

Town of Nutter Fort
Council Canvass Meeting in Council Chambers
Monday, June 17th, 2019 at 5:30 pm

Call to order: Mayor Maxson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips, Brenda Riley and Donald “Duck” Webster.

Also present: Jim and Charlotte Link, Rezin Hudkins, IV, Sondra Nasserri and Sarah Petitto.

Consider bond amount in the event of a recount. Mrs. Haddix moved to set \$300.00 as the bond amount. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by Mrs. Riley. Mayor Maxson and Mr. Benincosa explained the reason for bond.

Canvass of official votes cast in the Town of Nutter Fort’s General Election on June, 11th, 2019: Recorder Louk asked four councilors to complete the *Oath of Board of Canvassers* as required by law.

The ballot box was unlocked by Recorder Louk and contents for the canvassing were removed.

Council reviewed and approved the *Statement of Ballots Used* from June 11th, 2019. This revealed 147 ballots were cast, 124 on election day (including two provisional), four absentee and 19 early.

Two Provisional Ballots were cast on June 11th. After the election, Mrs. Louk supplied the information from the Provisional Ballot envelope to staff at the Secretary of State’s office for guidance on the ability to count or not count each vote. The first was registered in Upshur Co. and cannot be counted. The deadline to change the registration for our election was 5/21/19. Natalie Haddix moved to not count this vote per WV Code 3-2-6. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by “Duck” Webster. The envelope remained sealed.

The second was registered in a different precinct in Harrison County. The voter now lives in Nutter Fort, which was verified. A voter registered in the same county may update their address at the polling place the day of the election and the vote may be counted. Natalie Haddix moved to count this vote according to WV Code 3-2-31. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by Brenda Riley. The inner envelope was opened, maintaining confidentiality of the voter. Mrs. Louk handed the ballot to two of the canvassers. The votes were read aloud and added to the tally sheet from June 11th, 2019. The ballot was placed back in the envelope and re-sealed. Both Provisional ballots were re-sealed inside the large Provisional Ballot envelope. All election materials were returned to the ballot box. The box was locked and returned to City Hall.

Results following the canvass are:

Rezin Davis Hudkins, VI: one hundred eighteen; 118-for **Recorder**

Donald “Duck” Webster: eighty-four; 84- for **Council**

Jim Link: fifty-two; 52

Karen Lea Phillips: fifty-three; 53 - for **Council**

Brian “Lugnut” Richards: thirty-eight; 38
Brenda Jenks Riley: thirty-seven; 37
Raetta Allen: sixteen; 16
Charlene Romain Louk: ninety-five; 95 – for **Council** (two year term)
Fire Levy for: one hundred eighteen; 118; Fire Levy against: twenty-eight; 28

If no recount is requested within 48 hours, Council will reconvene at 5:30 pm on Wednesday,
June 19th, 2019 to certify the results.

Adjournment: by acclamation at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor