

Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
09/26/17

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 6:35 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley.

Also present: Treasurer Julia Foley, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Chief Ron Godwin and Acting Maintenance Sup. Taylor Keith.

Absent: Code Enforcer (CE) Keith Kesling.

Guests: Jim and Charlotte Link, Linda Blake, Janet Conrad, and Bertis McCarty.

Minutes: Minutes from the Sept. 12th meeting (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Bruce Kidd and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Foley reported speaking with the Attorney from Cohen Law Group regarding TWC, now Charter Communications about the list of subscribers. The discrepancy has improved from 300 to 48. We are finally progressing after two years. This is a much more acceptable number and we are close to getting this resolved.

- Town water bills were mailed out Sept. 15th and lost by the postal service. A notice will be in Saturday and Sunday's editions of the paper. It was also posted on our Facebook page. According to the PSC, residents are still obligated to pay their bills on time and we may enforce the late fee. As a courtesy, we are checking to see if it's possible to send out late notices without enforcing the "late" fee since the bills were lost.
- Natalie Haddix moved to accept accounts payable (attached). Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished business: Mayor Maxson reported he is going to meet with a DOH representative about the Sidewalk Project problems to try and negotiate a proper repair. They have attempted to repair some of the problem areas, but all the follow-up work is substandard. If we have the repairs done, prevailing wage must be paid due to the use of Federal Funds for the project. We still owe our portion of the payment.

- Mayor Maxson reported we are not going to pursue annexation of Nutter Run Road. It looks as if the sewer line installation prompting this action is not going to be done due to landowner issues. For this reason, the DEP will now be able to get an aeration system approved for the property where the septic system collapsed due to a slide.
- Councilor Kidd reminded Council he will be resigning effective Oct. 11th due to moving from Nutter Fort. His position as the Town's representative on the Development Authority will need filled. Mr. Kidd recommends Mayor Maxson fill the vacancy. Mayor Maxson accepted.
- Councilor Kidd reminded the group we were to re-evaluate a salary increase for Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix. His salary has not been increased since the position was

created 5+ years ago. The Chief provided a spreadsheet to Mr. Kidd as requested, showing a breakdown of management duties including number of fireman, equipment values and inventory, training and certifications. The proposed annual salary would be in line with the other Town Supervisory positions. Treasurer Foley advised a budget revision would be made to reflect the increase. It was determined we could act on this tonight with the effective date of 10/1/17, since it is old business. Bruce Kidd moved to accept this salary with a second by Karen Phillips. Motion passed with Councilor Haddix abstaining.

New Business: Mayor Maxson presented a resolution supporting the Road Bond Amendment. Bruce Kidd moved to accept the resolution. Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips. The Road Bond election is October 7th, 2017.

- The International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), updates and wording of our Ordinances were discussed at length at the Workshop at 5 pm this evening with Town Attorney Johnnie Brown. Mr. Kesling pointed out several discrepancies. He and Mr. Brown recommend updating Ordinances to reflect current IPMC wording. They will be more enforceable and less likely to be challenged. Mrs. Foley will forward Mr. Brown a copy of the final Harrison Co. Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Brown will review the plan to research *Business 2 (B2)* for types of business included in that zone. Mr. Brown hopes to have updates of Ordinances ready for the next meeting.
- Bruce Kidd moved to accept the business license approval for *The Chiropractic Care Center* at 200 Rt. 98 West, #105. Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips. Chief Haddix added that Mr. Kesling mentioned doing a walk-through prior to future occupancy permits being approved. Council agrees. Chief Haddix will be doing walk-throughs with Mr. Kesling to evaluate for any fire dept. deficiencies.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Shane Richardson graduates from the Police Academy on 9/29/17.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported October is Fire Prevention month and will be busy. He thanked the Mayor for his help in repairing the generator on the Ladder truck. The Pierce Rep came to look at refurbishing the Ladder truck using a Glider Kit. This uses our motor, transmission, pump and rear end on a brand new chassis. It comes out with a new title. This is in the planning stages and may be 1-2 years down the road. The Halloween party will be the same format as before. Tentative date: Oct. 31st. Any help from Council with candy or donations for this party or the Library/PTSO party (Oct 21st, 2-4 pm) will be appreciated.

Maintenance Dept: Taylor Keith reported Public Works is working on hydrants and black top patching. JF Allen has not responded to emails about paving. Other companies would be considered, if they were interested in the amount of paving we are planning. We will continue to do patching and prep work. Actual paving will probably not be done until next year. A lot of prep work needs done on Bagwell Ave. before paving. Taylor is getting estimates for a carport to cover the refuse trucks and also to close in the front area. This will hopefully eliminate piling of trash, old furniture, etc. at the dumpster on weekends. He is also looking at updating surveillance cameras for that area. They are 12-15 years old and their performance is poor.

Code Enforcement: None.

Public Comment: *Community Garden:* Linda Blake reported things are going well. She shared fresh radishes and cherry tomatoes from the garden with Council and attendees. Thanks to Linda and her committee for all their hard work on this project!

Mayor Maxson reminded Council of Jim Wolfe's retirement luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 28th, 2017.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor