

Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
08/23/16

Attendees were invited 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 6:30 pm.

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

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

Also present: Treasurer Julia Foley, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Chief Jeremy Haddix.

Guests: Larry Zinn, David R. Cotton, Linda Blake, Luke Bragger, William Host, Rocky Romano, Charlotte and Jim Link.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Foley reported Charter (formerly TWC) finally agreed there were 180 homes omitted from the homes passed list. These have been added to the active subscriber list and will be included in future franchise tax and home shopping network revenues. Cohen Law Group's audit period is for 48 months. They are drafting a letter to Charter to include lost revenue for the additional households previously omitted. We hope to recover lost franchise fee revenue in the amount of \$21,000.00 and lost B&O tax revenue in the amount of \$7,257.60 (see attached detailed report). Council appreciates the hard work and persistence by Cohen Law Group and Treasurer Foley. This has been a long process that will hopefully have a positive monetary outcome for the town.

In regards to accounts payable Mrs. Foley stated she has had some inquiries on the increased costs for over time wages for the Blackberry Festival. Bruce Kidd stated he would like to continue to be a working partner with the festival. He would like to invite members from the festival board to share information with the town since we are a huge financial sponsor. William Benincosa stated the park board charges the festival \$1700.00 for use of the park. Natalie Haddix agreed we should invite the festival committee to a future meeting to discuss the issues. Council agreed a planning session would be a better fit for the discussion. A meeting will be set up when Mayor Maxson returns.

- Accounts payable were approved after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Natalie Haddix.

Unfinished business:

- Jim Wolfe talked with Brian Leatherman regarding the paving project. They are so busy, it's doubtful we can get our paving done this fall. We may need to wait until spring 2017. He will keep us updated.
- Mr. Wolfe reported a decision has been made for the new refuse truck. The bids were reviewed for specific requirements. Ryan Roberts has expertise in this area and assisted with the review. Mr. Wolfe and Mayor Maxson also looked at two trucks in

the area to compare different components. Bruce Kidd moved to allow Jim Wolfe to select the truck that best suits our needs; second by Natalie Haddix. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Recorder Louk presented a certificate to representatives from Center Branch Church for their recent volunteer community service work. We are very appreciative of the yard work and repairs done to help families in Nutter Fort, and for lunch provided to town employees.
- August Yard of the Month was awarded to David Cotton and Larry Zinn of 144 Cimarron Road. Recorder Louk and Linda Blake presented them with a certificate and gift. Council complimented them for the upkeep of their home and yard.
- Bruce Kidd nominated Natalie Haddix as the voting delegate for the WVRWA business meeting on August 29th, 2016. Motion passed after a second by William Benincosa.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix stated school has started. There are 1300+ students in addition to all the staff. It is the largest grade school east of the Mississippi. There was joint discussion about continued needs of the children for food and supplies. William Benincosa stated the Lion's club and First Baptist church have ongoing programs to see these needs are met.

Maintenance Dept : No report

Code Enforcement: No report

Public Comment: Rocky Romano suggested Clarksburg City Council and the Park Board be approached to waive the fee for use of the park for the Blackberry Festival. Bruce Kidd suggested possibly inviting a representative from Clarksburg City Council to the upcoming planning meeting.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor