



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes March 28th, 2023

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

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

Absent: Rezin Hudkins, Nathan Rohrbough.

Guests - Kathy Powell, Shirley Sheets, Rick Lafferty, Cindy Lafferty, Jennifer Robinson, Mark Hayes, Kenny Johnson, Dennis Dutchess, Dave Glover.

Absent: Rezin Hudkins, Nathan Rohrbough

Minutes:

Approval of minutes 2/28/2023

Approval of minutes 3/14/23-both minutes approved as presented by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and second by Natalie Haddix.

Treasurer's Report-Ferrari and Sons will be onsite on April 18th to finish up the 2022 audit. Today the Sanitary Board approved Requisition VII for Phase III Sewer project in the amount of \$184,001.18. PEIA finance board is meeting on the 30th to make their decision on the health benefits. Changes to the employment provisions ordinance will be presented at the next meeting. Leslie asked Council to set a time to Lay the Levy on April 18th (date set by state law). The meeting will be brief and take place at 1 pm.

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

New Business

1. Review-Discuss-Consider - Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement, and Related Instruments, and Determining Other Matters in Connection Therewith-2015 Osage Type II Ambulance. The 6.8% interest was questioned. It was noted this was the best interest available due to the age of the equipment. Leslie confirmed we can 1-pay it off early and 2-refinance at a better rate if it becomes available. Motion to accept the five-year agreement as presented made by Natalie Haddix with a second by Karen Phillips. Approved by unanimous vote.
2. Review-Discuss-Consider - Ballot order drawing on 4/4/2023 at 2 pm in Council Chambers. This is required by law and requires no action. Candidates are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory to be there.
3. Update on Legal Matters - Mayor Maxson asked to table items 3 and 4 until other business was completed.
4. Discussion on Personnel Matter-motion was made to enter an executive session for discussion of item #3 and #4 by Charlene Louk with a second by Karen Phillips @ 6:57- passed by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

- o Chief of Police Report-Chief Godwin reported he is continuing with the hiring process. 6 have made it through testing and interviews. Two are certified officers. Doing background checks now.
- o Fire Chief-Chief Haddix reported he is waiting on a definite date from the armory for the ultimate giveaway. He answered questions from Kenny Johnson about the need for another ambulance, and repairs on the initial ambulance. Jeremy said there is a high demand for transports. The additional ambulance will be used for transports and a backup. Repairs are supposed to be complete this week on the original ambulance. No additional full-time employees will be hired at this time, only part time hires if needed for the transports.
- o EMS/Ambulance Report- Natalie reported there have been 55 calls for March. We are picking up the used ambulance tomorrow. CPR classes are popular. We get calls every day.
- o Public Works Supervisor Report-nothing to report
- o Engineer Report-N/A
- o Code Enforcement Report-Andy Grogg reported-five permits were issued; four notices sent for trash issues.
- o Other Committee Reports-none

Public Comment- Dennis Dutchess asked about the open carry issue he brought up a couple of months ago. He is concerned about open carry on the streets of Nutter Fort and at/near the school. Ronnie explained state law prohibits guns on school property. It was also noted there is an officer shared between Nutter Fort and Norwood Elementary Schools. Chief Godwin also explained there's a difference between open carry and brandishing.

Leslie said a resident asked that we look at having a noise ordinance. There was discussion about already having one. Ronnie will check on this.

Charlene Louk moved to close executive session at 8:29 pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by Karen Phillips. No other attendees remained after executive session. Meeting adjourned by acclamation.

Adjournment @ 8:30 pm

Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

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