



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes, January 12, 2021

Mayor Sam Maxon called the meeting to order @ 6:31PM via Zoom

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Rezin Hudkins, Councilors William Bennicosa, Charlene Louk, Karen Phillips, Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Natalie Haddix, Police Chief Ronald Godwin, Taylor Keith, Keith Kesling.

Absent: Duck Webster

Guests: Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Charlotte Link, Jody Forinash, Brenda Riley, Linda Blake, Wendy Bess, Linda Griffith.

Minutes

- Approval of minutes 12/08/2020 - Council Meeting - approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Rezin Hudkins.

Treasurer's Report -the new sewer project the application has been approved by the IJDC. Currently gathering all the documents for the IJDC and the DEP. Dave Glover will be the Lawyer for the Project and Steptoe and Johnson will be the bond council. As far as the sewer project just completed, Leslie is working with Logan and Dave to get the final rate increase. Leslie is concerned about the final rate increase due to the PSC coming with information that no rate increases are to go in affect at this time due to COVID-19. She is checking with the PSC on where we stand with that. Leslie stated they had an COVID exposure at the office. Staffing in the office has been adjusted to try and prevent an outbreak. There is one girl in the office each day on a rotating basis. The others are working from home. Leslie followed the suggestions of the professionals and followed federal state and county guidelines. Leslie stated the Phones are now prograded, and if they are on the phone the person calling will be able to leave a voicemail. That voicemail will be emailed to office staff, so the call can be returned. This is the new phone system the town purchased last year. It was explained how the phones work in detail to council. This information will also be relayed to the public, so they understand the current staffing, and that phone calls will be returned.

Approval of Accounts Payable (attached) - Approved by unanimous vote after a motion made by Karen Phillips and a second by Charlene Louk.

Old Business- N/A

New Business

1. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-01 - An Ordinance of the Town of Nutter Fort to Establish Early Voting by Mail for the Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Passed by unanimous vote after a motion made by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.
2. Request for bids on Recycling/Refuse Truck- Charlene asked if there was any Funds/Grants out there to help with this purchase. Approved by unanimous vote after a motion made by BJ Bennicosa and a second by Rezin Hudkins.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report- Chief explained about the new software they had to purchase with the county which encompasses all the municipalities in the county. This cost was divided with all towns within the county to help pay for there portion of it. They couldn't operate without this. (This was explained in the Accounts Payable). The gentleman that provided the departments training contracted COVID and died. As of right now they are trying to figure out what they are going to do about the training required.
- Fire Chief-Finishing up working on Ladder Truck Spec. Will Finalize that within the next 2 weeks. Still looking 12-18 month out before the truck arrives. Still looking for a venue to have the Ultimate giveaway for 2021.
- Public Works Supervisor Report- JF Allen about 97% complete. Will still have some paving to complete in the spring. Installed 805 new water meters for the residents on the new system. Also, Taylor thanked Wendy for taking care of all the billing. BJ asked about clean up on Michigan Ave. Taylor said it's about 90% cleaned up and looking better than ever.
- Code Enforcement Report- Had a few permit issues. BJ stated we can't forget about the Garbage ordinance. Taylor said he has the information and ready to present.
- Other Committee Reports- N/A

Public Comment: Sam asked everyone to keep Duck in your Prayers

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

