



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes July 13, 2021

Mayor Sam Maxson called the meeting to order @ 6:30PM in Council Chambers. Councilor Haddix offered a blessing. The Honorable Thomas A. Bedell conducted the Swearing In Ceremony for Councilors Jim Link, Natalie Haddix, Charlene Louk and Brenda Riley.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Councilors James Link, Charlene Louk, Natalie Haddix, Brenda Riley, Karen Phillips, Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Police Chief Ronald Godwin, PW Supervisor Taylor Keith, Code Enforcement Kenneth Friend

Absent: Recorder Rezin Hudkins

Guests: Janet Sponaugle via ZOOM, Sheila Swan via ZOOM, Charlotte Link, Kathy Powell, Shirley Sheets, Art Rohrbough, Elizabeth Rohrbough, Logan Alastanos, Honorable Thomas A. Bedell

Minutes

- Approval of minutes 6/14/2021 - Canvass Meeting - approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips, with addition of Leslie Cummings under attendance.
- Approval of minutes 6/16/2021 - Certify Election Results - approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips, with change of “she” to “he” under the heading “Certify official votes...”
- Approval of minutes 6/22/2021 - Council Meeting - approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips
- Approval of minutes 6/29/2021 - ARP 2021 Workshop - approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips
- Approval of minutes 6/29/2021 - Special Meeting - approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Leslie Cummings has received paper copies of the codified ordinances. They are being put into notebooks and will be available for review very soon. By now, everyone has likely heard about the Clarksburg Water Board issues with lead findings. We are working to allow residents to request water tests for lead at no cost.

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

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion on 2021 Nutter Fort Community Celebration - it was suggested by Councilor Natalie Haddix that Fort Street could be a better location for the celebration instead of Pennsylvania Avenue. On Fort Street, the parking would be better and would not affect as many people’s day-to-day activities. Fort Street also has power available, unlike Pennsylvania Avenue. Mayor Maxson said that a budget revision will need to be done to move monies from the Blackberry Festival to this celebration. It was then suggested by Councilor Louk that the Parks, Wellness, & Recreation should meet before a budget revision is done, to better know the needs. Leslie will schedule a Parks, Wellness, & Recreation meeting.
2. Discussion on Beautification Committee - Leslie stated that after requesting for volunteers on Facebook, she had received four (4) responses. She suggested that the ordinance be changed

to a minimum of four (4) members with a maximum of eight (8) members. The ordinance currently states the committee have eight (8) members. After discussion, it was agreed upon by council. Leslie will put forth an amended ordinance for the July 27, 2021, meeting.

New Business

1. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2021-06 - 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 Water Distribution System of the Town of Nutter Fort by Increasing the Rates and Charges by the Establishment of New Rates and Charges - approved by unanimous decision after a first by Natalie Haddix and a second by Brenda Riley.
2. FY 2021/2022 Coal Severance Budget Revision #1 - approved by unanimous decision after a first by Natalie Haddix and a second by Charlene Louk.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report - Chief Godwin reported the cruiser involved in the recent accident is likely totaled. He talked to the Civil Service Board. Hopefully we will get something going with testing soon. He has spoken to an officer who can probably help us out short term.
- Fire Chief - Chief Haddix reported the ladder truck might possibly be ready in January. We are on track for the Ultimate Giveaway on October 9th.
- Public Works Supervisor Report - Taylor reported the dump truck is totaled and we got a new one two-three weeks ago. He answered questions Janet Sponaule asked via Zoom, about water mains and asbestos cement. He has been answering questions about lead and cooper. The asbestos removal at 302 West Virginia Ave should be complete by the end of next week. Then demolition can take place. It was mentioned PW employees need to be diligent about wearing PPE when working around asbestos.
- Engineer Report - Logan reviewed the areas to be included in the upcoming water project.
- Code Enforcement Report - Ken has been working on high grass issues. The Benincosa project is 75% complete. Ken is working with Mr. Lamm on the dog park.
- Other Committee Reports- N/A

Public Comment - N/A

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor