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FINAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
October 15, 2012

Council Present:

Mike Beall	Jason Wisniewski	Stephen Arnold
David Lawrence	Steve Holzman	Violet Dawe

Visitors:

Jenny Youngblood	Michael Youngblood	Mike Youngblood
Joe Queen III	Deborah Tiller	Fred Johnson
Drew Camp	Karl Berg	Eddie Tiller

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, suggesting that the “Queen Property” discussion be moved to Item #1. Council Member Lawrence made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the September, 2012 council meeting minutes, and Council Member Holzman 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 Arnold made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Building Permit, Queen Property

Mr. Joe Queen addressed council regarding the 110-acre track of property on Jefferson Road that was purchased by his father many years ago. He told council that only family members will reside on the property and that his daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Michael Youngblood, want to build a home there soon. Discussion followed. The family said that they understood the code section concerning private drives and subdivisions and are willing to follow the necessary steps. There were now three property divisions on a private drive, and another would classify it as a subdivision. Discussion followed about the current property situation, a conservation landtrust near the river for wildlife, the long-term plans and property divisions, the dam, the entrance, covenants, etc. Emergency vehicle access was discussed, and there will be a 50’ radius fire truck turn-around. Mr. Queen told council that the small bridge has been inspected by a structural engineer and has passed county inspections. Council and Mr. Karl Berg (representative to the Planning Commission) advised the Queen family of the process, which could include a concept plan, a Planning Commission approval, and a council vote. Mayor Beall stated that a work session and a public hearing might be necessary to help the family through the process.

Item 2. Street Update

Council Member Holzman updated council regarding his research on the installation of the removable speed cushions used to slow traffic. Discussion followed regarding possible installers. Council Member Holzman will check with the county and others regarding installation.

Mayor Beall stated that he had talked with Oconee County personnel about Dickens Lane. He said that the county will assist with the resurfacing of Dickens Lane, and can add it to their resurfacing schedule for the spring of 2013. Council agreed. Mayor Beall and Emil Basher discussed using the \$5896.40 from the Georgia DOT LMIG funds for this work. Council Member Lawrence made the motion to pursue using LMIG funds for Dickens Lane. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote passed, with Council Member Dawe casting an opposing vote. When Mayor Beall receives an estimate from Mr. Basher, he will submit the application to DOT. Mayor Beall will also talk to Mr. Basher about gravel and ditch work for Speedway Road and Shadyfield Lane.

Council Member Dawe spoke to council about the Paradiso Falls Subdivision, which was approved in the 1960's, but which was never completed and is for the most part combined in the conservation program. She stated that only Shadyfield Lane was paved, and the other platted roads were never constructed. She suggested that the town officially abandon the unpaved section of Shadyfield Lane, and well as the other planned, but nonexistent, Paradiso Falls subdivision roads. Council discussed the map of the proposed subdivision and will gather more information.

Item 3. City Park

Council Member Lawrence talked about the park work session and his discussions with a financial donor who is interested in park improvements. Discussion followed, and included the suggestion of a future volleyball court. Council set a work day for November 10 from 9:00-noon.

Council Member Lawrence read two messages he had received which asked for use of the ballfield. Discussion followed, and Council Member Lawrence will contact the two coaches and discuss council concerns.

Item 4. Zoning Update

Council Member Dawe said that there had been progress on the map, but there was still some things to correct.

Item 5. Recycling Day

An Electronics Recycling Day is being planned for December 8. Residents can bring electronic items, and these items will be taken to the county's recycling facility.

Mayor's Update:

- Mayor Beall reminded everyone about the early voting period.
- Mayor Beall stated that the October 25 meeting at the post office will concern post office hours.
- There will be a community fall activity sponsored by the High Shoals Christian Church on October 20 at 4:00.
- He also stated that Ms. Thelma Lovern had passed away, and council signed a card to be sent to her husband.
- He also reminded council about the Watkinsville Christmas Parade on December 1. Council agreed to participate.

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