



Town of Nutter Fort Council Meeting March 24, 2026 – 6:30pm

Called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Rezin Hudkins

Attendance – Councilor Rick Lafferty, Councilor Sam Maxson, Councilor Karen Phillips, Councilor Charlene Louk, Mayor Rezin Hudkins, Recorder Natalie Haddix, Councilor Shawn Spurlock

Department Heads – Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, EMS Supervisor Nathan Rohrbough, PT Code Enforcement Officer Robert Leonard

Guests – Cynthia Lafferty, James Vanscoy, Jeremy Drennen, Kenneth Johnson

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- *Approval of minutes:* Minutes for the 3/10/2026 Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion was made by Charlene Louk to approve the minutes and seconded by Rick Lafferty.
- *Approval of minutes:* Minutes for the 3/16/2026 Budget Workshop Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion was made by Charlene Louk to approve the minutes and seconded by Rick Lafferty.

Department Reports:

- Mayor's Report:
 - City Hall Improvements – Past mayor photos have been rehung in the hallway outside of council chambers. Windows in City Hall will be installed in a few weeks.
 - Streetlights - Meeting with Mon Power on Thursday to discuss streetlights and street light replacement.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - FYE2025 Audit is complete. It was submitted to state and federal government today and will be emailed to all of council by the end of the week.
 - Paperwork has been submitted to the WV DOH and WV State Police for the LPR camera installations.
 - I received notification from ASK Insurance that there will be NO increase in price for the supplemental insurance this year.
 - The 2024 Ford that was in an accident in December of 2025 has been totaled. When it was taken into the shop for repairs, additional major damage was found totaling the vehicle.
 - We will officially start registering vendors for the 2026 Halloween Fall Festival on April 3, 2026.
- Chief of Police Report:
 - None
- Fire Chief Report:
 - Engine 71 is back in service after refurbishment.
 - Ultimate Giveaway will be May 9, 2026, at the Nathan Goff Armory and tickets are still available.
- EMS/Ambulance Report:
 - One of the ambulances in the fleet had a near-miss in February and is back.
 - Call volume is up.
- Public Works Supervisor Report:
 - Installed a water tap on Pennsylvania Avenue.

- Engineering Report:
 - None
- Code Enforcement Report:
 - Former RG Honda property owner was contacted about obtaining a permit and advised that he is working to get an asbestos test as well.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

- Accounts payable items were reviewed and discussed. Items were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk, seconded by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Review-Discuss-Consider – Introduction of Jeremy Drennen, CPA** – Mr. Drennen was present for introductions. Background notably included his history of auditing the town many years ago while working at a previous employer, Tetrick & Bartlett. He currently is employed by the City of Philippi but is transitioning to full time CPA work and is assuming some of the tasks of the town’s former accountant, Zach Dobbins.

No action needed.

- **Review-Discuss-Consider – Consideration of FY 2026/2027 General Revenue Budget** – The budget was previously reviewed and discussed by Council during the Budget Workshop held on March 16, 2026.

Natalie Haddix *moved to accept the FY 2026/2027 General Revenue Budget*, seconded by Charlene Louk. A roll call was performed:

- *Councilor Rick Lafferty – Yes*
- *Councilor Karen Phillips – Yes*
- *Councilor Charlene Louk – Seconder*
- *Councilor Sam Maxson – Yes*
- *Recorder Natalie Haddix - Mover*
- *Councilor Shawn Spurlock – Yes*

Motion passed unanimously to accept the 2026/2027 General Revenue Budget.

- **Review-Discuss-Consider – Consideration of FY 2026/2027 Coal Severance Budget** – The budget was previously reviewed and discussed by Council during the Budget Workshop held on March 16, 2026.

Natalie Haddix *moved to accept the FY 2026/2027 Coal Severance Budget*, seconded by Charlene Louk. A roll call was performed:

- *Councilor Rick Lafferty – Yes*
- *Councilor Karen Phillips – Yes*
- *Councilor Charlene Louk – Seconder*
- *Councilor Sam Maxson – Yes*
- *Recorder Natalie Haddix - Mover*
- *Councilor Shawn Spurlock – Yes*

Motion passed unanimously to accept the 2026/2027 Coal Severance Budget.

- **Review-Discuss-Consider – Donation to Harrison County Pony League** – The Harrison County Pony League has been involved in Nutter Fort for many years. The city of Clarksburg donates money annually to help with equipment purchases, like baseballs, etc. and they have funds to open availability up to all children, regardless of financial need. Stonewood Mayor Jim Terango is also in favor of donating on behalf of Stonewood.

Natalie Haddix *moved* to make a \$500 donation in support of the Harrison County Pony League, seconded by Sam Maxson. A roll call was performed:

- *Councilor Rick Lafferty – Yes*
- *Councilor Sam Maxson - Seconder*
- *Councilor Karen Phillips – Yes*
- *Councilor Charlene Louk – Yes*
- *Recorder Natalie Haddix - Mover*
- *Councilor Shawn Spurlock – Yes*

Motion passed unanimously in favor of a \$500 donation to the Harrison County Pony League.

- **Review-Discuss-Consider – Assistance for 2026 Family Fun Extravaganza** – Discussion was held with James Vanscoy regarding the 2026 Family Fun Extravaganza. It was agreed that Public Works could assist with the pickup of the panels from the WV Italian Heritage Festival Committee. A certified electrician will need to assist with installation of the power. It was noted by Mr. Vanscoy that the city park significantly increased the rental amount for the park and that the proceeds from the festival go to Community Elevation, a local children’s charity.

No action needed.

- *If Matters Arise:*
 - *If Matters Arise: Enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to personnel matters, the sale, lease or purchase of real property, economic development issues to disclose competitive issues, to confer with legal counsel regarding matters that which, if made public, would be detrimental to the interest of the Town and for any other lawful purpose.*

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:57 p.m.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Rezin D. Hudkins, IV, Mayor