

Council Meeting  
Town of Nutter Fort  
09/13/16

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, William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, and Karen Phillips.

Absent: Councilor Brenda Riley, Code Enforcer Warren Gregory.

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

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Billy DeFazio, Thelma DeFazio, Janet Conrad, Charlotte and Jim Link.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the August 23rd meeting were approved after a motion by William Benincosa and second by Karen Phillips.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Foley asked council to please try to attend the open house for Joy's Hair Care and Accessories on 9/15/16 at 12noon. She will send a reminder via text. William Benincosa asked if WV Fitness is another new business? Mrs. Foley stated they opened today, but have not yet obtained a license. Mayor Maxson will contact them. They may not be aware they are in town limits.

Mrs. Foley asked council members to consider attending the free State Auditor's class (information in packets). Please let Julie know and she will send in your registration.

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

**Unfinished business:**

- Recipients of the September Yard of the Month are Mr. and Mrs. Gus Alastanos at 411 Third Ave. Janet Conrad accepted the award in their absence. She will deliver it to them and extend our appreciation.
- The new refuse truck has been ordered. It will be here in six to seven months.
- Mr. Wolfe reported Brian Leatherman called him. Due to unforeseen issues, our paving will probably be postponed until March or April. There is a slim chance they will get to it before winter. If postponed, we will still be under the state bid next year, therefore we will still get the asphalt at the current price.
- Mayor Maxson reported he had a meeting with the engineer for the sidewalk project. There is a list of things that need corrected. There are areas that do not meet ADA guidelines and some curb and sidewalk areas that are not up to standards. The contractor will be making these corrections in the near future.

**New Business:**

- Mayor Maxson presented a “key to the city” to Thelma DeFazio and Mr. and Mrs. Billy DeFazio congratulating them on 61 years in business as Thelma’s Restaurant .
- There was discussion on the date and time for Trick or Treat. Bruce Kidd moved to hold Trick or Treat on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 7 pm. Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips. A party will follow at the Fire Dept. from 7 pm to 8 pm. Costs will be split between the Fire Dept. and the town.
- Mayor Maxson said he would like to discuss Blackberry Festival expenses in a separate session. Council agreed and would like to invite Blackberry Festival Committee members to be present. A date will be selected and advertised.
- Mayor Maxson said Gino Colombo contacted him about clearing brush from the banks of the Elk Creek. There is a program through Human Resource Development Foundation for these type projects. It is a work program for workers currently laid off from their jobs. They will clear the brush this week.
- The lack of code enforcement in the town was brought up by Councilor Kidd and council agreed. Mayor Maxson stated Stonewood Chief Robert Matheny contacted him. Stonewood no longer has a code enforcer and is interested in possibly sharing a code enforcement position with Nutter Fort. The Mayor and Mrs. Foley will be meeting with Chief Matheny to discuss this further. Hopefully, we can be approved for a “hardship case” through the state Fire Marshall’s office at their October meeting. If approved, we can select someone for the position.

**Committee Reports:**

**Police Dept:** No report

**Fire Dept:** No report

**Maintenance Dept :** No report

**Code Enforcement:** The high grass issue at 402 WV Avenue was discussed again. No one owns the lot, as it was let go for back taxes. This is in a high traffic area and reflects poorly on the town’s image. For this reason the maintenance staff will cut the grass.

**Public Comment:** Janet Conrad brought up the high grass at 700 Pennsylvania Ave. Mayor Maxson stated he was aware of it. She also asked Chief Godwin about vehicles parked on the street with flat tires. Some of the vehicles have already been tagged and he is working on follow-up.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:20 pm, followed by a small reception honoring Thelma’s Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Louk, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor

