



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes April 25th, 2023

Called to order @ 6:30 by Mayor Sam Maxson.

Attendance - Sam Maxson, Jim Louk, Charlene Louk, Karen Phillips, Natalie Haddix, Leslie Cummings, Andy Grogg, Taylor Keith, Ron Godwin.

Absent-Rezin Hudkins, Karen Phillips, Nathan Rohrbough

Department Heads- Leslie Cummings, Ron Godwin.

Guests - Kathy Powell, Shirley Sheets, Rick Lafferty, Cindy Lafferty, Kenneth Johnson, Victoria Glasow, Dennis Dutchess, Mark Hays, Jennifer Robinson.

Minutes

- Approval of minutes 3/14/2023 - Workshop- were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Natalie Haddix.
- Approval of minutes 3/23/2023 - Workshop- were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Natalie Haddix.
- Approval of minutes 3/23/2023 - Special Meeting- were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Natalie Haddix.
- Approval of minutes 4/11/2023 - Council Meeting- were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Natalie Haddix.
- Approval of minutes 4/18/2023 - Lay the Levy Special Meeting- were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Natalie Haddix.

Treasurer's Report- Ferrari and Sons finished the 2022 audit last week. They said we have a lot going on for a Class IV Municipality. They wanted it known that we are well above similar size municipalities in the state for the funds we use and the funds we receive; other class IV cities do not receive funding like we do from IJDC, DEP and does these projects like we are doing. Sam complimented department heads and employees for their work.

Approval of Accounts Payable- were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Natalie Haddix.

Unfinished Business

- Review-Discuss-Consider - Ordinance 2023-03 - An Ordinance Revising the Town of Nutter Fort's Policy Pertaining to Recruitment, Hiring, and Employment Codified at Article 157.03 of the Town of Nutter Fort's Code of Ordinances - 2nd Reading- was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and a second by Charlene Louk.

New Business

1. Review-Discuss-Consider - Washington Ave Paving (Indiana Ave to Kentucky Ave)- Washington Ave paving- Leslie said we have 68K in the paving account. By the time the paving invoice arrives, she estimates we would have 79K in the account (including the April revenue). We have 106K in the Sales and Use Tax account. Leslie recommends we use 25K from this account to make up the difference, to pave all the proposed streets we discussed at the last meeting. Charlene Louk moved, and Natalie Haddix seconded to use 25K from the S&U account to add to the amount in the paving account to complete the paving project in progress now. All in favor.
2. Discussion on the addition of the Good Friday Holiday- Mayor stated this is not in the employee Handbook. A few municipalities near us take it off. Natalie asked if this was given in the past as a Holiday or a paid day off. Chief Haddix stated he has had the day off since 2012. Mr. Lafferty gave input on the list of State Holidays. Mr. Dutchess added this to be careful because it's a religious Holiday. NH moved to move forward with adding GF as a Holiday. Motion died for lack of a second.

3. Discussion on Personnel Issues- Council voted all in favor to enter Executive Session. at 7:10 pm after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Natalie Haddix.

All voted in favor of returning to regular business meeting at 7:54 pm after a motion by Charlene Louk, second by Natalie Haddix. No attendees returned to the meeting.

Committee Reports:

o Chief of Police Report-

o Fire Chief- Jeremy reported the Fire Marshall was in today to review the weekend fire in the building owned by Mr. Gricewich. Jeremy added the damage to Donna's was smoke and some water damage in the back.

o EMS/Ambulance Report- Jeremy reported there have been 62 calls for April as of this morning. The spare ambulance was taken for striping this morning.

o Public Works Supervisor Report- Taylor reported they're very busy as paving for Phase III is completed. His guys are repairing and replacing as much as possible in the same areas as they are blacktopping. In the last two weeks, they have replaced 3 fire hydrants, and 6 drop inlets and repaired 6 service leaks under the roads that are going to be paved. They're trying to stay ahead, so the new blacktop doesn't have to be dug up for a repair. This should also help with our water loss. Hoping to have this completed by next week. Veronica Glasow at 314 Ohio Ave. asked about repairs to her damaged driveway and walkway since the other side of the street has already been repaired. Taylor told her it was going to follow. He has a pre-construction video and pictures, and repairs are coming.

Engineering Ryan passed out a written report (attached) and gave an update on all the sewer projects. He explained the \$50k funding shortfall on Phase III is being completed now. Dan Ferrell is working to see if funding can be added to cover this. They will work as a project team to solve the shortfall.

Code-Andy reported there have been four building permits, 11 notices for high grass, three notices for garbage and rubbish, and 1 Use and Occupancy. Veronica asked what the procedure is when a house is in a state of disrepair-porch is falling in. Andy explained the process for a Raze and Repair order and will talk to her more in private.

Public Comment- Jennifer asked if employees are getting OT for cutting grass in the evening. Taylor explained these are high school students, so no OT is involved. Mr. Dutchess asked if there has been any follow-up on possible guard rail as you leave the Pike onto Illinois Ave, bordering the park. Taylor has discussed this with Chief Godwin, and he doesn't see a need for it. They have discussed it and parking where Illinois starts makes it very tight for traffic. Public Works is planning to paint yellow hash marks some distance from the Pike onto Illinois, to ban parking in that area. This will give traffic on Illinois coming on and off the Pike more space. This should help with the complaint that drivers center their cars so there's not enough room for a vehicle coming in the other direction (where Illinois meets the Pike). Chief Godwin stated he has only seen one vehicle end up in the park since he has been there. This wasn't because there's no guardrail.

Cindy Lafferty asked everyone to keep Donna's Gift Shop in our prayers following the recent fire.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:55pm.

Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor