



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes, March 23rd, 2021

Mayor Sam Maxon called the meeting to order @ 6:30PM in Council Chambers, with all guests attending via Zoom.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxon, Recorder Rezin Hudkins, Councilors William Benincosa, Charlene Louk, Brenda Riley, Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips, Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, PW Supervisor Taylor Keith.

Absent: Police Chief Ron Godwin, Code Enforcement Keith Kesling.

Guests: Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Linda Griffith, Jody Forinash, Charlotte Link, Jim Link, JB Forinash, Tom Rohrbough, Logan Alastanos.

Minutes

- Approval of minutes 3/9/2021 - Council Meeting- approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.
- Approval of minutes 3/9/2021 - Budget Workshop- approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.

Approval of Accounts- approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Rezin Hudkins and a second by Charlene Louk.

Treasurer's Report- Leslie asked about having the city-wide Yard sale the 1st weekend of June. Council agreed citizens can use their own discretion. We will lay the Levy on April 20th via Zoom at 6:30pm.

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion on changes to employee benefits- this will cost \$295.60 monthly per person to upgrade to plan A for employees to have better coverage. Approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and a second by Karen Phillips. Prior to making the motion, Natalie clarified that Jeremy Haddix does not carry this insurance.
2. Rezin asked where we stand with the back B&O owed by Speedway Appliance? Leslie stated she just received check from them. Leslie will be in contact with the municipal league for advice because they have been in business for 2 years and never paid any B&O until this recent.

New Business

1. Natalie suggests we should advise City Net of the areas on and adjacent to Buckhannon Pike that are Commercially Zoned. We need to let businesses know they have options for internet and phone services.

Care Act Fund Discussion- BJ asked about the care act funds and what they can be used for? Logan stated so far they can be used for Lost Revenues, Water, Sewer, Infrastructure. Phase III of the sewer project is fully funded by a grant through the DEP with no rate increase.

Leslie clarified the email she sent on 3/11 about Covid relief funds was referring to an infrastructure water project, which is separate from Phase III sewer project. Jeremy Stated the FD lost 60K during Covid19 because they could not have the ultimate giveaway fundraiser. Karen suggested if possible, the FD should be able to get back the lost Revenue. Natalie stated the FD did receive 10K, but it all went to Cintas for Deep Cleaning due to positive cases of Covid in the FD. We are in a contract with Cintas and are still paying for those services. The town now owns Covid deep cleaning equipment and can now do their own cleaning. Natalie is working to get the FD out of the contract. BJ asked about the Liens on the property the town has currently. There are 11 total. Natalie suggested we email the city attorney and find out what we can do as far as obtaining/selling these properties. There are currently 53 vacant properties in Nutter Fort. Natalie stated that we do have a ordinance for vacant rental properties.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report- N/A
- Fire Chief-currently working on ISO
- Public Works Supervisor Report- JF Allen will be starting blacktop projects, using 1,032 tons for \$132,352.00
- Code Enforcement Report- N/A
- Other Committee Reports- N/A

Public Comment- none

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

