

**Council Meeting, Town of Nutter Fort**  
**July 14, 2015**

The Swearing In Ceremony for the 2015-2017 Council was held at 7:00 pm with Municipal Judge Jim Terango and Judge Thomas Bedell presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Maxson in council chambers with Councilor Benincosa asking prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Ryan Roberts. Also present: Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe and Treasurer Julia Foley.

Guests in attendance: Linda Blake and Dave Garvin

- Recognition of Charles & Marion Powell of 300 Thomas Avenue for June “Yard of the Month” was planned. Linda Blake of the Beautification Committee stated they were unable to attend due to illness. Linda suggested Mayor Maxson sign the Certificate and she would present it to them. All were in agreement.
- Resolution to accept the terms and conditions for Taser Grant funding Project #08LEDA0922N in the amount of \$5,000.00 was approved by a unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd , second by Karen Phillips.
- The resolution to accept the terms and conditions for Equipment funding Project #08LEDA0885N in the amount of \$10,000.00 was approved by a unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd , second by Karen Phillips.
- Authorization of Nutter Fort Library’s insurance deductible in the amount of \$1,000.00 for roof leak repair and water damage was discussed-see attachment. It was noted that Nutter Fort owns the Library building and carries the insurance. Treasurer Foley confirmed that we have received \$431.93 from the insurance company. A motion was made by Bruce Kidd, second by Karen Phillips to fund the \$1000.00 deductible in order to move forward with the repair. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

In reference to the Library Board’s earlier request for an addition to their budget of \$250.00 per quarter, council recommended a review of the Library’s financial statements and cash flow prior to making a decision. The Board will be contacted to set up a meeting.

- A motion was made by Karen Phillips, second by William Benincosa to accept the General Revenue Account Budget Revision #1 FY 2015/2016 (increase of \$35,000.00)- see attachment. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- A motion was made by Karen Phillips, second by Natalie Haddix to accept the Coal Severance Account Budget Revision #1 FY 2015/2016 (increase of \$800.00)-see attachment. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Discussion held on conveying 1405 & 1405 ½ Buckhannon Pike property to the building commission. It was noted that the last appraisal was approximately three years ago. It was suggested that Council ask our attorney if the building commission is allowed to accept an offer less than the appraisal value. Current offer is \$57,500. Bruce Kidd made a motion to get a new appraisal, with Mayor Maxson to choose an appraiser. Motion seconded by Karen Phillips and passed by a unanimous vote.
- Council reviewed a letter received from the Harrison County Development Authority (HCDA) noting their creation of the Harrison County Development Corp-see attachment. Discussion was held regarding the HCDA's request for three names to be submitted, one of whom shall be appointed as Nutter Fort's representative on the Board. It was noted that Bruce Kidd currently serves on the HCDA Board and is knowledgeable about these issues. A motion was made by Karen Phillips, second by William Benincosa to recommend Bruce Kidd as Nutter Fort's representative. Motion passed with Bruce Kidd abstaining.
- A motion to approve the building permits (attached) was made by Karen Phillips, seconded by Natalie Haddix and approved by unanimous vote.
- The accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Karen Phillips.
- Minutes of 6/23/15 were accepted by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by Ryan Roberts.

Old Business: Bruce Kidd asked if there had been any progress on the water issue at the intersection of Rt 20 and Maryland Ave. Mayor Maxson stated this is state property and has requested their assistance. He has spoken to Delegates Terry Waxman and Patsy Trecost, and is waiting for a response. Mayor Maxson and Mr. Wolfe noted that the state has not been good about responding and returning calls. BC Bank officials have voiced complaints. Nutter Fort maintenance staff have responded to all previous flooding events, preventing damage to nearby businesses and residences.

New Business: Mayor Maxson shared a Community Needs Assessment Questionnaire from the Nutter Fort Lions Club to identify service needs in the community. He asked each council member complete and return the questionnaire at the next regular meeting.

**Police Dept. Report:** None

**Fire Dept. Report:** None

**Maintenance Dept. Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Julia Foley reported that on 10/1 and 10/2 the State Auditor's office will be hosting a seminar for municipal offices and elected boards. Letters will be sent out to all Board and Committee members encouraging attendance.

**Comments:**

Councilor Benincosa congratulated newly elected Mayor Maxson and council members and looks forward to working with them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Karen Phillips.