

**Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
04/09/19**

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 6:33 pm.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors, William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Brenda Riley, Donald "Duck" Webster, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Public Works Supervisor Taylor Keith and Code Enforcement Officer Keith Kesling.

Absent: Treasurer Julia Foley, Councilor Natalie Haddix and Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix.

Guests: Rezin Hudkins and Raetta Allen.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 26th, 2019 Council meeting (attached) were approved after a motion by Brenda Riley and second by Karen Phillips.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Louk reported Mrs. Foley received email on April 2nd from Attorney Nathan Carroll about the Park. He spoke with Martin Howe who intends to provide names of the contractors for five projects recently completed at the park. Should there be a dispute between the two municipalities over this, the firm would not be able to resolve it because they represent of both cities. He added, licensing and B&O assessment of Park projects should not be treated any different from around the Town. It would be appropriate for the Town to reach out to Clarksburg to facilitate the collection of said fees on ongoing and future projects. Mr. Kesling saw Mr. Howe last week and he agrees the Town is owed these fees. Mrs. Louk added, it has taken a long time to get this response. Mrs. Foley's initial email to Mr. Carroll was on March 5th with periodic inquiries after that.

- Accounts payable (attached) were approved after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by Brenda Riley.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Maxson reported United Way sent us a plaque acknowledging our contributions to their recent fund drive. We also have a plaque for Homer Moore. A retirement party will be planned for the near future. Mayor Maxson shared a thank you letter from Valerie Hebb (600 Illinois Ave.). She thanked everyone for the support and help since their house fire. The Mayor added the demolition is now complete.

New Business:

- An Itinerant Vendor License was approved for *Shaggy's Dogs and More Food Truck*, after a motion by William Benincosa and second by Karen Phillips.
- Council agreed to *Lay the Levy* at City Hall on April 16th at 3:30 pm.
- William Benincosa reported the Lion's Club purchased new signs and would like to put one on Rt. 98 coming into town. Mr. Keith said that one won't be a problem. They would like to place another one near the bridge. Mr. Keith will check with the state to see if this is a possibility.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: Chief Godwin reported new cruisers are 90% ready and should be in service Friday. They will auction the old ones. They're completing required training now through June. He added the Speedway Appliance owners are happy to be located in Nutter Fort.

Fire Dept: No report.

Public Works (PW): Mr. Keith reported they will start black top patching Thursday. He's been working with Richard Barnett from Solid Waste Authority (SWA) on a new recycle account. SWA is going to pay us monthly for taking care of the recycle trailer in Anmoore. He and Leslie are working on a grant for a new recycle truck. Ours is over 20 years old. The new one would be a better design, a mini version of the refuse truck. The account for Arsenal Resources on Rt. 98 is now closed. They purchased approximately 5.5 million gallons of water from us. He is finalizing things with Thrasher on the sewer project. DEP approval came today. The bid will probably go out in July or August. Depending on this project, we may only do patching this summer and hold off on a major paving project until the sewer project is done. Then we could pave the areas affected by the sewer project in addition to other streets. This would give us a larger dollar amount of paving, which would mean a bigger discount. This is not set in stone, just a thought in line with sewer project. Mr. Webster asked how much Dominion is paying for the damage done to Ohio Ave and streets involved in that project? Taylor estimates \$60 or \$70K. He's also working with D&M contractors for damages as a result of the Ohio Ave. project. Mr. Keith reported he will have the milling down and the lot next to the Fire Dept. ready by June 1st.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Kesling reported things are going smoothly. He's working with Chief Godwin on issues on Michigan Ave. There was discussion on 302 WV Ave. possibly being a liability to the town due to it's poor condition. There were suggestions to board up the openings to prevent entry, to trim the bushes impeding visibility, and to obtain an emergency order for purposes of demolition. Mr. Benincosa will check with the contractor working near his home to see if he's interested in purchasing the property. He has the equipment to demolish it. Then he could sell the lot. He will check and report back to the Mayor. We have not yet received the money to release the lien on 610 Illinois Ave.

Beautification: Linda Blake advised Mayor Maxson they have mulched and worked around the entrance sign planter on the north end of Town. There was some discussion on getting permission from the state to move the sign on the south end of town closer to the bridge. Chief Godwin confirmed the town property stops near the detail shop, but the town limits on Rt. 20 ends at the light by the bridge.

Incidental information: Mr. Benincosa and the Mayor encouraged all of council to try and attend grand openings/ribbon cuttings to show our support for new businesses.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Louk, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor