



Town of Nutter Fort Council Meeting August 11, 2026 – 6:30pm

Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rezin Hudkins

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

Department Heads – Police Chief Adam Titchenal, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, EMS Supervisor Nathan Rohrbough, PW Supervisor Travis Yost, Code Enforcement Representative Ronnie Hall

Guests – Cynthia Lafferty, Kenneth Johnson, Jennifer Robinson, Mark Hays, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Jeremy Burton, Kathy Titchenal, Danielle Titchenal, Emily Titchenal, Jeff Way, Jeremy Burton, Krystal Burton, Klaire Burton, Garrison Burton, John Burton, Nicholas Burton, Ashley Burton, Steve Johnson, Dennis Dutchess, James Terango, Tyler Burton, Jameson Holt, Robert Matheny, Robert Matheny II

Public Comment:

- Steve Johnson addressed council to request voters' support in the upcoming Harrison County election. Mr. Johnson is a candidate seeking to fill the unexpired term for the County Clerk seat previously held by Albert Marano.
- Resident Dennis Dutchess:
 - Speed Bumps – Inquired about the removal of the speed bumps previously located on Illinois Avenue and near the park. Mayor Hudkins explained that the previous speed bumps were removed and that, following review by the Traffic Advisory Board, speed humps will be installed in their place.
 - Flock Cameras – Inquired whether the Town utilizes Flock Cameras. Mayor Hudkins confirmed that the town does not have Flock Cameras.
 - Street Improvement Fee Fund – Requested a report detailing the current balance of the Street Improvement Fee Fund, expenditures from the prior fiscal year to date, and the planned use of the fund during the current fiscal year.
- Resident Cynthia Lafferty:
 - Speed Bumps – Stated that her questions regarding the speed jumps had been addressed during the preceding discussion.
 - Stop Sign – Requested consideration of a stop sign at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and White Street.
 - Children at Play Signage – Requested that signage alerting motorists to children at play be installed along Illinois Avenue due to traffic concerns.
- Resident Jameson Holt:
 - Speed Limit in Alleys – Inquired about the implantation of the 15-mph speed limit in Town alleys following the passage of Ordinance 2025-02, specifically noting the absence of posted speed-limit signage. It was clarified that the Ordinance did not require the installation of speed-limit signs. Discussion also occurred regarding the painted "STOP" markings at various alley intersections and whether those markings are enforceable. It was confirmed during the discussion that the existing painted markings may be utilized for enforcement purposes.

Minutes:

- *Approval of minutes:* Minutes for the 7/28/2026 Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion was made by Sam Maxson to approve the minutes and seconded by Karen Phillips.

Department Reports:

- Treasurer's Report:
 - None

- Chief of Police Report:
 - None
- Fire Chief Report:
 - None
- EMS/Ambulance Report:
 - None
- Public Works Supervisor Report:
 - Reported that the Nutter Run project is complete and water samples came back good. Advised that this should help with water loss amounts in the future.
- Engineering Report:
 - None
- Code Enforcement Report:
 - Previous two weeks - 11 violations, 9 of them were for high grass, with 6 of those being resolved.

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 Rick Lafferty.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- a) **Formal Swearing-In of Police Chief R.A. Titchenal** – Mayor Rezin Hudkins, IV, administered the Oath of Office to Police Chief R.A. Titchenal during a formal swearing-in ceremony before Town Council. Chief Titchenal had previously taken the Oath of Office upon beginning his employment with the Town of Nutter Fort Police Department and was already actively serving as Police Chief. The ceremony was conducted to formally recognize Chief Titchenal and memorialize his appointment and service before Town Council.
- b) **Formal Swearing in of Deputy Chief J.T. Burton** – Mayor Rezin Hudkins, IV, administered the Oath of Office to Deputy (Police) Chief J.T. Burton during a formal swearing-in ceremony before Town Council. Deputy Chief Burton had previously taken the Oath of Office upon beginning his employment with the Town of Nutter Fort Police Department and was already actively serving as Deputy Chief. The ceremony was conducted to formally recognize Deputy Chief Burton and memorialize his appointment and service before Town Council.
- c) ***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 6:55 p.m.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Rezin D. Hudkins, IV, Mayor