



## Town of Nutter Fort Minutes June 27, 2023 – Council Meeting

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

**Attendance** - Sam Maxson, Rezin Hudkins, Charlene Louk, Natalie Haddix, James Link, Karen Phillips  
**Department Heads** - Ronald Godwin, Leslie Cummings, Nathan Rohrbough, Taylor Keith, Jeremy Haddix  
**Guests** - Rick Lafferty, Cindy Lafferty, Tom Rohrbough, Ryan Holcomb, Bryan Gonzalez, Dennis Dutches, Mark Hays, Jennifer Robinson, Kian Rohrbough, Adam Zahradnik, Rocky Romano, Frank Ferrari, PW Merrill

### Minutes

The minutes of the 6/13/2023 (Council Meeting) and 6/21/2023 (Election Canvass) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk adding a correction to the spelling of James Link's name and seconded by Karen Phillips.

### Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Charlene Louk and seconded by Karen Phillips to approve the accounts payable. Approved by unanimous vote.

### Treasurer's Report

Leslie Cummings reported that she had met with the City of Stonewood and the Harrison County Sheriff's Office several times over the past few weeks. The Sheriff's office was going to charge \$40,000 to do the billing of fire fees. It was decided that we (Stonewood & Nutter Fort) would bill ourselves instead of utilizing the Harrison County Sheriff's Office. All of the prep work is almost complete and the first yearly billing for fire fees will be completed by 7/31/2023.

### Unfinished Business

- Review-Discuss-Consider - Ordinance 2023-04 - Changes to Article 109.01 - Competitive Bidding - Second Reading - Approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Rezin Hudkins and seconded by Charlene Louk.
- Report of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting on 6/22/2023 - Jeremy Haddix reported that the committee met concerning a guardrail on Illinois Ave near the park. It was decided that the road paint would be completed, and the police would enforce it. There will be 3 parking spaces allotted to Kuz's Korner. There will also be speed bumps placed.

### New Business

1. Review-Discuss-Consider - EMS Full-Time Employee Additions - Nathan Rohrbough presented some support information concerning the non-emergency transports that the employees are needed for. Treasurer Cummings stated that she would rather have the employees start on a part-time status at this time due to the number of expenditures already. After discussion, the additions of (2) full-time employees for EMS, a review of financials to be done after 6 months to make sure costs are being covered by intake, was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Rezin Hudkins and seconded by Natalie Haddix.
2. Review-Discuss-Consider - Ordinance 2023-05 - Amendments to Article 157.23 - Employee Holidays - First Reading - Approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and seconded by Rezin Hudkins.
3. Review-Discuss-Consider - Authorization on Nutter Fort & Stonewood Fire Fee Fund Bank Account - Leslie Cummings clarified that the authorized signatures to this account will be Leslie Cummings,

Wendy Bess, Crystal Johnson (City of Stonewood), and Kim Nicholson (City of Stonewood). Approved by unanimous decision after a motion by Rezin Hudkins and seconded by Charlene Louk.

4. Review-Discuss-Consider - Town of Nutter Fort Board Re-Appointments for 6/30/2023 Expirations - Approved by unanimous decision after a motion by Natalie Haddix and seconded by Charlene Louk.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Chief of Police - May 2023 - 172 Calls, 47 citations (21 possession), 13 arrests; June 2023 - 333 calls, 57 citations (25 possession), 13 arrests. Shifts are rotating.
- Fire Chief - Gun Bash tickets are going well. The Fire Dept has received a grant for skid unit.
- EMS/Ambulance - 100 calls so far for June 2023.
- Public Works - Rezin Hudkins and Taylor Keith received a call on the Ohio Ave Basketball Court fencing, it should be started within 2 weeks. Concrete around the court should be finished up by 7/7/2023. Brick sales are going well. Work on 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is ongoing.
- Engineer -
  - Phase III Sewer - Discussion of project funds remaining, Ferrell discussing with Kathy Emery next week. Final walkthrough completed 5/23/2023.
  - Phase IV Sewer - Facility plan amendment, plans, specs and design manual are nearly complete and will be resubmitted to DEP 6/9/2023, comments received 6/19/2023, comments addressed 6/28/2023.
  - Phase V Sewer - Awaiting DEP comments, on hold until Phase IV is revised.
  - Route 20 Corridor - Preliminary application approved by IJDC 6/7/2023, WDA Application submitted 6/8/2023 (funding approved 6/16/2023), anticipate facility plan submission 7/10/2023, public meeting will be held 1:15PM at next board meeting.
  - AML Storm - Met with DEP 6/15/2023 and they were pleased with the drafts of scope, maps and costs that we provided.
- Code Enforcement - 5 construction permits issued, 5 door hangers issued, 2 occupancies performed. Rezin Hudkins asked if it could be clarified that when town employees must cut grass, that owners are charged.
- Other - N/A

#### **Public Comment**

Assessor Rocky Romano spoke publicly about HB 2526. Dennis Dutchess asked if the council would be able to get microphones, so he could hear everyone speak better. Charlene Louk stated that she would save him a seat up front to hear better. Mayor Maxson thanked Recorder Rezin Hudkins for his service during his term.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:03 PM.

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Rezin Hudkins, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor