



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Council Meeting – February 25, 2025 – 6:30pm

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

Attendance – Mayor Sam Maxson, Councilor Karen Phillips, Councilor Rick Lafferty, Recorder Natalie Haddix, Councilor Bryan Gonzalez (via phone), Councilor Emily Lamm

Absent - Councilor Charlene Louk

Department Heads – Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, EMS Supervisor Nathan Rohrbough, PW Supervisor Taylor Keith

Guests – Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Rezin Hudkins IV, Jameson Lee Holt, Curt Lamm, Cynthia Lafferty, Curt Lamm, Walt Lanham, Jennifer Robinson, Hailey Robinson, Mark Hays, Valerie Ash

Minutes:

- Approval of minutes for 2/11/2025 Council Meeting - Meeting minutes for the 2/11/2025 Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after Karen Phillips moved to accept and with a second by Bryan Gonzalez.

Treasurer's Report:

- The municipal budget deadline with the State of WV is March 28, 2025. Per state code, Budget Workshops are to be held between March 7, 2025 – March 28, 2025. I am scheduling a budget workshop for Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 5:00pm, prior to the scheduled council meeting.
- Ferrari and Associates will be on site Friday, 2/28/2025, to perform our FYE2024 audit.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

- Accounts payable items were presented via handout (attached) and were approved for payment by unanimous vote after Rick Lafferty moved to approve the accounts payable items and the motion was seconded by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- *Review-Discuss-Consider Resolution 2025-01 – Resolution in Support of Naming the Walking Bridge Which Connects Nutter Fort, West Virginia, and Stonewood, West Virginia, “The Bill and Thelma DeFazio Memorial Bridge”* – The Resolution was passed after unanimous vote upon the motion by Rick Lafferty which was seconded by Karen Phillips.
- *If Matters Arise: Enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to personnel matters, the sale, lease or purchase of real property, economic development issues to disclosing competitive issues, to confer with legal counsel regarding matters that which, if made public would be detrimental to the interest of the Town and for any other lawful purpose.* – No Executive Session.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report:
 - n/a
- Fire Chief Report:
 - Met with Cartoon Headquarters regarding the three-day event in the park in late May/early June. They will be having a fire training showing all three days, multiple times a day. The NFFD will be covering the cost of that training and will have apparatus there. Additionally, Cartoon

- Headquarters wants to have a presentation to honor First Responders, Nurses, Military, and Veterans on the Friday of the event.
- There was a water rescue last week. Everyone in this town – Fire, EMS, & PW – all worked together, and a life was saved.
- Deputy Chief Rohrbough is working to get a Knox Program started in the community for commercial properties. More information will be available in the future
- EMS/Ambulance Report:
 - Calls increased this month and more transports were handled.
 - All vehicles are in service.
- Public Works Supervisor Report:
 - Issues with potholes and curbs will be addressed the first full week of March.
 - There was an emergency line repair near K9 Heaven.
 - Record year for salt – 176 tons.
- Engineer Report:
 - n/a
- Code Enforcement Report (via verbal report from PW Supervisor):
 - Working with Hope Gas to determine timing of projects to coordinate paving post-project.

Public Comment:

- Karen Phillips:
 - Brought up about a bill in Legislation right now that would put a 15-mph speed limit around child care centers.
- Jameson Holt:
 - He voiced wanting to go around with a petition to reduce the speed limit in town to 15mph in response to the multiple incidents that have occurred in the recent past, especially involving kids. Jennifer Robinson suggested taking it to a traffic advisory meeting. Mayor Maxson is going to see when the traffic advisory board can meet and, by the end of the week, a future meeting will be scheduled.
- Rick Lafferty:
 - People are still going around the speed bump and into the grassy area by the Baptist Church near the park. PW Supervisor noted that they were working towards a solution. The Burton Avenue residents have spoken highly of the efficacy of the speed bumps, per the mayor.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:57pm.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor