

Council Meeting  
Town of Nutter Fort  
09/12/17

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, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley.

**Also present:** Treasurer Julia Foley and Chief Ron Godwin.

**Absent:** Councilor Natalie Haddix, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Maint Sup. Jim Wolfe, Acting Maintenance Sup. Taylor Keith and Code Enf. Keith Kesling.

**Guests:** Jim and Charlotte Link, Linda Griffith, Linda Blake, Janet Conrad. Annette and Owen Shaw.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Brenda Riley and second by Bruce Kidd.

**Treasurer's Report:** Regarding the work session canceled last week, Mrs. Foley reported Attorney Johnnie Brown is available Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, the date of our next meeting. Council agreed to have the work session at 5 pm prior to the meeting. Code issues, possible revenue for paving, the sidewalk and sewer project all need to be discussed.

Karen Phillips moved to accept accounts payable (attached). Motion passed after a second by Brenda Riley.

**Unfinished business:** We still haven't paid our 20% (over \$21,000.00) for the sidewalk project due to poor quality, numerous cracks, and concrete less than 14" depth. Some repairs have been made, but there are still numerous problems. The warranty for one year is close to expiring. We will discuss this with the Town Attorney on 9/26.

- Mayor Maxson and Mrs. Foley met with John Cooper from the Park Board to discuss a number of issues, including requiring business licenses for construction and collecting B&O revenue in the Park. After talking with Mr. Cooper, both the Mayor and Mrs. Foley think it would be best not to pursue these revenues because of our good working relationship. Mr. Maxson added the Park Board furnishes soap and paper products for the restrooms and trash bags for the Blackberry Festival (BF).
- Mayor Maxson has put together a promotional packet to publicize vacant buildings for business opportunities. He's been making contacts trying to get businesses in our vacant buildings. There are updated photos on our website.

**New Business:** Mayor Maxson and Linda Blake congratulated Annette and Owen Shaw of 308 W.V. Ave for *September Yard of the Month*. They were presented with a certificate and gift prior to a photo of the group.

- Mayor Maxson would like Council to consider annexation of Nutter Run Rd. We will discuss annexation at our 9/26 workshop. Due to a mine subsidence issue affecting the Viglianco's septic field, they will be running a sewer line approximately 1000 ft. on Nutter Run. It will tie into our sewer system at Howard St. They are working with DEP regarding the subsidence and new sewer line installation.
- The Town is advertising for engineering proposals on the upcoming sewer project for select areas including the back of the Park and Fort St. We will be working on a grant for this project also.
- Councilor Kidd who is resigning due to relocation, recommended replacing his Council seat be on the next agenda. Duck Webster is very interested. He has a lot of knowledge and experience about the Town and municipal government. Mr. Benincosa said two people have contacted him about the vacancy. Mayor Maxson said there was no hurry because we have 30 days after the resignation to fill the vacancy.

**Committee Reports:**

**Police Dept:** Shane Richardson graduates from the Police Academy on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Dept:** No report

**Maintenance Dept:** Mayor Maxson reported we haven't gotten any response from JF Allen about a date for paving. He's talked to Martin Howe, Clarksburg City Manager about paving together for better purchasing power.

**Code Enforcement:** Mr. Kesling has been very busy with permits and violations. He's also working on getting the RG Honda property cleaned up. The poor condition of 302 WV Ave. was discussed again. There is no news on this property.

**Public Comment:** *Community Garden:* Linda Blake reported things are growing and the watering system is working well. She hopes to get the fence up before winter.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Louk, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor