



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes, April 13, 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 via zoom, Charlene Louk, Brenda Riley, Natalie Haddix, Karen Phillips, Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Police Chief Ron Godwin via zoom, PW Supervisor Taylor Keith,
Absent: Code Enforcement Keith Kesling, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix,
Guests: Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Linda Griffith, Jody Forinash, Charlotte Link, Jim Link, JB Forinash.

Minutes

- Approval of minutes 3/23/2021 Council Meeting- approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Brenda Riley.

Treasurer's Report-Leslie spoke with the state auditor's office for the 18/19 and 19/20 Audit. They are behind due to shortage of employees and COVID. Leslie would like to put this out to bid so we get this completed and don't fall further behind. It was approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Rezin Hudkins and a second by Charlene Louk.

Leslie also reported, the attorney advised the only ways we can acquire vacant properties and those with liens is to: 1. purchase at tax sale. 2. purchase from owner.

Meeting/Public Hearing on April 30th, for Phase III of the Sewer Project. Logan from Thrasher recommends to get this project started ASAP, as materials have already tripled in cost. Water project will be close to \$4million dollars. American Rescue Plan 630k funds still waiting on guidelines for spending. Suggestions for funding, once the guidelines come out and if allowed: 100K FD, 100K PD, 150K Sewer Line Cherry Tree Dr. (currently not usable), 65K Generator for the complex. Remaining Funds to be used for Sidewalks and curbs.

Accounts Payable- approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Natalie Haddix and a second by Brenda Riley.

Unfinished Business-N/A

1st Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance #2021-01 - An Amended Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Nutter Fort Enacting, Pursuant to the Provisions of WV Code § 8-1-5A Municipal Home Rule, and the Town of Nutter Fort's Approved Home Rule Plan Dated January 15, 2020, to Provide for the Imposition of a Consumer Sales and Service Tax and a Use Tax. Approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Karen Phillips.

2. Consideration of Approving the Update to the Policies and Procedures Regarding the

P-Card Program (Revised April 8, 2021). Approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk and a second by Brenda Riley.

New Business- N/A

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report- Working on Training
- Fire Chief-n/a
- Public Works Supervisor Report- Provided a map for visual aid for black top done since he's been supervisor and what they are currently doing right now for 2021.
- Code Enforcement Report- Leslie stated that the dog spa will now be doing a 400k permit. The owner is now ready to proceed with the process after having some issues with the property.
- Other Committee Reports- N/A

Public Comment-Sam has requested records from the State Tax Dept. to verify business sale amounts for B&O purposes.

Linda asked about the curb and sidewalk that the gas company has damaged and who's responsible for fixing it? According to our ordinance, it is the resident's responsibility to repair curbs. Council agrees this should be reconsidered with ordinances being reviewed, especially in this type of circumstance.

Charlene asked now that all these streets are getting paved, can we please enforce keeping the streets clean, removing grass, dead cars, etc.? Council agrees this continues to be a problem.

Leslie confirmed the office phones are still being answered with the automated system. Council members have heard several complaints that it's difficult to get through to a person. Leslie said they will go back to answering the phones in person, if that's what Council wants. Taylor asked what the status is for the Community Garden is for this season? It's in need of clean up and there's been no activity this spring. Leslie will follow up with Beautification Committee members.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rezin Davis Hudkins IV, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor

