



## Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Council Meeting – August 12, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

### **Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rezin Hudkins, IV**

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

Department Heads – Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, PW Supervisor Travis Yost, PT Code Enforcement Officer Robert Leonard

Guests – Detective Justin Hetherington, Jennifer Robinson, Mark Hays, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Cynthia Lafferty, Lexi Ryan, Linda Exline, Kenneth Johnson, Steve Pill, Tom Rohrbough, Vickie Kerns, Mike Curran

### **Minutes:**

- *Approval of minutes:* Minutes for the 7/22/2025 Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion was made by Sam Maxson to approve the minutes and seconded by Charlene Louk.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Was on vacation 8/1/2025-8/10/2025.
- There will be another Halloween Fall Festival meeting on 8/13/2025 at 2:00pm in Council Chambers.
- FY 2025/2026 Nutter Fort Fire Protection District invoices have been created and printed. Scheduled for mailing 8/19/2025 and due on 10/1/2025. By the next FY, we will be utilizing a different billing system for these.
- Still receiving issues with supplemental prescription insurance – I will be scheduling a meeting with ASK Insurance Services this week.

### **Approval of Accounts Payable:**

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

### **Unfinished Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

- *Review-Discuss-Consider* – Town of Lumberport Governmental Assistance – Motion was made by Charlene Louk to go into executive session on this matter with a second by Karen Phillips. A roll call was performed for each council member's action on the motion. The results were as follows, created a unanimous vote to go into executive session:
  - Councilor Rick Lafferty – Yes
  - Councilor Karen Phillips – Yes
  - Councilor Charlene Louk – Yes
  - Councilor Sam Maxson - Yes
  - Recorder Natalie Haddix – Yes
  - Councilor Shawn Spurlock – Yes

*\*\*Meeting entered executive session at 6:34 p.m.*

*\*\*Executive Session concluded at 7:30 p.m. after a motion by Charlene Louk, which was seconded by Rick Lafferty and passed unanimously.*

A motion was made by Sam Maxson that the last day that the Town of Nutter Fort employees would be assisting the Town of Lumberport would be Friday, August 15, 2025, which was seconded by Charlene Louk. A roll call was performed for each council member's action on the motion. The results were as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Third Party Audit – This has been turned over to the State Auditor's Office. Mayor Hudkins noted that "It's currently under advisement by the State Auditor's Office". Additionally, it was noted that as more details are shared, they will be passed along.*
- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Fall Festival 2025 – The Fall Festival for 2025 is scheduled for October 18, 2025, from 11:00am to 8:00pm. After the last festival meeting, it was requested that a budget be set. Charlene Louk noted that \$10,000 was around what was spent last year and that should be a good number for this year as well. It was noted that this was already included in the budget. A meeting with the power company took place and three additional power pole installations will be needed. Sam Maxson said that he received word from Thrasher Engineering that a \$1,400 donation towards these power hookups will be coming to the Town of Nutter Fort. A motion was made by Charlene Louk to keep the budget at Fall Festival 2025's budget at \$10,000, which was seconded by Karen Phillips. A roll call was performed for each council member's action on the motion. The results were as follows:*

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Personnel Matter & Legal Matter*
  - *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 disclosing 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.*

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Chief of Police Report: (via Detective Hetherington)**
  - Increase of fentanyl coming into Harrison County. Please report any suspected drug activity to the police.
  - The police department hired a full-time officer, which will be in training for 4 to 6 weeks.
- **Fire Chief Report:**
  - Working fire on Pennsylvania Avenue on Sunday at 1:30pm. NFFD had five pieces of apparatus on scene as well as support from Stonewood and Bridgeport Fire Departments. The family's dog was rescued, and the house was saved. Appreciation was voiced for the support from PW Dept employee Jake on the fire.
  - Ultimate Giveaway tickets are on sale.
- **EMS/Ambulance Report:**
  - None

- Public Works Supervisor Report:
  - Nutter Fort has been under a Tier 3 violation since September 24, 2024. This violation has been lifted as of 9am today.
- Engineer Report:
  - None
- Code Enforcement Report:
  - Nothing new.

**Public Comment:**

- No one who signed up for public comment was present.
- Mayor Hudkins noted that one of the topics listed on the public comment sign up was regarding lead pipe inspection. He stated that the town is now in compliance as of this morning, and no issues had been found with lead pipes. Further, no one currently employed knew about the violation until July 2, 2025, when the town was notified.

**The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:41 p.m.**

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Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

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Rezin D. Hudkins, IV, Mayor