



Town of Nutter Fort Minutes Council Meeting – March 11, 2025 – 6:30pm

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Sam Maxson

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

Department Heads – PW Supervisor Taylor Keith, Police Chief Ronnie Godwin, EMS Supervisor Nathan Rohrbough

Guests – Mark Hays, Jennifer Robinson, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Curt Lamm, Mike Curran, Cynthia Lafferty, Walt Lanham, Valerie Ash, James Connor (Mon Power), Detective Hetherington

Minutes:

- Approval of minutes for 2/11/2025 Council Meeting - Meeting minutes for the 2/11/2025 Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after Karen Phillips moved to accept and with a second by Bryan Gonzalez.

Treasurer's Report:

- Working on budgets.
- FYE 2024 audits completed by Ferrari and Associates, with report to be completed in the next month **or** so.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

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

Unfinished Business:

- *None*

New Business:

- *Review-Discuss-Consider FY 2025/2026 Municipal Levy Estimate Budget Submission* – The Budget Submission was passed after unanimous vote upon the motion by Charlene Louk which was seconded by Karen Phillips.
- *Review-Discuss-Consider Budget Revision #2* – Budget Revision #2 was passed after unanimous vote upon the motion by Charlene Louk which was seconded by Karen Phillips.
- *Review-Discuss-Consider Recommendations from Traffic Advisory Committee 3/4/2025* – Discussion was held regarding the recommendations from the Traffic Advisory Committee. All members were present at the Traffic Advisory Board meeting, with the exception of Linda Griffith. Their recommendation was two speed bumps at Mother Goose Child Care Center at the 300 and 400 blocks of West Virginia Avenue. Additionally, it was recommended to reduce the speed limit to 15 mph throughout the town. PW Supervisor and Police Chief already took ensured the extra signage was present by “Norwood” park, as the Park Board had already supplied it. The ordinance for the speed limit change will be presented at next meeting. Public Works will proceed with the speed bumps mentioned, as suggested. Traffic Advisory Board Member Mr. Curran spoke on his dissenting view of the recommendation from the board.
- *Review-Discuss-Consider Public Comment Format* – Discussion was held that signing up for the public comment portion of the meetings has become a necessity. Any individual wishing to speak at a meeting under Public Comment will need to sign up the Thursday before the meeting, by contacting the office of the Town of Nutter Fort and there will be a set limit of time to for any speaker.
- *If Matters Arise: Enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to personnel matters, the sale, lease or purchase of real property, economic development issues to disclosing competitive issues, to confer*

with legal counsel regarding matters that which, if made public would be detrimental to the interest of the Town and for any other lawful purpose. – No Executive Session.

Committee Reports:

- Chief of Police Report:
 - None
- Fire Chief Report:
 - None
- EMS/Ambulance Report:
 - Several employees are in training. PW Merrill is going to med school soon and Paramedic John Gazzillo is obtaining his instructor certification to do all training in-house for when Paramedic Merrill starts school.
- Public Works Supervisor Report:
 - Clarification: Council previously requested that traffic be slowed down, which is why the existing speed bumps were installed.
 - The renovations are in progress for the Police Department.
 - There was an emergency line repair near K9 Heaven.
 - Record year for salt – 176 tons.
- Engineer Report (via verbal report form PW Supervisor):
 - AML project design in Bagwell Addition is 60% completed, with a projected start date of late August 2025.
 - June 2025 will mark the start of the Route 20/Chub Run project.
- Code Enforcement Report (via verbal report form PW Supervisor):
 - Old RG Honda building - Met with the owner to discuss leveling the lot where the building burnt. Discussed the unsafe structure and the owner wanted a quote for removal by the Town of Nutter Fort.
 - Working with Dr. Getz for the start of the new dentist office being built behind the Go Mart. Construction will be done by Underwood Builders.
 - Old Car Wash – Chicago Pizza pulled out of opening a pizza shop there and instead the car wash will eventually be opened up again.

Public Comment:

- None

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:17pm.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Sam Maxson, Mayor