Police Judge. Associated fees would likely be enough to encourage them to pay their fines. Problems at 416 Indiana Ave. will hopefully be resolved soon. A neighbor is buying it and has asked for a little time to clean up the property. He spoke to owners of 512 Kentucky Ave. today about some issues.

**Public Comment:** Linda Blake reported 8 boxes in the Community Garden are being used. Fence posts are up. More may be added later. Posts for the gate still need to be concreted. Then the gate will be installed and fencing can be strung. Linda gets discouraged with such little interest or help. Council and Chief Godwin praised Linda for all her hard work.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Louk, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor

