

**Council Meeting  
Nutter Fort  
May 8, 2012**

The regular meeting of Council of Nutter Fort, was held, Tuesday, May 8, 2012, in Council Chambers with the following members present: Stephen Korn, Barbara Gorby, William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Robin Newhouse, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Also present were police chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Supervisor Jim Wolfe, Office staff, Leslie Holbert, Tammy Gwinn, and Julia Foley. Guests were Jake Gwinn, Ryan D. Roberts, Brian Richards, Lynn Newhouse, Lois Benincosa, Connie Rohrbough, Beth Mazzei, Brian Squires, David Nuzum, Tammy Shaw, Charlie Pyles, Julie Pyles, and Jenalda Heflin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM, by Mayor Rohrbough, with Councilor Newhouse asking prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

- The ordinance (attached) dealing with the hiring of the full time fire chief, was passed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, and public hearing, following a motion by Robin Newhouse, a second by Barbara Gorby, and a unanimous vote of council.
- A motion to table a proposed ordinance implementing hands free cellular telephone devices, was made by William Benincosa and a second by Barbara Gorby.

Discussion was held concerning the hiring a part time worker for the maintenance department. Councilor Newhouse suggested hiring 2 summer youth at a minimum wage instead and not allowing them to work more than 35 hours a week.

Discussion was held about the poor condition of the Michigan Ave playground. The rides need cleaned and painted. Suggested was a sign reading "No Dogs Allowed".

- Robin Newhouse motioned we table the proposed pass thru ordinance dealing with flood plain, until the next meeting. Following a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- Appointment of 2 additional zoning board members was tabled until next meeting, since an updated list of term expirations was not available, by unanimous vote after a motion by William Benincosa and a second by Robin Newhouse.
- Leslie Holbert addressed council about a request from the Pentagon, to honor Nutter Fort native, Douglas Welch. A proclamation will be written and submitted for approval by council.
- William Benincosa motioned to pay the WV Municipal League dues and the \$50 voluntary assessment. After a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- A motion to allow the Mayor to hire an attorney to handle an employment matter was made by William Benincosa. After a second by Barbara Gorby, the motion was passed.
- Tammy Gwinn asked that council go into executive session to discuss her employment grievance. After much discussion, council was told by the Mayor that we could not have an

executive session to discuss this as there are specific steps that must be followed in the grievance procedure.

- The building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous votes following a motion by William Benincosa and a second by Robin Newhouse.
- The bills (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Robin Newhouse and a second by Stephen Korn. It was noted that the line item “payroll manager’s letter” will not be paid at this time.
- Barbara Gorby motioned approval of the April 24, 2012 minutes and, after a second by Robin Newhouse, they were approved by unanimous vote.

**Old Business** Discussion was held as to how many speed bumps are needed.

Chief Godwin reports that most of the testing is complete for the candidates to be new police officers. The basketball court on Ohio Ave is nearly done.

**New Business** None

**Police Chief Report** None

**Fire Chief Report** Sale of tickets for the Ultimate Giveaway is going well. The final design for the top of the new LED sign is nearly ready for approval.

**Maintenance Supervisor’s Report** JF Allen has not submitted their quote for paving.

**Citizen’s Comments** Complaints were heard about high grass and poor property conditions in the 500 block of Pennsylvania Ave. The police chief and code enforcement officer will investigate. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM after a motion by Robin Newhouse and a second by William Benincosa.

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