



Town of Nutter Fort Council Meeting June 23, 2026 – 6:30pm

Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rezin Hudkins

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

Department Heads – Treasurer Leslie Cummings, Police Chief Adam Titchnell, Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix, PW Supervisor Travis Yost, PT Code Enforcement Officer Robert Leonard

Guests – Dennis Dutchess, Cynthia Lafferty, Kenneth Johnson, Jennifer Robinson, Mark Hays, Shirley Sheets, Kathy Powell, Sam Strickland, Rick Miller

Public Comment:

- Resident Dennis Dutchess had questions regarding ambulances services in another county. EMS Supervisor Nathan Rohrbough will be reaching out to him directly to address the questions.

Minutes:

- *Approval of minutes:* Minutes for the 6/9/2026 Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion was made by Sam Maxson to approve the minutes and seconded by Karen Phillips.

Department Reports:

- Treasurer's Report:
 - Assisting PD with civil service updates
- Chief of Police Report:
 - Working through an active officer shortage
 - Updating civil service rules to comply with state code
 - Physical Agility test will be 7/25/2026 at 9am at Robert C. Byrd High School, with the written examination being held at the Nutter Fort Fire Department at 1pm. Applicant packets due 7/22/2026 by 4pm.
- Fire Chief Report:
 - WV State Fire Marshal's Office finalized their five-year-valuation and the department achieved 100% compliance
- EMS/Ambulance Report:
 - None
- Public Works Supervisor Report:
 - Approximately 150 customers in Chub Run require tie-ins for the Chub Run sewer project, anticipated start is 2027. A list of recommended contractors will be compiled for the residents, who will be responsible for hiring and paying for said services.
 - A sewer line problem on Illinois Avenue that has been ongoing for a couple of years has been resolved.
- Engineering Report:
 - None
- Code Enforcement Report:
 - Door hangers were placed in various locations that had violations.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

- Accounts payable items were reviewed and discussed. Items were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Charlene Louk, seconded by Karen Phillips.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Consideration of Offer to Lease Oil and Gas Interests (Executive Session Anticipated)** - Executive Session necessary due to nature of agenda item. *Upon return to open session, Natalie Haddix moved to accept the revised oil and gas lease terms, with a second by Charlene Louk. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **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 disclose 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.
 - **Executive Session:** Due to the nature of agenda item a under Unfinished Business, pursuant to Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4 of the West Virginia Code, Natalie Haddix moved that Council adjourn into Executive Session to discuss matters.
 - This motion was seconded by Rick Lafferty, with the motion passing unanimously. Executive session was entered into at 6:47p.m.
 - Natalie Haddix moved to end the executive session and resume the regularly scheduled council meeting with a second Charlene Louk. Motion passed unanimously and executive session was terminated at 6:52p.m. and council chambers was reopened to the public.

New Business:

- a. **Consideration of iWorks proposal/quote** – Agenda item concerning Code Enforcement software tabled by unanimous vote after a motion was made by Natalie Haddix to table the item, upon recommendation of the mayor, and seconded by Charlene Louk.
- b. **Consideration of Regulations of the Police Civil Service Commission of the Town of Nutter Fort, WV – Updated June 2026** – Updates to bring regulations to current were brought before Council for approval. Motion to accept passed unanimously after a motion made by Charlene Louk, with a second by Sam Maxson.
- c. **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 disclose 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.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:57 p.m.

Natalie K. Haddix, Recorder

Rezin D. Hudkins, IV, Mayor