



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Council Meeting – October 8th, 2024 – 6:30pm

Called to order at 6:31 pm by Recorder Natalie Haddix

Attendance – Councilor Charlene Louk, Councilor Rick Lafferty, Councilor Karen Phillips, Recorder Natalie Haddix, Councilor Bryan Gonzalez (via phone)

Absent: Mayor Sam Maxson

Department Heads – Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, Public Works Supervisor Taylor Keith

Absent: EMS Supervisor Nathan Rohrbough, Code Enforcement Officer Roger Keith

Guests – Jennifer Robinson, Mark Hays, Cynthia Lafferty, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Marcene McIntyre, Emily Lamm, Adam Brodnik, Kurt Lamm, Peggy Stover, Bryan Lamm, Connie Lamm, Tavi Fazzini, and Sarah Fazzini

Minutes:

- Approval of minutes 9/24/2024 Council Meeting – Meeting minutes for the 9/24/2024 Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after Charlene Louk moved to accept and with a second by Bryan Gonzalez.

Treasurer's Report:

- LAST REMINDER - Flu Shot Clinic will be held 10/11/2024 from 9am-10:30am.
- There was a conversation last week on the Halloween Fall Festival with Karen Phillips. I thought that maybe we could advertise that the Town will be accepting donations made for hurricane victims. I would like to have a charity organization to give them to and wanted council's input. I was thinking Samaritan's Purse or Cajun Navy 2016. These organizations are some of the "boots on the ground" and go wherever is needed in the United States.
- The cybersecurity risk assessment was completed today (10/8/2024) on our water, sewer, and billing operations by CISA (US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency).
- I received an email concerning PEIA increases for the next FY. We are looking at a 14% increase in premiums along with deductibles and out of pocket maximums are increasing by at least 100% to employees. I am scheduling a supervisor's meeting to come up with some options to present to council.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

- Accounts payable items were presented via handout (attached) and were approved for payment by unanimous vote after Karen Phillips moved to approve the accounts payable items and the motion was seconded by Rick Lafferty.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Swearing in of Appointed Council Member Emily Lamm* – Appointed Council Member Emily Lamm was sworn in for her duties as Council Member by Recorder Natalie Haddix.
- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the Application to the Department of Homeland Security for the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Supplemental Solicitation Program for Security Lighting and Security Fencing at the Michigan Avenue Park* – Filing of grant application was approved by unanimous vote after Charlene Louk moved in support and the motion was seconded by Karen Phillips.

- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Set Date & Time for Halloween Trick-or-Treat* – Discussion was held to have Trick-or-Treat on October 31, 2024, from 6:00pm through 7:30pm, which is the same as neighboring municipalities. Due to the Halloween Event on 10/26/24 on Pennsylvania Avenue and the extension of Trick-or-Treat time, there will not be a Halloween Party at the Fire Department.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report:
 - No update.
 - Councilor Louk requested an update on the signage at the park and was notified that the signage was in place.
- Fire Chief Report:
 - Tickets are still on sale for the Ultimate Giveaway.
 - Sent two personnel down south over the weekend to assist with efforts due to Hurricane Helene.
 - Donations for Hurricane Helene victims are being accepted at Vincent Memorial and Freedom Baptist Churches. Linda Griffith is also accepting donations for a limited time period at the Nutter Fort Post Office.
 - RCBHS Homecoming Parade, coordinated by Robert C. Byrd High School, went through town 10/2/2024. It was a very successful parade from the amount of people lining the streets.
- EMS/Ambulance Report: (via written report)
 - As of this morning, there have been 32 emergency calls and 37 BLS transports and 3 ALS transports.
- Public Works Supervisor Report:
 - Working on curbs and drop inlets for paving.
- Engineer Report: (as provided by Public Works Supervisor Taylor Keith)
 - Restoration of concrete and sidewalks moving along, even with the crew being cut in half.
- Code Enforcement Report: (as provided by Public Works Supervisor Taylor Keith)
 - Working on inspections.

Public Comment:

- *None*

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:48pm.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor