

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
06/11/19**

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, Karen Phillips, Brenda Riley, and Donald "Duck" Webster.

Also present: Treasurer Julia Foley, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Public Works (PW) Supervisor Taylor Keith and Code Enforcer Keith Kesling.

Absent: Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix.

Guests: Jim and Charlotte Link, Linda Blake, Brian Richards, Kathy Powell, Shirley Sheets and Ted Calandros and Bobby Monroe-DataMax.

Minutes: Mr. Webster asked if there was any news about the Park? Mayor Maxson responded that Martin Howe has been on vacation, but is back. Mr. Kesling added he left a message for Mr. Howe and spoke to Adam Barberio. Mr. Howe hasn't called back. Minutes of the 5/28/19 Council Meeting (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Accounts payable: Accounts payable (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by Brenda Riley.

Unfinished Business: Mrs. Riley asked for an update on the refuse truck repair. Mr. Keith clarified there was not an extended warranty purchased on the new refuse truck. This was contrary to information given at last Council meeting, which Mr. Keith was not able to attend. The company believes something came through the intake and damaged the turbo. The turbo has been repaired. Mr. Keith talked with Cummins, and they were willing to split the cost with us. Our portion was \$2905.90.

New Business:

- Bobby Monroe from DataMax Corporation made a presentation on their services and how the town can benefit financially. They do 3rd party collections and help generate new revenue. DataMax assists cities in finding vendors and contractors who don't have a business license and are not paying B&O. Every month they provide a list of 20-30 businesses and all their information. They send our business license out to them and make all the calls and work on the collections. Fees are based on gross sales. The statute says they are able to collect for the current year plus 5 years back, even on vendors for companies now out of business. Once the town gets a check, we share 50% of the revenue with DataMax. They also pay us B&O tax on their 50%. It is a two year agreement with a *60 day and out* clause. If we cancel prior to 60 days, we continue to split the revenue (for vendors they identified during that time), for the remainder of the two years. After two years, DataMax will drop off and we will get 100 % of the B&O and business license renewal. Mr. Monroe answered several questions. They have been in business over 130 years. He named several cities in WV that are already clients and gave examples of revenue generated. There

was concern that charging vendors of non-profits such as Bi-County Nutrition would be detrimental to their mission, causing costs of food items to rise. Mr. Monroe advised they are very careful to research this type of vendor before contacting them. Mrs. Foley added we could look at an exemption for Bi-County such as the one given for the Street fee. They have not been sued because they have a working relationship with most of the vendors. DataMax doesn't sue. They would work with our attorney to determine a course of action. Council discussed information presented. The Mayor and Mrs. Foley see no downside to it. Funds would go into the general account, but could be put into a separate account to more easily monitor growth. Mrs. Phillips moved to retain the services of DataMax and re-evaluate the vendors before the 60 day period ends, to see if council wishes to exempt sales of any vendors. After a second by Brenda Riley, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

- Mrs. Foley explained the final revisions for the General Revenue and the Coal Severance Account Budgets for FY ending June 30th (attached). Budget revisions for both accounts were passed by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and second by Karen Phillips.
- Council reviewed an amendment to Ordinance 151.07 (attached) in order to make it accurately reflect wages for part-time employees to help retain good workers. Summer help is paid \$9.75 to \$10.25, and permanent part-time help makes \$12.50 per hour. William Benincosa moved to amend the ordinance as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote after a second by Karen Phillips.
- Mrs. Foley explained the FY 19/20 Water Account Budget (attached) reflects no changes from FY 18/19. Budget passed by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and second by William Benincosa.
- The license for Mountaineer Medical Ventures, LLC located at 1701 Buckhannon Pk. was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by N. Haddix and second by K. Phillips.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: No report

Fire Dept: No report

Public Works (PW): No report

Code Enforcement: No report.

Beautification: Linda Blake reported they have decorated the island for Father's Day.

Public Comment: Mr. Link asked about dirt, concrete and rebar dumped by WV Pools in the empty lot next to 600 Illinois Ave. Discussion followed. Mr. Kesling will look into it.

Mr. Calandros from 99 Cimarron asked if there was any new information on the concrete slab bordering his property? Mr. Keith explained they are trying to figure out why they filled the old catch basin up. He asked he be patient while they run a camera and try a few other things. He hopes to have solution as soon as they unplug the culvert.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

