



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Council Meeting – September 10th, 2024 – 6:30pm

Called to order at 6:32 pm by Mayor Sam Maxson

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

Absent: Councilor Bryan Gonzalez

Department Heads – Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix

Guests – Jennifer Robinson, Mark Hays, Kenneth Johnson, Cynthia Lafferty, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Mike Curran, Emily Lamm, Kurt Lamm, Officer Hetherington

Minutes:

- Approval of minutes 8/27/2024 Council Meeting – Meeting minutes for the 8/27/2024 Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after Karen Phillips moved to accept and with a second by Charlene Louk.

Treasurer's Report:

- FY 2024/2025 Route 20 and Rosebud Fire Fees were sent out last week.
- Flu Shot Clinic will be held 10/11/2024 from 9am-11am.
- Results of the FY 2023/2024 Worker's Compensation Audit have resulted in over a \$19,000 increase in our yearly premium.
- The Halloween Fall Festival is progressing well. Currently, we have 17 vendors confirmed. More will be scheduled. We will be asking in the coming weeks for donations from businesses for items such as advertising, etc.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

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

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Ordinance 2024-10 – An Ordinance Repealing Article 1511 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of Nutter Fort Relating to Smoke Detectors – 1st Reading* – An update was necessary to bring the codified ordinances to present day standards. Ordinance 2024-10 was approved on the 1st reading by unanimous vote after Charlene Louk moved in support on the first reading and the motion was seconded by Karen Phillips.
- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Ordinance 2024-11 – An Ordinance Amending Articles 777.09 and 777.11 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of Nutter Fort Relating to Landlord Registration* – Updates were necessary for the purposes of adding clarity. Ordinance 2024-11 was approved on the 1st reading by unanimous vote after Rick Lafferty moved in support on the first reading and the motion was seconded by Charlene Louk.
- *Review-Discuss-Consider – Open Council Seat* – Discussion was held on the replacement of an open council seat. Absent council members are to be replaced in accordance with WV State Code, which puts the onus on the current governing body to make the replacement. Mayor Maxson suggested a committee be formed and that councilors Charlene Louk and Rick Lafferty will accompany him on the committee. It was

asked that all current council members submit questions for the potential candidates. The Town of Nutter Fort will post on their website instructions for those interested in occupying the empty council seat.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report: n/a
- Fire Chief Report: Early Bird Winners for the Ultimate Giveaway will be announced this weekend, as the deadline for the Early Bird Drawing is Friday, September 13, 2024, at 11:59pm.
- EMS/Ambulance Report: n/a
- Public Works Supervisor Report: n/a
- Engineer Report: n/a
- Code Enforcement Report: n/a

Public Comment:

- Resident Jennifer Robinson:
 - When the city hires, do they do a background check?
 - Mayor advised that they do.
 - When an employee is hired, do they have drug testing?
 - It was explained that there are post-accident and reasonable suspicion testing.
 - Can you work for the Town of Nutter Fort with a felony?
 - Yes, but it depends on the position, as not all job positions allow for past felony convictions.
 - Noted that Nutter Fort EMS is doing a good job. They took care of a family member recently and she was very appreciative.
- Resident Mike Curran:
 - Lengthy discussion held on the purpose of the speed bumps by the park. He is on the traffic advisory committee but didn't receive an invitation to the last committee meeting. He further noted that speed bumps tear up vehicles.
 - It was noted that there is one on Burton Avenue and another one is being put on Thomas Street with no complaints. Chief Godwin has the final say as it is a matter of safety. The town office hasn't received any complaints about the speed bumps lately. It was noted that the signage around the park needs to increase, and Mayor Maxson will be speaking to the park superintendent.
 - Advised that there is no turning light where there is a turning lane at the intersection of Buckhannon Pike and Pennsylvania Avenue and would like to know if this can be rectified.
 - Mayor Maxson will contact WV DOH to determine further information on this.
- Resident Shirley Sheets:
 - Where are the other speed bumps going?
 - Mayor Maxson explained that Thomas Street will be the next location, and additional suggestions will be brought to the next traffic advisory committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:21pm.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor