

Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
09/27/16

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, Brenda Riley and Karen Phillips .

Absent: Councilor Bruce Kidd and Code Enforcer Warren Gregory.

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

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

Minutes: Minutes of the September 13th meeting were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report: None

- Accounts payable were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished business:

- Gym demolition is going well. The scoreboard will be given to RCB High School to be put on display. They are giving us a load of the bricks for us to use as we choose.
- Workers from the Human Resource Development Foundation are clearing brush from the banks of Elk Creek as a free service. Chief Haddix has been helping to coordinate this.
- After inspection by the engineer, parts of the sidewalk project must be re-done to meet ADA guidelines. The correction near FOP is complete and other repairs will be done soon.

New Business:

- A personal letter requesting the town consider abandoning the alley known as "Washington Street" was provided. A map was also included and discussion followed. In accordance with Article 909.03 of the Town's Codified Ordinance (enclosed), Natalie Haddix moved we refer the request to the town engineer and Mr. Wolfe for input. Motion was approved after a second by Karen Phillips.
- Ridge Runner Café (mobile food service) has requested a license. His tentative plan is to set up in the old Town and Country Drug Store lot. Council has several questions about intended locations, types of food to be sold, schedule, and food handler's certification. The item was tabled until more information is obtained.
- A resolution acknowledging the updated WV State Building Code was provided. The resolution was approved after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by Natalie Haddix.
- Mayor Maxson announced town officials are invited to participate in RCB's Homecoming parade on October 5th at 6 pm in Clarksburg. Officials may ride in one of our fire trucks or in a car. Those interested will firm up details in the next few days.

- Training on electronic voting machines will be held at the fire dept. on Oct. 6th at 7 pm.
- Mayor Maxson explained the town is still considering options to our code enforcement officer (CEO) issues. Our current CEO is very good at the job. He just doesn't have enough time to devote to it. Mayor Maxson made calls to similar size communities to see how they handle code enforcement. He and Mrs. Foley also met with Stonewood officials to discuss the possibility of sharing one full time CEO. The town hoped to submit a name to the State Fire Marshall's office requesting approval for a "hardship case" at their quarterly meeting in October. Since the deadline is 4 pm on October 3rd, a request for interest in the job was posted internally with a deadline of September 27th. Three interested employees submitted letters. An employee selected for the CEO position would perform the job in addition to their current duties. Council had several questions about the position and compensation, and does not want to rush into the decision. Mayor Maxson will send us a link to all the information on the State Fire Marshall's website. A motion by Natalie Haddix to have a work session at 6:30 pm on Oct. 4th was passed after a second by Karen Phillips.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin reported the police and firemen have been dealing with fentanyl laced heroin problems in the town. The fentanyl is extremely dangerous when inhaled or absorbed through the skin. They are taking every precaution with use of personal protective equipment to keep the responders safe. Narcan has been used in heroin overdose cases. This is also causing differing opinions among the first responders.

Fire Dept: Flu shots will be given from 8-10 am on Friday Sept. 30th.

- Nov. 12th is the elimination dinner to benefit Kevin Kimble. Tickets will be available soon.
- Dec. 10th is the Fire Dept. Christmas dinner.
- Dec. 11th is the Santa Run/Food Drive.
- Mayor Maxson asked council to think about ideas/dates for the tree lighting ceremony.

Maintenance Dept : No report. Councilor Phillips thanked Mr. Wolfe for getting the grass cut at 302 WV Avenue. The property looks much better.

Code Enforcement: Shannon Lopez has shown interest in the Lepon property at 318 Burton Ave. She must submit her plans for the property. There are requirements she needs to meet before the property can be purchased.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor