

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
04/23/19**

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 6:31 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors, William Benincosa, Natalie Haddix, Brenda Riley, Donald “Duck” Webster, Treasurer Julia Foley, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Public Works Supervisor Taylor Keith and Code Enforcement Officer Keith Kesling.

Absent: Councilors Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley.

Guests: Jim and Charlotte Link, Dennis Dutchess, Ted Calandros, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Raetta Allen, Patrick, Sondra and Sophie Hawkins, Linda and Donald Fowler.

Minutes: Minutes of the 4/9/19 Council meeting and the 4/16/19 Special Council Meeting (attached) were approved after a motion by “Duck” Webster and second by William Benincosa.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Foley reported the sewer project is moving along and should be able to start this fall. The most recent water bill reflected the first increase for the sewer project.

Accounts payable (attached) were approved after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Charlene Louk.

Unfinished Business: The second reading of the Order & Notice of the Special Fire Levy Election was passed after a motion by “Duck” Webster and second by Charlene Louk.

New Business:

- Charlene Louk moved to appoint Bertis McCarty to the Sanitary Board for a term of three years expiring June 30, 2021. Passed by unanimous vote after a second by William Benincosa.
- Mayor Maxson read a resolution (attached) honoring Bonnie Belle’s Bakery. Current owners, Linda Fowler, Patrick Hawkins and Sophie Hawkins accepted the *Key to the City* from the Mayor. The family was congratulated for over 70 years of success in the town, numerous awards, a new storefront location in White Oaks and a current expansion project at the Nutter Fort site. Nutter Fort Town Officials and citizens applauded Bonnie Belle’s for outstanding performance, an exceptional example in the community and offered best wishes for their continued success.
- Council voted to adopt the annual amended building codes of the WV State Fire Marshall’s Office after a motion by Charlene Louk and second by “Duck” Webster.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin reported new cruisers are now in service.

Fire Dept: Chief Haddix reported the Ultimate Giveaway is a little over two week out. Tickets are still being sold. The testing phase for hoses is coming up.

Public Works (PW): Mr. Keith reported they have started cleanup since the last meeting. They have been working on 302 WV. Ave. along with Mr. Kesling. Raetta Allen thanked PW staff for

their timely trimming the bushes at that location, which blocked the view of oncoming traffic. Mr. Keith advised PW will pick up yard clippings for the summer on recycle days (2nd and 4th Wednesdays).

Code Enforcement: No report.

Beautification: Linda Blake advised they have completed the project around the sign on the north end of town. They will be purchasing flowers on April 30th. They need compost for the Community Garden. Last year they got it free from Clarksburg. Clarksburg has asked for a letter from the Town requesting the compost. Mrs. Foley has the letter tonight for Mrs. Blake.

Public Comment: 1) Dennis Dutchess asked if the Town is going to adopt Home Rule? It was his understanding Home Rule was implemented and tested in 2012 with stipulations. Also there had to be approval from the state before towns could implement their plans. His interpretation is towns no longer have to have approval from the state before implementing their plan. It is his understanding there must be a written agenda of a plan and he would like to have input in the plan. Mayor Maxson explained we hope to adopt Home Rule. It was just approved by the Legislature, and is in the beginning phases. We will have a plan, which will be advertised and presented in an open meeting. When the pilot program began, only four cities were included. Hopefully in the near future, Home Rule will be extended to all towns. More information will be made available if the Town moves forward with Home Rule.

2) Ted Calandros of 99 Cimmaron Rd. brought an issue to the attention of PW. He advised there is a concrete barrier over a culvert in front of his house that sticks up over 7 inches. He is afraid it will cause an accident. Some of that is state highway and does not belong to Nutter Fort, but Mr. Keith will check into it. Mr. Calandros asked if Mr. Keith would contact him, and provided his number.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor