



## Town of Nutter Fort Minutes February 28th, 2023

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

Attendance - Rezin Hudkins, Charlene Louk, Jim Link, Karen Phillips, Natalie Haddix.

Department Heads - Ron Godwin, Taylor Keith, Jeremy Haddix, Andy Grogg

Guests - Kathy Powell, Shirley Sheets, Rick Lafferty, Corey Harper, Zack Dobbins, Ryan Holcomb, Logan Alastanos, Tiffany Osman, Cindy Lafferty, Jennifer Robinson, Dennis Dutchess, Mark Hayes, Lisa Stover

### Minutes

- Approval of minutes 1/24/2023 - Council Meeting-were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.
- Approval of minutes 2/14/2023 - Council Meeting- were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.

Treasurer's Report- Leslie is currently attending a budget workshop @ the State Auditor's Office.

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

### New Business

1. Review-Discuss-Consider - Presentation from Equitable Advisors and a discussion held by representatives. This allows employees to do budget planning, retirement, etc. This is zero cost to the town. They were asking for Council approval to speak to employees. Was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and a second by Rezin Hudkins.
2. Review-Discuss-Consider - Ordinance 2023-02 - An Ordinance of the Town of Nutter Fort, West Virginia, Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Services and Facilities Furnished for the Customers of the Sewerage System of the Town of Nutter Fort by Increasing the Rates and Charges by the Establishment of New Rates and Charges - 1st Reading - This is a pass though rate increase from the City of Clarksburg - Was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.
3. Discussion on Early Vote by Mail - was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.

### Committee Reports:

- o Chief of Police Report - N/A
- o Fire Chief - Brush season is here. March 10<sup>th</sup> American Red Cross Blood drive at the NFFD
- o EMS/Ambulance Report - 33 calls, 718 has been repaired, Nathan asked for a letter to be drafted to thank DC Ambulance Authority for the loaner.
- o Public Works Supervisor Report-N/A
- o Engineer Report

#### Phase III Sewer

Working through sidewalk and curb replacement Change Order due to increased length of sidewalk repair anticipated.  
Maryland Avenue exhibit is attached.

#### Phase IV Sewer

Revisiting cost estimate due to seeing increased bid prices since the funding application was submitted.  
Also considering removing the 48" storm line from this phase and getting this work paid for as part of the proposed AML project.

Phase V Sewer

Facility plan still being reviewed by DEP

Route 20 Corridor Project

Dobbins revisiting the rate scenario associated with the project

Water Project

On hold while rate work is being completed

- o Code Enforcement Report - 6 permits, 1 Occupancy for 408 Pennsylvania, Framing Inspection @ 110 Edison, possible for more units to be built.
- o Other Committee Reports - N/A

Public Comment - Dennis asked about the guard rails on Illinois Ave by the Park. Sam said he would get with Taylor. Sam also stated he would check about the parking by Kuz Korner. Dennis also asked about Home Rule. Leslie provided him with the documents which were read to the council. He asked about the rules of the 1% and what is it being used for? And could it be used to help anyone having issues making their utility payment? This is probably not an allowable use, but the Town will check on it. Jennifer asked about the street sweeper and if a notification could be sent so cars could be moved from the street prior to the street being cleaned. Also, she is having some issues with drains in front of her house. Rick Lafferty asked about early voting and why we wanted to do it by mail? He is concerned about voter fraud. We explained there are several checks and balances in place. We explained the cost of early voting in person. The town will have to pay poll workers to work on two Saturdays prior to the election. 1. Cost. 2. Finding people to work two Saturdays prior to the election. We have a hard enough time finding poll workers for the day of the election. Rezin stated we had under 5 votes by mail in the last election. In prior years the office staff conducted early voting in person during the week and then early vote in person on two Saturdays prior to the elections where poll workers must be present with zero turnout.

Adjournment @ 7:29PM

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Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor