



## Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Council Meeting – April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

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

Attendance – Mayor Sam Maxson, Councilor Rick Lafferty, Councilor Karen Phillips, Councilor Charlene Louk, Recorder Natalie Haddix, Councilor Bryan Gonzalez, Councilor Jim Link  
Department Heads – Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Police Chief Ronald Godwin, PW Supervisor Taylor Keith  
Guests – Projects Engineer Ryan Holcomb, Jennifer Robinson, Mark Hays, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Dennis Dutchess

### **Minutes:**

- Approval of minutes 4/9/2024 – Council Meeting & approval of minutes 4/16/2024 – Special Council Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes for the 4/9/2024 Council Meeting & 4/16/2024 Special Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after Rick Lafferty moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Karen Phillips.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Applications for Fire/EMS and Police were filed with Senator Manchin's office for FY2025 Congressionally Directed Spending on 4/4/2024.
- After multiple conversations and questions concerning EMS billing, Nathan and I decided to switch billing companies. Jeremy, Nathan, and I met with MCA (Medical Claims Assistance) out of Huntington earlier this year. A few EMS companies have gone with their services and have had very good relationships with them. In MCA's projections, they should be able to bill and receive approximately \$130 more per run for Nutter Fort than our current billers (ASAP). Services with MCA will begin on 6/1/2024.
- A manager's meeting is scheduled for 4/25/2024. Discussions concerning wages vs. benefits will be the main topic.
- I received a notice today from the Clarksburg Water Board of another rate increase. After speaking with other CWB resale customers, I believe we are going to unify and try to protest the increase for resale. Unlikely, this will work, but we are going to try.
- AML/AMD Phase I Revised Requisition #2 was approved today at the Sanitary Board Meeting in the amount of \$424,344.60.

### **Approval of Accounts Payable:**

- Accounts payable items were presented via handout (attached) and were approved by unanimous vote after Charlene Louk moved to approve the accounts payable items and the motion was seconded by Bryan Gonzalez.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

- Review-Discuss-Consider – Resolution 2024-01 – Sewer – Authorizing Resolution - Motion were approved by unanimous vote after Charlene Louk moved to accept Resolution 2024-01 as written and the motion was seconded by Karen Phillips

### **Committee Reports:**

- Chief of Police Report: None.

- Fire Chief Report: American Red Cross Blood Drive from 12-5pm at the Nutter Fort Fire Department on 4/24/2024. “Sound the Alarm” – partnership with American Red Cross installing free smoke detectors in residents’ homes on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Call the Nutter Fort Fire Department of the city hall to sign up in advance. (via written report)
- EMS/Ambulance Report: For the month of April, there have been 77 911 Calls and 116 Non-Emergency Transports; All three ambulances are equally equipped to an Advanced Life Support Level due to another agency lending us a Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitor recently. This is very special as not many agencies would consider loaning something of this magnitude. (via written report)
- Public Works Supervisor Report: Received first shipment of bricks for the Basketball Court on Ohio Avenue last week. Will be finishing up for prep for the bricks and starting to lay them as well as install backboards and coin meter installation next week. Working to fix various water leaks and sewer issues. Bagwell area will have a new sewer extension. Will be painting curbs over the summer.
- Engineer Report:
  - Phase IV Sewer - Pre-bid meeting was held this morning at 10am. Opening bids will be May 9, 2024.
  - Phase III Sewer – there are a few outstanding items that will be addressed during the Phase IV closing.
  - Chub Run – Received plan spec comments from DEP. Comment period ended April 5, 2024. Likely to receive approval this week.
  - AML – Emergency project nearly complete at county Safety Complex lot.
  - Phase II AML - Met with landowners in Bagwell for exploratory mine work. All individuals that were met with were favorable to the project. This project will likely start around the middle of May 2024.
- Code Enforcement Report: None.

**Public Comment:**

- Resident Dennis Dutchess:
  - Discussion re: Clarksburg Water Board rate increases. The public hearing is on May 8, 2024 at 3pm. Requested members of council to show up if able. Asked about percentage of increase.
  - Street Improvement Fee – Satisfied with what Recorder Natalie Haddix had previously presented to him regarding the fee and expenditures. He wanted to provide the heads up that he will be asking about this again in July.
  - Inquired as to why the line hasn’t been painted yet on Illinois Avenue? PW Supervisor Taylor Keith responded that there had been other tasks that came up in the interim, such as the work at Bagwell.
- Resident Kathy Powell:
  - Asked if the pool fill credit form needed filled out before or after the pool filling. Treasurer Leslie Cummings responded that it should be turned in to the Town of Nutter Fort prior to filling the pool.

**The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:50pm.**

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Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor