

Mayor –Toby P. Bradberry
Post 1 –Eric Carlson
Post 2 – Jason Presley
Post 3 – Ann Evans
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich
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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 2016

Council Present: Mayor Toby P. Bradberry Eric Carlson
Paul Dotterweich Jason Presley Violet Dawe

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to accept the agenda. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bradberry then presented the draft minutes and financial statements. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to accept the October minutes of the regular council meeting, and Council Member Carlson made the second. The motion passed unanimously, with the abstention of Council Member Dawe, who was absent. Council Member Carlson made the motion to accept the financial statement. Council Member Presley made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 1. Street Update

Drainage:

Mayor Bradberry discussed the drainage problems on city streets, including Jefferson and Shadyfield. Council discussed the responsibilities of the town regarding streets, drainage, and issues in the town’s right-of-way. Mayor Bradberry spoke regarding the town’s liabilities and stated that work (even regarding drainage) on private property might set a precedent for other homeowners.

Council discussed the removal of trees in the right of way that have created maintenance issues with trimming, and that might damage cars, and that could be contributing to the drainage issues during heavy rains. Council Members Carlson, Dawe and Dotterweich voiced the recommendation to contact the current homeowner and proceed with the tree removal from the right of way to help with drainage and street outcropping. Possible ditch repair could be done at the same time. Council also discussed driveway and ditch pipes, the needs and possible replacement and maintenance for rainwater drainage control.

Council discussed a separate street drainage issue and Mayor Bradberry stated that the driveway pipe is too small and possibly should be replaced. Mayor Bradberry stated that he would ask the homeowner if he would be willing to purchase the pipe if the town installed it.

A third drainage issue has been reported on Shadyfield Lane. Mayor Bradberry explained that “this road is, for all intents and purposes, a private drive” after the pavement ends. Discussion followed about abandoning this section of Shadyfield.. Gravel has been requested by a homeowner, and council seemed agreeable to this.

Mayor Bradberry will discuss these issues with the town's attorney.

Speed:

Mayor Bradberry stated that a homeowner on Dickens Lane had complained about the speed of vehicles on that road. He has not heard from him since the town has been employing off-duty deputies to monitor the speed for the town, but will see if it is still a problem, and if so, a speed hump might be needed.

Item 2. LMIG Grant

Council discussed the town's needs for the Ga. Department of Transportation's LMIG Grant. The town is eligible to receive approximately 70% of a street project, up to about \$8000 (with a 30% match from the town). A priority list will be made and discussed. Along with the above drainage issues, the subdivisions were mentioned, a guardrail on Ray's Church Road, and a drainage problem at Ray's Church Road and Hillsboro Road. This will be decided at the next meeting, estimates will be sought, and the form submitted to DOT by December 31.

Item 3. Park Update

Park needs were discussed, and Council set December 10 (9-12:00) as a park work day.

Item 3. Town Hall

Council looked again at the plans for the Town Hall, and will contact the architect to make an update and proceed.

Item 5. Christmas Parade

Former Council Member David Lawrence will drive his truck for the town's entry in the Watkinsville Christmas Parade on December 3. Discussion followed.

Item 6. Upper Oconee Watershed

Mr. Mike McLaughlin is working with Ga. Dept. of Natural Resources in mapping the Upper Oconee watershed and updating flood risks and has invited input. More information will be sought.

Item 7. Proclamation

Former Council Member John MacKay was issued a proclamation for his service when he resigned from the council to relocate to Florida. The proclamation was destroyed in a house fire, and they wanted a replacement. Council Member Dawe made the motion to replace the proclamation issued to Mr. MacKay, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous and the proclamation was signed.

There was no other business, and Council Member Dawe made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk