



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes July 11, 2023 – Council Meeting

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

Attendance - Sam Maxson, Charlene Louk, James Link, Karen Phillips, Richard Lafferty

Absent - Natalie Haddix, Taylor Keith, Jeremy Haddix, Nathan Rohrbough

Department Heads - Ronald Godwin, Leslie Cummings, Andy Grogg

Guests - Cindy Lafferty, Dennis Dutchess, Mark Hays, Jennifer Robinson, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Bob Moore, Officer Justin Hetherington

Minutes

The minutes of the 6/27/2023 (Council Meeting), 7/5/2023 (Workshop), and 7/5/2023 (Special Council Meeting) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and seconded by Charlene Louk.

Treasurer's Report

Leslie Cummings reported that the fire fees are still on schedule to be sent out at the end of July 2023. The 100th Anniversary planning is going well, and we are receiving great feedback.

Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Karen Phillips and seconded by James Link to approve the accounts payable. Approved by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business

- Review-Discuss-Consider - Ordinance 2023-05 - Amendments to Article 157.23 - Employee Holidays - Second Reading - Approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and seconded by Karen Phillips.

New Business

1. Swearing-In of Natalie Haddix - Town Recorder - Tabled by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and seconded by Richard Lafferty.
2. Review-Discuss-Consider - Appointment of Council Member to fill Vacant Seat of Natalie Haddix - Charlene Louk spoke and nominated Bryan Gonzalez after explaining that we were fortunate to have the interest of a couple members of the community. James Link then nominated Rezin Hudkins. A second was given by Karen Phillips to Charlene Louk's nomination of Bryan Gonzalez. Charlene Louk's motion of nominating Bryan Gonzalez to council passed with all in favor except for James Link.
3. Swearing-In of Newly Appointed Council Member - Tabled by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and seconded by Charlene Louk
4. Review-Discuss-Consider - FY 2023/2024 Coal Severance Budget Revision #1 - Passed by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and seconded by Karen Phillips.
5. Review-Discuss-Consider - Employee Matter - Tabled by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and seconded by Karen Phillips
6. Review-Discuss-Consider - Legal Matter - Tabled by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and seconded by Richard Lafferty.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police - Nothing at this time.
- Fire Chief - Absent.
- EMS/Ambulance - Stats as of 7/11/2023 - 47 calls, 30 911 calls, 17 transports, 4 refusals, 1 standby, 1 call cancelled enroute, 4 calls unable to handle due to 1 crew/1 truck. EMS would like to thank Thurman Wolfe, Brandon Richards, Kenneth Friend, & Eric Richards from Public Works. They went out of their way today when they were flagged down by a citizen in Nutter Fort who had asked for help with her husband. After assessing the situation they were in, they immediately contacted me to respond and recognized the possibility of significant injury to the resident. I am certain their swift action assisted in getting this man the help needed for his life altering injuries.
- Public Works - Painting of the parking lines has been completed on Indiana Avenue.
- Engineer - Absent.
- Code Enforcement - 4 construction permits issued, 9 door hangers issued, 2 letters of protective treatment completed, & 2 high grass letter issued. Andy Grogg asked for a session with council to address any concerns they may have. It was decided to have a session during the 7/25/2023 meeting.
- Other - N/A

Public Comment

- Dennis Dutchess asked if grants were a possibility for EMS expenses. It was explained that it was already being investigated.
- Bob Moore spoke on a dilapidated property on West Virginia Avenue. He stated that it is a well known “drug” home and that the conditions of the home, along with the property, are deplorable. Chief Godwin and Officer Hetherington spoke on the drug situation of the property. They stated that it is under investigation and being handled. They also spoke on the processes involved concerning arrests, investigations, etc. Andy Grogg spoke and said that he will check the property for violations and issue notices if applicable.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:21 PM.

Natalie Haddix, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor