

**Council Meeting
Nutter Fort
September 9, 2014**

The regular meeting of Nutter Fort council was held, Tuesday, September 9, 2014, in council chambers, with the following members present: William Benincosa, Stephen Korn, Karen Phillips, Bruce Kidd, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent was councilor Donald Webster. Also present was Police Chief Ron Godwin. Absent were Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe and Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix who are in training and Treasurer Julia Foley. Guests were: Beautification Committee Chairman Janet Conrad, Jaime Trupo, Gary Garrett, Virginia Garrett, Warren Gregory, Barbara Gorby, Charlene Louk, and Dave Garvin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Mayor Rohrbough, with Councilor Benincosa asking prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Janet Conrad, chairman of the beautification committee, presented copies of the committee's annual report to members of council. Council complimented the committee on an excellent job.

- Stephen Korn motioned to table the presentation of the "yard of the month" award until next meeting, since the winners, Tom and Karen Betler, could not be present. After a second by William Benincosa, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held concerning the appointment of a committee to review the code enforcement officer applicants.

- Bruce Kidd motioned to appoint a committee, composed of Police Chief Godwin, Fire Chief Haddix, Maintenance Supervisor Wolfe, Mayor Rohrbough, and councilor Phillips to interview potential candidates for the code enforcement position. The motion was seconded by William Benincosa and passed by unanimous vote.,

Discussion was held about abandoning or leasing the alley between the fire department and 1405 Buckhannon Pike, in conjunction with the pending sale of the property at 1405 Buckhannon Pike. Attorney Andy McMunn has not responded with the information needed for a decision, but, the mayor has talked with the buyer and the buyer does not want to own the alley, only to be assured that, in event of a new council, he would still have use of it.

The mayor will invite the potential buyer to the next meeting to further explain what he needs.

- Bruce Kidd motioned approval of the building permits (attached) and, after a second by Karen Phillips, they were approved by unanimous vote.
- The accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Karen Phillips and a second by Bruce Kidd.
- The minutes of both the August 26, 2014 and the August 12, 2014 meeting were approved by unanimous vote, after a motion by Bruce Kidd and a second by Karen Phillips.

Old Business Bruce Kidd asked if Dominion Gas has set a timetable for repairs to Maryland Ave where they replaced a gas line. Supervisor Wolfe was not present to answer the questions, but the mayor will contact them. Another question asked was when the contractor for the city of Stonewood's water line thru Nutter Fort, was going to pave Franklin Ave.

New Business None

Police Chief's Report Chief Godwin reports that Officer Jeff Bartlett is in training at the academy and has been injured, dis-locating his shoulder and placed on light duty training. Also, Officer Lance Golden has started his 2 or 3 week training at the academy. (Golden is a North Carolina certified officer and needs little additional state training) Bridgeport Officer Rebecca Schussler, who lives in Nutter Fort, will be working part time.

Fire Chief's Report Not present-in training

Maintenance Supervisor Not present-in training

Treasurer's Report Not present

Public's Comment Gary Garrett, of 511 4th Ave. addressed council stating that, in 1999, he and his wife, Virginia, applied for a permit to build condos adjacent to their house and were turned down, being told they are in an R-1A district and such commercial development was not allowed. He found out recently, in the past few months that, Identifact, an oil and gas related business, had been granted a business license at 508 4th St. Later, Identifact relocated to Bagwell Ave, still in the same district, was re-issued a business license, and is now located across the street from him at 510 4th Street, with a license. He says there is traffic in and out of their business, 24 hours a day. He questioned why Identifact was issued a license and he has been denied, even for a second business he recently applied for. He also complained of a neighbor's barking dog and a drain, he claims belongs to the town, flowing water onto his property. The mayor informed him we would consult with our attorney about the business situation and to call 9-1-1 whenever the dog is barking excessively. As for the drain, Supervisor Wolfe will look at it when he returns from training.

Warren Gregory introduced himself, stating he has applied for the code enforcement position and is certified and previously worked for Lewis County code enforcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM after a motion by Bruce Kidd and a second by Karen Phillips.

(Mayor)

(Recorder)

