

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
06/25/19**

Mayor Maxson invited attendees to join in prayer offered by William Benincosa, 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 William Benincosa, Brenda Riley, and Donald "Duck" Webster and Police Chief Ron Godwin.

Absent: Councilors Natalie Haddix and Karen Phillips, Treasurer Julia Foley, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Public Works (PW) Supervisor Taylor Keith, Code Enforcer Keith Kesling.

Guests: Jim and Charlotte Link, Raetta Allen, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Bill and Loretta Nolan, Linda Griffith and Linda Blake.

Minutes: Minutes of the 6/11/19 Council Meeting (attached) and the 6/17/19 Canvass Meeting (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by William Benincosa and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by "Duck" Webster and second by Brenda Riley.

Yard of the Month: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nolan of 513 WV Ave. A Certificate and gift were presented by Mayor Maxson and Linda Blake.

Unfinished Business:

- Blackberry Festival Budget: At the 5/14/19 meeting there was discussion and a motion made under *Unfinished Business*. The item was not on the agenda, therefore it was placed on tonight's agenda. Mayor Maxson disclosed (WV Ethics Code 6B-2-5-j-1D) he serves as President (a non-paid position) of the non-profit Blackberry Festival. Last year costs were slightly under the \$4200.00 budget. This year's budget was increased to \$5400.00. Mayor Maxson pointed out they could not have the Festival without the help of PW and the PD. He added PW also devotes some hours during the week prior to the festival for set up. Mr. Benincosa pointed out at times in the past, it seemed too many workers were at the Festival at once, but it is now under better control. Linda Griffith asked if there is a point where the Festival will know if they are over budget? Mrs. Louk explained we don't usually know until afterwards; the only way to control it is for the Festival to have their own workers, so it can be better monitored. Mrs. Griffith clarified she wasn't talking about the Police. Mrs. Louk explained we have to look at both departments together because the budgeted amount is for both departments. Chief Godwin added his department's hours haven't changed and reviewed their typical schedule. Salaries went up, but we are paying for five officers now instead of six.

William Benincosa moved that anything over the budgeted \$5400.00 will be paid back to the Town by the Blackberry Festival. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by Brenda Riley. Mr. Link asked if DataMax would be going after vendors at the Festival? Mayor Maxson was uncertain, but the Town attorney is looking at the contract. There were new questions and concerns since the presentation at the last meeting. Mr. Maxson

assured everyone he will not sign the contract until this comes back before Council to answer these questions.

- 2nd reading to amend Ordinance 151.07 relating to part-time employee wages was passed by unanimous vote after a motion by Mrs. Louk and second by “Duck” Webster.

New Business:

- Consider board re-appointments for the following members and commissions that will expire June 30, 2019:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Raetta Allen	Building Commission	06/30/2024 (5 Year Term)
Marcene McIntyre	Library Board	06/30/2024 (5 Year Term)
Charlotte Link	Library Board	06/30/2024 (5 Year Term)
Charla Koerner	Library Board	06/30/2024 (5 Year Term)
Ron Gilmore	Parks, Recreation & Wellness	06/30/2022 (3 Year Term)
James Wolfe	Traffic Advisory	06/30/2022 (3 Year Term)
Robert Ferrell	Urban Renewal Authority	06/30/2024 (5 Year Term)
Leanna Spornak	Urban Renewal Authority	06/30/2024 (5 Year Term)
James Eakles	Zoning Board of Appeals	06/30/2024 (5 Year Term)
Raetta Allen	Zoning Board of Appeals	06/30/2020 (1 Year Term)

All appointments as listed were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by William Benincosa and second by Brenda Riley.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin is working on the e-citation program. It will start sometime after July 1, when all the equipment is up and running. They are also getting all the tickets currently in the system caught up before the new program starts.

Fire Dept: No report

Public Works (PW): No report. Both Mr. Benincosa and Mrs. Griffith praised PW employees on a recent job, and for offering assistance after hours with a sewer issue. “Duck” Webster commented on safety after a recent tragic event with a PW employee in Shinnston. Mr. Maxson assured Council our workers are conscientious, but he has talked with Mr. Keith as a reminder to keep workers as safe as possible.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Maxson reported that Mr. Kesling has talked to the man dumping dirt, rock, etc. at 600 and 602 Illinois Ave. He is buying the property and going to use this to fill a hole in the back.

Public Comment: Mr. Link asked if campers may park on the street and in yards? Chief Godwin responded they can be on the street short-term, and can be in the yard indefinitely if they’re legal. They may not live in campers. He will check on a possible situation. Mayor Maxson and Council thanked Brenda Riley for her service as a Council member. Everyone enjoyed refreshments in her honor.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

