



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Council Meeting – August 8th, 2023

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Sam Maxson.

Attendance – Mayor Sam Maxson, Jim Link, Rick Lafferty, Bryan Gonzalez, Charlene Louk, Karen Phillips
Department Heads- Police Chief Ronnie Godwin, EMS Supervisor Nathan Rohrbough, Code Enforcement Officer Andy Grogg, Maintenance Department Assistant Supervisor Kenneth Friend, Town Engineer Ryan Holcomb
Guests – Jennifer Robinson, Dennis Dutchess, Cindy Lafferty
Absent – Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Maintenance Supervisor Taylor Keith

Minutes:

- Approval of minutes 7/25/2023 - Council Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Rick Lafferty.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlene provided the following report on Leslie's behalf:

- Nutter Fort 100th Anniversary Celebration – book went to printer 8/7/2023 & should arrive by 8/21/2023; next 100th Anniversary meeting on 8/10/2023, the price will be decided upon; promotional fliers will be available tomorrow to distribute.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

- Accounts payable items were presented via handout (attached) and were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Bryan Gonzalez.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business

1. Review-Discuss-Consider – Presentation by WVU Health Affairs Institute & Clarksburg Mission – Benedum Foundation Project: Lou Ortenzio - showing improvement for mental health & substance abuse with the partnership with the WVU Health Affairs Institute. Herb Lynn – Shared handout on improving coordination of care for People with substance abuse & mental health disorders. They previously applied for a grant with the Benedum Foundation and successfully received the funding.
2. Review-Discuss-Consider – Employee Purchases: Motion to table the discussion on employee purchases until the September 12, 2023, Council Meeting with workshop prior to meeting at 5:30pm was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.
3. Discussion on Legal Matter – Meeting moved into executive session regarding a legal matter after approval by unanimous vote following a motion by Karen Phillips with a second by Bryan Gonzalez at 7:06 pm. Executive session concluded after approval by unanimous vote following a motion by Charlene Louk with a second by Karen Phillips at 7:40 pm.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report: none
- Fire Chief Report: EMS Supervisor (Deputy Fire Chief) Nathan Rohrbough advised that Ultimate Giveaway tickets were still available and that NFFD would be having a booth at the 100th Anniversary.

- EMS/Ambulance Report: EMS Supervisor Rohrbough reported 136 calls for July 2023, of which 67 of those calls were transports. Already handled 45 calls for August 2023, 25 have been non-EMS transports, some being ALS level of care. Secured a contract with Clarksburg Nursing and Rehab for transports – exclusive department for transports. Nathan added in that the contract included payment for cancellation of transport. Also have contracts with Amedysis Hospice & WV Hospice.
- Public Works Supervisor Report: Asst PW Supervisor Kenneth Friend advised that they are about two weeks away from finishing up the basketball courts. They have been working daily for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Additionally, they are working on patching various spots in the roads.
- Engineer Report: Engineer Ryan Holcomb advised nothing new.
- Code Enforcement Report – Code Enforcement Officer Grogg noted 8 permits approved and 4 door hangers. Issue with a residence at 507 Ohio Avenue with not having a proper power hookup and being supplied power by a generator – this is being rectified with Code Enforcement and Mon Power.

Public Comment:

- Ms. Robinson asked EMS Supervisor if the reimbursement was being seen faster with transports and he advised that it appeared to have tripled.
- Mr. Duchess asked about designated parking for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Sam, Charlene, & Bryan advised that parking was available in school, churches, and park. There is a designated handicap parking area.
- Councilor Rick Lafferty did an inquiry with the WV DNR after last meeting’s discussion. If you are going to trap wildlife, you must have a permit. Once you have trapped an animal, you have to “dispatch” (shoot) it and call it in. You cannot release it on public or private land after trapping. Cannot “dispatch” animal within city limits. **This does NOT apply to trapping of a domestic animal, such as a cat.
- Mrs. Lafferty thanked Nathan and Nutter Fort EMS for assisting with her grandchild’s medical incident.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:41 pm.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor