



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Workshop – November 7, 2025 – 5:30pm

Called to order at 5:33 pm by Mayor Rezin Hudkins IV

Attendance – Mayor Rezin Hudkins IV, Councilor Rick Lafferty, Councilor Charlene Louk, Councilor Sam Maxson, Councilor Shawn Spurlock

Department Heads – Treasurer Leslie Cummings

Guests – Zack Dobbins (Bennett & Dobbins), Mark Hays, Jennifer Robinson, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Rick Miller, Cindy Lafferty

Absent – Councilor Karen Philipps and Recorder Natalie Haddix

Workshop:

1. *Review-Discuss-Consider – Ordinance 2025-04 – An Ordinance of the Town of Nutter Fort, West Virginia, Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Services and Facilities Furnished for the Customers of the Water Distribution System of the Town of Nutter Fort by Increasing the Rates and Charges by the Establishment of New Rates and Charges – 1st Reading* - Workshop was held to further review Ordinance 2025-04. Mayor Hudkins opened the workshop stating this was for council's further discussion on the potential water rate increase, no action will be taken. Zack Dobbins further explained the FYE2024 Cash Flow Analysis, Senate Bill 234 requirements, and bond requirements; explaining why the increase is needed. Currently, Senate Bill 234 requirements are not being met due to lack of funds and if these are not met, it is an audit finding that is sent to the Harrison County Prosecutor's Office. Also, if the rates are not increased, the bond holders would force-require the rates to be in place for proper coverage of the debts. If rate increase is passed, this will bring water rates into MHI eligibility for grants. Mr. Dobbins answered follow-up questions from Councilors Louk, Spurlock, and Lafferty, along with questions from Mayor Hudkins IV. Workshop ended with public comments from Rick Miller stating how badly increases are affecting those with fixed incomes and Jennifer Robinson asking a question on Senate Bill 234.

The workshop adjourned by acclamation at approximately 6:36 pm.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Rezin Hudkins IV, Mayor