

**Council Meeting  
Town of Nutter Fort  
7/9/2019**

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 6:32 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Rezin Hudkins, Councilors William Benincosa, Charlene Louk, Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips and Donald "Duck" Webster and Police Chief Ron Godwin, Treasurer Julia Foley.

Absent: Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Public Works (PW) Supervisor Taylor Keith, Code Enforcer Keith Kesling.

Guests: Jim and Charlotte Link, Brenda Riley, Ronnie Phillips, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Sheriff Robert Matheny, Angel O'Toole.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 6/25/19 Council Meeting (attached) and the 6/19/19 Meeting to certify election results (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by William Benincosa.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda from the exponent telegram called and asked about the ad for the Blackberry Festival. For the past couple of years, we had an ad. Council discussed and decided it was not cost effective. Other forms of advertisements have been done. Julia stated with Budget Revisions, passed at the last meeting, we had an increase of \$162,000.00 and the one tonight with \$19,000.00. Julia stated she would like to put in for a first reading 2% cost of living raise for the Police Dept. at the next meeting. She will supply a wage table that she and Taylor have worked on extensively. It is modeled after Bridgeport's, but scaled down to Nutter Fort. Future cost of living raises and longevity pay are included in the table. This would be a huge benefit for employee retention. All the 19/20 budgets have been approved with the 2% wage table increase and they are balanced budgets.

Julia provided an update on the sewer project and everything is moving forward. We are applying for a soft cost grant (\$15,000.00) because of the right of way we need to obtain.

Accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and second by Karen Phillips.

**Unfinished Business:** Sam stated there was nothing on the agenda. Donald "Duck" Webster inquired about an update on Data Max. A lengthy discussion was held, and it was decided Sam will contact DataMax and ask him to return, so questions can be addressed about the services they provide. Sam will let everyone know when he can return and asked that everyone have their questions prepared.

**New Business:** License approval for Leng's door to door book sales: Discussion was held. They have been checked out and approved by the state. Chief Godwin added, according to a Federal ruling, as a governing body we cannot tell them they cannot go door to door. Motion to approve the license passed by unanimous vote after a motion by: Natalie Haddix and a second by Charlene Louk.

**New Business Cont.**

General Revenue Account Unencumbered Balance Budget Revision #1 for FY 2019/2020 approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and a second by Charlene Louk.

Coal Severance Unencumbered Balance Budget Revision #1 for FY 2019/2020 approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix second by Charlene Louk.

Enter into agreement with Glover Legal Services, PLLC for sewer project. This is just a formality, since Dan Glover, attorney for the sewer project now has his own firm. Glover Legal Services approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Donald "Duck" Webster.

**Committee Reports:**

**Police Dept: No Report**

**Fire Dept:** No report

**Public Works (PW):** No report.

**Code Enforcement: No Report**

**Public Comment: None**

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7: 34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor