

Council Meeting
Town of Nutter Fort
9/24/2019

Mayor Sam Maxson called the meeting to order in council chambers at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: Recorder Rezin Hudkins, Councilors William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Natalie Haddix, Charlene Louk via Phone, Leslie Cummings, (PW) Taylor Keith

Absent: Treasurer Julia Foley, Donald "Duck" Webster, Police Chief Ron Godwin, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix

Guests: Jim & Charlotte Link, Brenda Riley, Linda Blake, Janet Conrad, Jody Forinash, Brad Riffie

Minutes: Minutes of the September 10th Council Meeting (attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Karen Phillips and second by William Benincosa.

Treasurer's Report:

Leslie passed out the home rule application, as of right now this is the final draft. Class 2 legal publication went in the paper today, it will go in the paper again in 8 days. From the first date of publication we have 30 days before we can hold the first meeting and the public hearing. 1st reading tentative date is November 1st. Second reading will be on November 9th @ 6:30pm. Leslie stated like she said before we must reduce our B&O by 5%. They have decided to eliminate the class F (B&O) which is the landlord B&O on rentals. They will still have license fees but no B&O. We are hoping they will utilize this money and put it back into their properties. We also found out that the sales tax that we are purposing can be used for any type of infrastructure we might need. The state takes a 5% processing fee but its minimal compared to what we will bring in. The state home rule board is meeting in October and they will not get this in time. This will go before them next year in 2020. Leslie-passed out letters to hand out to business owners about the funds for veteran's island project. The auction was held for the 2009 Dodge and it sold for \$9500.00 compared to the \$7,000.00 offered for trade in.

BJ Asked if anyone has checked with the state to see what's allowed.

Accounts Payable (Attached) were approved by unanimous vote after a motion made by Karen Phillips and a second by BJ Benincosa.

Unfinished Business: Charlene asked about the Paygrade steps for the office and the Public works staff. Leslie and Taylor both said the steps are complete and ready to be put in place.

New Business: Discussion on Annual Christmas Event a lengthy discussion was held, and it was decided that a date needs picked. Help will be needed as some people that are normally involved are currently out. We will discuss this at the next meeting under unfinished business. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Approval to pay ½ of the expenses for the Halloween Party on October 31st was approved by unanimous vote after a motion made by Karen Phillips with a second by Rezin Hudkins.

Presentation from Brad Riffie with the United Way: Brad wanted to say thanks to the Town of Nutter Fort for their Leadership in supporting the United Way.

Triple Fresh Detailing Business License Approval- was approved by unanimous vote after a motion made by Natalie Haddix with a second by Rezin Hudkins.

First Reading on Ordinance 529.03(Sale/ possession of hypodermic syringes and needles regulated) was approved by unanimous vote after a motion made by Charlene Louk with a second by Karen Phillips.

Discussion on Town Hall building repairs (Police, Fire, Council Building) the roof needs repaired, and the HVAC needs replaced. Permission to place it out for bid was approved by unanimous vote after a motion made by Natalie Haddix with a second by Karen Phillips.

Discussion on Town Hall Financial/Legal Matter- moved to Executive session after committee reports @7:24pm, was approved by unanimous vote after a motion made by Charlene Louk with a second by BJ Benincosa.

Committee Reports:

Police Dept: N/A

Fire Dept: N/A, Pump testing to begin tomorrow, Friday Flu Clinic 10-11:30

Public Works (PW): they are accepting applications. Looking to hire 3-4 personnel had a major water break over the weekend guys worked all night to repair the break to restore water service back.

Code Enforcement: N/A new pizza place going into the Prim and Trim building after some renovations are complete.

Beautification Committee: no judging this month due to the drought, The Lions Club has adopted them and are going to help at the garden on top of the hill.

Public Comment: Janet Conrad praised the FD for treating her husband in front of the Fire Dept. She also praised Jamie Young for helping her son and placing his service dog in his police cruiser until the conclusion of the Fireworks.

No action was taken when Council came out of Executive session at 7:44 pm. No attendees returned after Executive session, and there was no further business.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor