

Mayor –Robert M. Beall
Post 1 –Jason Wisniewski
Post 2 – Steve Holzman
Post 3 – David Lawrence
Post 4 – Stephen Arnold
Post 5 – Violet Dawe

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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
August 20, 2012

Council Present:

Mike Beall	Jason Wisniewski	
David Lawrence	Stephen Arnold	Violet Dawe

Visitors:

Ken Berry	Devin Berry	John MacKay
Eddie Tiller		

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Beall called the regular monthly council meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the agenda with an order change, and Council Member Lawrence made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the July, 2012 minutes with a correction, and Council Member Lawrence made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Beall presented the financial statement and account balances. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Dawe made the second. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Beall told council that the funds from the Georgia DOT had been deposited and had been added to "Streets" line item for Jefferson Road (the balance of the resurfacing work will come from SPLOST), and that \$10,000 had been transferred from the checking account's fund balance to the money market account. Council Member Dawe made the motion to approve, Council Member Lawrence made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Building Permit, BCI

Mayor Beall and Mr. Ken Berry shared information regarding the storage building built by BCI near the bridge. The small building will store only equipment (no paints or chemicals). A building permit application had been received, and Building Inspector Morgan Wheeler has met with Mr. Berry. Mr. Berry spoke to council about the history of the business, recent thefts, etc. and distributed information and photos regarding the measurements from the Highway 186 centerline and from the river. Mr. Berry stated that the building is 31' from the centerline of Highway 186, and 75' from the river. Mayor Beall read the emails from the town inspector, the county building inspector, and the town's attorney. Mr. Berry explained that paints, etc. are kept on the job site away from the building, that equipment is cleaned at the job site so there is no danger to the environment and that the building would be available for council inspections. Mayor Beall stated that the building could be approved as a temporary storage structure, with non-conformance noted, and that Mr. Berry would be responsible for working with other state or local agencies. Discussion followed. Council Member Dawe made the motion to table the matter until the next council meeting. Council Member Lawrence made the second, and the motion passed, with Council Member Arnold abstaining.

Item 2. Street Update

Council read the notes from the recent work session on prioritizing street repair, and set September 10 as another work session.

Mayor Beall reported on his meeting with Emil Beshara regarding Shadyfield Lane. The road needs gravel and ditch repair, but Mr. Beshara suggested checking over the property plats first for right of way information, etc. The school bus turn-around was also discussed. The county might be able to help improve this road in September or October.

Council also discussed the speed limit signs that Mr. Beshara has offered to help with and other road work that is being done.

Mayor Beall stated that the counter has been placed on Dickens Road and that the information on traffic should be available soon.

Item 3. Building Permit, Tiller

Council discussed a building permit application for a storage building that Mr. Tiller wanted to purchase. After looking at the plat and placement of the building, Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the application. Council Member Wisniewski made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 4. City Park Update

Council Member Lawrence mentioned that a park work day would be needed, possibly in October.

Mayor Beall asked council members to walk on the path and notice areas needing repair.

Item 5. Speed Monitor

Council Member Lawrence stated that the speed monitor is working and that it had been turned around to gather information on vehicle traffic going in the opposite direction.

Item 6. Zoning Update

Council Member Dawe gave an update on a recent work session and stated that there were several parcels that need to be corrected on the new zoning map. Discussion followed, and council set a work session for August 27 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the definitions, map, etc.

Item 7. Timber Permit

Council discussed the application by A. C. Capomacchia to cut timber on his property at 2320 Elder Road. After reviewing the application, map and bonding information, Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to approve the request. Council Member Lawrence made the second, and the motion passed with Council Member Dawe abstaining.

Item 8. NHS Fire Station

Mayor Beall discussed training items needed at the NHS Fire Station. After discussion, Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to donate \$2,000 for the NHS Fire Station. Council Member Lawrence made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 9. Office Tree Removal

Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the bid from Tops Tree Service for removing several trees from Town Hall property for \$1850. Council Member Lawrence made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 10. Audit

Mayor Beall presented the audit report from the firm of Hawkins and McNair. Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the auditor's report, with the correction of updating the Mayor's name, phone number and date. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Update:

1. Mayor Beall read the thank-you note from Mrs. Bonnie Vaughan, retired post mistress.
2. Mayor Beall told council about a tenant's request to use water at the park on a temporary basis, which council by email approved.

There was no other business or comments for the regular council meeting, and Council Member Holzman made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.



Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk