



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Council Meeting – July 9th, 2024 – 6:30pm

Called to order at 6:37 pm by Recorder Natalie Haddix

Attendance – Councilor Bryan Gonzalez, Councilor Rick Lafferty, Councilor Karen Phillips, Councilor Charlene Louk, Recorder Natalie Haddix

Absent: Mayor Sam Maxson, Councilor Jim Link

Department Heads – Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Code Enforcement Roger Keith, EMS Supervisor Nathan Rohrbough (via phone)

Guests – Cynthia Lafferty, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Mark Hays, Jennifer Robinson, Kenneth Johnson, Justin Hetherington

Minutes:

- Approval of minutes 6/25/2024 Council Meeting and 7/2/2024 Special Council Meeting – Meeting minutes for the 6/25/2024 Council Meeting and the 7/2/2024 Special Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after Charlene Louk moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Karen Phillips.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer is on vacation.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

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

New Business:

- *Review-Discuss-Consider – FY 2024/2025 Coal Severance Budget Revision #1* - Charlene Louk moved to approve the *FY 2024/2025 Coal Severance Budget Revision #1* with a second on the motion by Karen Phillips. Motion carried after unanimous vote.
- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Ordinance 2024-08 – An Ordinance Amending Article 157.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of Nutter Fort Relating to Payment of Salaries and Wages* – Charlene Louk moved to approve the Ordinance 2024-08 with a second on the motion by Karen Phillips. Motion carried after unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report: Nothing at this time.
- Fire Chief Report: Nutter Fort Fire Department Ultimate Giveaway will be held on November 9, 2024. Annual ladder testing and hose testing has taken place so far this year. Annual pump testing will be held in October.
- EMS/Ambulance Report: 9 days into the month and there are 34 total transports 25 total 911 calls. The call volume for July has been up already and all three ambulances have been on the road for the majority of the month thus far.
- Public Works Supervisor Report: Started prep for blacktopping - approximately 425 tons – Bagwell, Ohio Avenue, Bryan Street, Indiana Avenue, Illinois Avenue. On August 12, 2024, some of PW will be attending the WV Rural Water Conference for mandatory continuing education. The basketball courts have been completed. The concrete contractor will be completing the sidewalk on the 400 block of Ohio Avenue. The gas company is behind on paving on Illinois Avenue. (via written report)

- Engineer Report: Phase IV starts on Monday. AML is finalizing. Pre-construction meeting completed on Phase IV. Chub Run area has 12 remaining Rights of Way to be obtained. (via written report)
- Code Enforcement Report: Asbestos testing completed, waiting on results for 314 Thomas and 324 Burton Avenue. Meeting with Mr. Gricewich, owner of the former RG Honda property, and demolition to the left side of the building will be taking place as well as fencing around the right side of the building. Ongoing handling of complaints that have been brought to the attention of Code Enforcement. Will be beginning the approximately 250 rental property inspections soon and has been implementing a program to track these inspections.

Public Comment:

- Resident Jennifer Robinson:
 - Commented that the basketball court looks nice but could use more sand. She was able to locate the missing brick in question as already being laid at the basketball court.
 - Inquired about the role of the data technician position. ~Broad overview of this position's tasks was provided.
 - Asked about the \$40,000 allotted to the fire department. ~It was explained that this is the annual reimbursement allowance that the Town of Nutter Fort provides to the fire department for the existing ladder truck payment and has been ongoing for years.
 - Asked about the F550 purchase for Public Works. ~Code Enforcement officer Keith was able to detail the transaction of an even trade for the 2019 F250 (gasoline) to the 2019 F550 (diesel). The 2019 F250 was labeled PW #13 and this replacement vehicle will assume the same number.
- Resident Cynthia Lafferty:
 - Requested a status on speed bumps. ~Code Enforcement officer Keith advised that they will be placed after paving is completed.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:57pm.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor