

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
09/22/2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Sam Maxson in council chambers with Councilor Benincosa asking prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd and Karen Phillips. Absent: Charlene Louk, Recorder. Also present: Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Julia Foley, Treasurer and Warren Gregory, Code Enforcement Officer.

Guests: Bertis McCarty, Pam McCarty, Don Sinclair, Carolyn Hutson, Don Hutson, Linda Blake, Janet Conrad and Dave Garvin.

- Mayor Maxson presented a certificate to Don and Carol Hutson, recognizing them for September Yard of the Month. Beautification members Linda Blake and Janet Conrad presented Mr. & Mrs. Hutson with a gift and everyone was appreciative of their efforts in maintaining such an immaculate lawn.
- Mayor Maxson reviewed information from the work session prior to this evening's meeting regarding the potential sale of 1405 Buckhannon Pike. Councilor Bruce Kidd has spoken with a representatives from the Harrison County Development Authority in regard to seeking their interest in marketing the property. Councilor Kidd is awaiting further information from the Development Authority and should have further information this week. Councilor Kidd explained that should the Authority be willing to market the property for the town, the deed would remain in the town's name until the Authority had an interested buyer.
- The draft of B & O Tax incentives ordinance was presented and reviewed by Mayor Maxson. Discussion was held in regard to some of the stipulations contained in the ordinance and it was agreed to table the item at this time.

A motion to approve the building permits (attached) was made by Natalie Haddix. Second by William Benincosa. Approved by unanimous vote.

- Accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Natalie Haddix. Second by Bruce Kidd.
- Minutes of the 9/8/15 meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by William Benincosa. Second by Natalie Haddix.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Maxson read a proclamation in honour of Autism Awareness Month which starts in October. Mayor Maxson will present the proclamation October 3, 2015 when

the annual Autism Awareness walk kicks off in the park. Bruce Kidd made the motion to accept the proclamation and Natalie Haddix seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

William Benincosa questioned whether Skasiks Cleaners could obtain an exemption on their sewage bill due to the fact that a majority of the water was utilized as steam and did not go into the sewage system. WV Rural Water Representative, Bertis McCarthy explained the town had to abide by their tariff for water and sewer rates set by the Public Service Commission and it does not allow for an exclusion of sewage service. In addition, the town pays the City of Clarksburg for treatment of the sewage. Clarksburg does not allow the town an exclusion for steam heat and therefore the town could not grant an exemption to the cleaners.

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: October 3rd and 4th is the National Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Service held in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Twenty nine members from our department will be attending this event to honour our own, Michael Garrett. Coverage for our department during this time will be provided by different agencies that have agreed to volunteer their time.

Maintenance Dept: Jim Wolfe advised anyone having questions about the public notice regarding the water sample for Total Trihalomethanes exceeding maximum contaminant levels, should direct their questions to Bertis McCarthy from WV Rural Water Association, who was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. McCarthy explained that since the notice was issued, another test result had been obtained. This result was below the contaminant level and was expected to remain at safe levels in the future.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Code Enforcement Report: Warren Gregory provided a Code Enforcement Report for September (attached). He updated council on the status of the R.W. Gym and is awaiting an air quality report from the DEP in Charleston. In regard to the abandoned/vacant properties, there are approximately eight properties that he is concentrating on at this time. The property at 212 Maryland was mentioned in regard to the condition of the swimming pool. Mr Gregory stated although they had cut some of the overgrown vegetation out of the pool, it was still a concern. In addition, 508 Pennsylvania Avenue is still an issue and he will continue to pursue those issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM after a motion by Bruce Kidd. Second by Natalie Haddix.

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor