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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
December 17, 2012

Council Present:

Mike Beall	Jason Wisniewski	Stephen Arnold
David Lawrence	Steve Holzman	

Visitors:

Dave Evans	John MacKay	Stan Brown
Paul Dotterweich	Robin Dotterweich	

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Council Member Holzman made the motion to change the agenda order. Council Member Lawrence made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the November, 2012 council meeting minutes, and Council Member Arnold made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Beall presented the financial statement and account balances. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Wisniewski made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council also discussed the SPLOST account.

Item 1. Building Permit for Stan Brown

After discussion regarding Stan Brown's building application for a metal carport (location, base, etc.), Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to approve. Council Member Lawrence made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Greenway Plan

Citizen Dave Evans discussed the greenway path potential for North High Shoals. Discussion included how to incorporate the school, the park, and the subdivisions in the path plan, route ideas, needed easements, possible bridge, etc. It was mentioned that it might be possible to tie the walkway in to the nature area at Hickory Ridge Subdivision or the county-owned property on Ray's Church Road. Mr. Evans pointed out how the river and nature trail could be a teaching tool for High Shoals Elementary School students and other positive points. After information is gathered, NE Regional Commission, the Rails to Trails Program, and other agencies could possibly assist. Council Member Holzman volunteered to assist with computer mapping, and John MacKay also agreed to help with ideas. Council asked Mr. Evans to gather the information and develop a plan to be further discussed at the next month's meeting.

Item 3. Street Update

Mayor Beall and Council Member Holzman will work on finalizing the renumbering of several homes on Ray's Church Road.

Mayor Beall told council that the town had been awarded the Georgia DOT LMIG funds of \$5,896.40, which will be used on Dickens Lane.

Mayor Beall stated that the traffic calming speed hump ordered with SPLOST funds from Traffic Logix has arrived and is stored at Engineered Fabrication, Inc. (Horse Klein's business). Discussion followed regarding size (7 x 18 x 3"), weight (1200 pounds), installation, etc. Council Member Lawrence will search for a qualified installer.

Oconee County Commission Chairman Davis asked Mayor Beall if the town wanted to be included in the road striping bid and contract, and council agreed.

Other discussion included crack sealing of some roads, the radar speed monitor locations and data, etc.

Item 4. City Park

Council Member Lawrence stated the work is progressing on the volley-ball court for the park, and that the donor will bring \$3500 for phase 1. The work on the fitness trail will follow. The fitness trail exercise station installation will be labor intensive, and it was suggested that local contractors could possibly do this work for the town.

Mayor Beall stated that the solar-powered Christmas lights are on the cedar tree at the park.

Council discussed an updated form for park rules and reservations. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept this form, and Council Member Arnold made the second. Unanimous vote followed.

Item 5. Town Hall Roof

Estimates have been gathered for the roof repair, but the weather is rainy. Council Member Holzman made the motion to table this item until the January meeting. Council Member Lawrence made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 6. High Shoals Elementary School Request

Council Member Lawrence stated that he had contacted Deaton Electric about a price for installing electricity to the High Shoals Elementary School's greenhouse. The total was \$805 (\$560 for labor; \$245 for materials). Council discussed the educational opportunity for the students to grow plants to be used at the town park. Council Member Holzman made the motion that the funds be allocated for the school greenhouse, with the understanding that students would learn about plants and citizenship by donating some of the plants to the park. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote passed (with Council Member Lawrence abstaining due to his employment at the school).

Item 7. Hickory Ridge Subdivision Homeowner's Association

Council Member Arnold spoke on behalf of the Homeowners Association. Issues regarding road maintenance, drainage, moving the radar speed device to Elder Road, road signs, and home occupancy limits were discussed.

Item 8. Streetlight Discussion

Mayor Beall stated that he had noticed several areas of the town where a streetlight for safety purposes might be needed. Discussion followed regarding locations, contact with nearby residents, etc. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Item 9. Building Permit, Frazier Hill Road

Mr. and Mrs. Dotterweich remodeled a home on Frazier Hill Road. The permit process was not followed. The town's building inspector, Mr. Morgan Wheeler, has visited the home and has discussed the matter with the owner and with Mayor Beall. Because Mr. Wheeler could not do an adequate inspection at this point, he requested that the family get certification from a registered engineer. The Dotterweich family secured a letter from Mr. Stovall, an individual who conducts building inspections for the City of Watkinsville. The forms were completed, and council approved a conditional building permit, so that electricity could be connected to the home. Discussion followed. Mayor Beall stated that the family would still need to work with the town's inspector for the approval letter, the Certificate of Occupancy, etc., and the family agreed. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the building permit. Council Member Lawrence made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 10. Park Events

Council discussed the upcoming December 21 cookout and bonfire at the park.

John MacKay updated council on the plans for the 2013 Dog Day, scheduled for April 27, with a May 11 rain date.

Mr. MacKay also discussed his desire to purchase a tree for the park, and discussion followed on placement, varieties, etc.

Item 11. Hazard Mitigation Resolution

Mayor Beall told council of the resolution which would agree on emergency measures, if needed, between the city and the county. Council Member Holzman made the motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Wisniewski made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

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



Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk