

**Council Meeting  
Nutter Fort  
August 14, 2012**

The regular meeting of Council of Nutter Fort, was held, Tuesday, August 14, 2012, in council chambers with the following members present: Stephen Korn, Barbara Gorby, William Benincosa, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent were: Councilors Karen Phillips and Robin Newhouse. Also present were: Police Chief Ron Godwin, Code Enforcement Officer Adam Barberio, Treasurer Julia Foley and Computer Operator Leslie Holbert. Absent were Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix and Supervisor Jim Wolfe, who are attending training. Guests were Leanna Spornak, Gino Columbo, Charlotte Link, Jim Link, Jenalda Heflin, Linda Barnes, and Debbie Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Mayor Rohrbough, with Councilor Benincosa asking prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Code Enforcement Officer Barberio explained the Floodplain Ordinance (attached)

- Stephen Korn motioned we approve the Floodplain Ordinance on the first reading. Following a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A letter (attached), from our attorney, Andrew McMunn, was read and discussed concerning the possible sale of property at 610 Illinois Ave. McMunn listed 2 options in dealing with the sale of this city-owned real estate.

- Barbara Gorby motioned we follow our attorney's recommendation and wait until the liens that are in front of our lien expire. William Benincosa voiced a second and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council reviewed the proposed legal advertisement (attached) for bids on the sale of the property at 802 Illinois Ave.

- The proposed bid advertisement was approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Stephen Korn and seconded by Barbara Gorby, with an addition that the town would issue a "special warranty deed". (see attached e-mail from our attorney, Andrew McMunn)
- The building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous vote, after a motion by William Benincosa and a second by Barbara Gorby.
- Stephen Korn motioned approval of the bills (attached) and, following a second by Barbara Gorby, they were approved by unanimous vote.
- The minutes of the July 24, 2012 meeting were approved by unanimous vote, after a motion by Barbara Gorby and seconded by Stephen Korn.

**Old Business:** The new LED sign is now installed and working. Installation of the flagpole, concrete work, and lights will be completed soon.

**New Business**    None

Code Enforcement Officer Barberio updated council stating that a letter has been sent to Go Mart concerning weeds at their old location at the corner of Buckhannon Pike and Pennsylvania Ave. and high grass and the lack of a permanent fence behind the new store at Rt 98 and Buckhannon Pike. They have complied with the complaint at the old location, but have not done anything at the new. Barberio explained to council that GoMart has an orange construction type fence around the vacant lot behind the new GoMart and he has instructed them to install a permanent fence.

Recorder Maxson thanked the Fire, Police, and Maintenance Departments for all their work and support of the recently completed WV Blackberry Festival.

**Police Department Report** Chief Godwin reports that he is close to hiring 2 new officers. He hopes to get at least one of the new officers enrolled in the academy in September. He also reported that he has been notified by Delegate Miley of a \$250 award (see attached) which will be used for police equipment.

**Maintenance Department Report** Supervisor Wolfe is out of town for training.

**Fire Department Report** Chief Haddix is out of town for training.

**Treasurers Report** Treasurer Foley reports that she has applied for a \$22,000 broadband grant from the WV Geological Survey. If awarded, this would be used for Toughbook laptops for the police and fire departments. Also would be used to purchase software for the Nixle programs (for notifying residents) and GIS mapping.

Also a request for a \$75,000 Recycling grant has been submitted. This would provide portable collection units to be placed around town. She stated we are still awaiting the award of a possible FEMA grant for revenue expended during the recent power outage and storm damage.

Charlotte Link addressed council with her concern of vehicles being illegally parked on the sidewalk along Buckhannon Pike during the Blackberry Festival. She told council she had to travel on the highway in her scooter and that it was very dangerous to her and other pedestrians. Chief Godwin explained that he had all his officers in the park and that even if he ticketed the vehicles, they would still be blocking the sidewalk. He stated he really did not have an answer, but will check on it. Sam Maxson stated that the Blackberry committee was aware of the problem and will help look for a solution.

Debbie Johnson thanked the maintenance department for cleaning the excess dirt on the sidewalk.

Gino Columbo addressed council with his concern over the announcement in the paper that the Harrison County Board of Education plans to advertise for bid, the sale of approximately 21 acres behind the Nutter Fort Elementary School. He asked if Nutter Fort was notified of the plans and was told, no one informed us. He said he, along with others, worked to get the National Guard to construct the football practice field that was used by RW High School and is currently used by Pop Warner and WI Middle for their practices. The RW Boosters raised funds and built the facilities building. Columbo feels the Board of Education should give this property to Nutter Fort.

Columbo stated he is afraid of what might be placed on the property if it is sold.

A letter to the Harrison County Board of Education will be drafted, using strong language, requesting Board of Education members attend our next council meeting and explain their position on this issue. Three of the board members are graduates of RW High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM after a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Stephen Korn.

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(Mayor)

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(Recorder)