

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
02/12/19**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by Charlotte Link, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Maxson called the meeting to order in council chambers at 6:34 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors Natalie Haddix and Karen Phillips, Treasurer Julia Foley Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Public Works Supervisor Taylor Keith and Code Enforcement Officer Keith Kesling.

Absent: Councilors William Benincosa, Brenda Riley and Donald "Duck" Webster.

Guests: Jim and Charlotte Link, Raetta Allen, Linda Blake, Brian Richards, Mark and Janet Conrad.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 22nd 2019 Council meeting (attached) were approved after a motion by Karen Phillips and Charlene Louk.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Foley has been reviewing ordinances for the ordinance update project with Walter H. Drain Co. They have samples to look at. If ordinances need written or revised, now is the time to work on them. She asked about the one on Fireworks. Chief Godwin says the current one is 90% null and void. She is also looking into an ordinance regarding on-street parking for ATVs, campers, etc.

Julie is working with our attorney to get a letter to the City of Clarksburg to recover fees and B&O from past work done in the park. He will be requesting contractor names, dates of work and project costs. We should have the letter this week. Then we can send notices out.

- Accounts payable (attached) were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished Business:

- Recorder Louk had mentioned possible changing to *Early Vote by Mail* at the 1/8/19 meeting. She explained the main intent of doing this was to eliminate Saturday voting on June 1 and 8 to save the cost of at least \$600.00 for poll workers, when there are typically less than 10 votes total for both Saturdays. After attending election training on January 30th, she learned that *Early Vote by Mail* eliminates all early voting in person, even at City Hall during the two weeks prior to the election. There is also an expense involved due to requiring a mailed announcement to all registered voters. The verbiage is too lengthy to be added to water bills, and cannot be part of the newsletter, because it must go by US mail. Also, after discussion with the staff at City Hall, they felt this would cause confusion and upset early voters. Many early voters are elderly and may not be able to follow the directions to complete and return their ballot. Discussion and questions by Council followed. For these reasons, *Early Vote by Mail* will not be pursued at this time.
- 1st reading on ordinance amending Chapter One, Article 105 (attached). This ordinance addresses elections. Recorder Louk explained the current ordinance lists specific dates, which needs changed to reflect verbiage specified in the WV SOS Municipal Election Calendar, since these dates change for each election. There are

also specific guidelines for the Election Canvass and certifying the results, which need to be added. All changes are reflected in red for Council's review with the exception of one item still to be removed. This is in Section 105.09 addressing the 2017 election. This will be deleted from the final revision, since this is now in the past. Natalie Haddix moved to accept the ordinance with these changes. Motion passed after a second by Karen Phillips.

New Business:

- Natalie Haddix moved to approve a business license for Wellness Massage & Bodywork located at 200 Rt. 98 West, Suite 306. Motion approved after a second by Karen Phillips.

Incidentals: Mayor Maxson attended a meeting of the Harrison Co. Development Authority. Construction of the Natural Gas Power Plant to be located in PK Addition will begin in April. It will produce about \$120 million worth of gas per year.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin reported they have purchased body cameras. They just renewed a 5 year contract and it includes all new equipment at a lower fee. They are looking at options for the old ones. Everyone re-qualified at the range last week.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported ticket sales for the Ultimate Giveaway are going well. They have some new sponsors offering to help. Ladder tests went well last week with the exception of the actual ladder truck. The insurance company now needs pictures to prove the ladder is out of service, and show the truck is only being used as an engine.

Public Works Dept: Mr. Keith reported on a good water account on Rt. 98. Arsenal Energy is buying 350 gal/minute for 45 days (about 15 million gal.) for a new water tank. Mr. Keith explained reasoning for the Park not paying sewage, which came up earlier when discussing fees we are entitled to from the Park. He and Julie found a 1970's right-of-way agreement with Clarksburg through the park for a couple thousand feet of sewer access. They pay for water consumption and trash, but no sewage, in exchange for the right-of way. Mr. Keith feels this is very reasonable and should be left as is, especially since the Park is now paying the Street Fee. Mrs. Foley misunderstood Mrs. Haddix' question about reactions to denying the request for waiver of the Street Improvement Fee for the Park. She clarified that Mr. Angiulli (Park Bd. President) still comes by, and is still not happy about paying the fee.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Kesling is waiting to hear from the owner of 600 Illinois Ave. on a contractor to demolish remains from the house fire, using insurance escrow funds.

Beautification: Linda Blake reported she frequently has to reset the timer at the island. Public Works will check to see if there's a problem with the cord or the GFI outlet.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

