

Council Meeting  
Town of Nutter Fort  
08/09/16

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Recorder Louk, 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, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, and Brenda Riley.

Absent: Councilors William Benincosa and Karen Phillips.

Also present: Treasurer Julia Foley, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Chief Jeremy Haddix and Code Enforcer Warren (Greg) Gregory.

Guests: Mike Grady-WV Tractor Co., Charlotte and Jim Link, Ralph Johns and Paul Hill.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Bruce Kidd.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Foley received an email from Time Warner saying we will have a report very soon. She hopes the information is more accurate than past reports.

- Accounts payable were approved after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Brenda Riley.

**Unfinished business:**

- Jim Wolfe has a list of streets and a parking lot as priorities for paving. He has completed measurements and estimated the cost around \$115,000.00. The contractor will review this and evaluate the streets for any additional needs or costs. The price of asphalt is low right now at approximately \$65.00 per ton. No bid is needed since the work is being done under a state bid.
- Bids on the new refuse truck have been reviewed and narrowed down to the ones meeting the requirements. Mr. Wolfe and Mayor Maxson will be going to look at one or more of these same trucks to be certain it meets all our needs and specifications. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

- Ralph Johns of Freedom Baptist Church spoke to council requesting a property variance on the Nutter Street side. They hope to build a new building ending about five feet away from the pavement on the Nutter Street side. A plat of the site was provided. The town would retain right of way if the property variance is granted. An email from attorney Johnnie Brown (attached) states granting a variance is acceptable and gives an example of the procedure. There was discussion regarding utilities, sewer lines, etc. Bruce Kidd moved to provide the requested variance by selling the church the section of land for \$10.00 (if there is no logistical or legal reason to prevent it). Motion passed after a second by Natalie Haddix.

- Bruce Kidd moved to approve a license request for “Helping Hands for the Journey”, a caregiving/cleaning service business (owner resides in Clarksburg, but has clients in Nutter Fort). Motion passed after a second by Natalie Haddix.
- Bruce Kidd moved to approve a license request for “Maid Marie”, a janitorial/maid service located in a business district at 100 Burton Ave. Motion passed after a second by Natalie Haddix.

**Committee Reports:**

**Police Dept:** No report

**Fire Dept:** Chief Haddix was happy to report all fire engines passed the pump tests last week.

**Maintenance Dept :** No report

**Code Enforcement:** Mr. Gregory reported a lot of high grass and overgrown trees are being addressed. Demolition of the old gym is progressing. The Rite Aid remodel is in progress. Lawyers are looking at the old Go Mart building. They want to do what’s best for the town and possibly get a new business in there. Mayor Maxson spoke to Phil Schuman about cleaning up the exterior to make the building more presentable. A concern was voiced about the bugs/rodents at 93 Ohio Ave. Mr. Gregory has seen the report where the house was sprayed by an exterminator. He spoke with the owner about these issues and he will do an interior inspection before anyone moves in. Mrs. Link asked if the construction at Kuz’s corner includes handicap accessibility. Mr. Gregory reported it is not being done at this time and is not a requirement. Space for a ramp is very limited, but is something the owner wants to do in the future.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Maxson reported the Blackberry Festival had another successful year. He thanked the police, maintenance and fire dept. for all their hard work.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Louk, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor