

Mayor –Toby P. Bradberry
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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 APRIL 18, 2017

Council Present: Mayor Toby P. Bradberry Eric Carlson Ann Evans
Jason Presley Violet Dawe

Visitors: James Tucker Trey and Margo Candelario

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Council Member Evans made the motion to rearrange the order to accommodate a visitor, and Council Member Presley made the second. The motion to rearrange the agenda passed unanimously. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the agenda, and Council Member Presley made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bradberry then presented the draft minutes and financial statements. Council Member Carlson made the motion to accept the minutes with one minor edit. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Council Member Evans, due to absence at the last meeting

Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Dawe made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 1. Possible Rezone Discussion

Mr. James Tucker stated that he was involved in real estate, and is considering the purchase of approximately one acre of property on Highway 186 adjacent to the High Shoals Elementary School. He is interested in selling the property for a possible day care center. The steps for rezoning to B1 were explained to him. He would need to get permission from the Ga. Department of Transportation to use this drive as business – and possibly a deceleration lane will be needed. He will need to get in touch with the proper state agency that regulates day care centers. Signs will need to be posted a month in advance of the public hearings to be held at the Oconee County Planning Office, as well as for the High Shoals council meeting (which will be after the Planning Commission meeting) and the council will make the final determination. The rezoning, if accomplished, would be specific as to the uses for the property. Other topics discussed included: appearance/condition of the double wide, landscaping, parking (possibly in back of the building), fencing, cameras, number of children expected, safety, septic system, hours, speed limit during and after school hours, and ordinance restrictions. No action was taken because this was only a discussion about the possibility.

Item 2. Street Update

Mayor Bradberry discussed the recent rains and how the town's drainage system is working. He mentioned that the ditch on Highway 186 (at Frazier Hill Road) is clogged, and we will contact the Ga. Department of Transportation. Garrett Paving will also be contacted about the ditch on Jefferson Road. In addition, Council Member Evans pointed out that there is a place on Gober Road that filled with water during the heavy rains. Council Member Dawe stated that the leaves need to be removed again from the ditches.

Item 3. Park Update

Mayor Bradberry stated that the High Shoals Elementary School will host an event at the park on Friday to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. He invited all to attend.

The High Shoals Christian Church recently sponsored the Easter egg hunt for the community.

Mayor Bradberry stated that he had burned some brush and that he thought a fire pit at the park might be a good idea.

Council also discussed the installation of the new piece of playground equipment and perhaps a ribbon cutting ceremony for that and the fittrail. The council is considering May 6 or May 7. Council discussed signage and refreshments.

Item 4. Town Hall Update

Mayor Bradberry stated that he had received five pages of material from Engineer Mark Campbell about the placement of the new Town Hall at the park. Discussion included parking/paving material, lighting, etc.

Item 5. Update of Gun Ordinance

Mayor Bradberry asked if council thought this was needed. Council discussed examples of gun ordinances sent to them by the attorney. Council will mark on these some of the desired items and discuss updating this at the next meeting.

Item 6. Business License Application

Council discussed the business license application submitted by Margo Candelario. The business is for "Young Female Farmers Mobile Produce," and the goal is to sell fruits and vegetables from a mobile unit. After discussion about the location, products, etc., Council Member Evans made the motion to accept this business license application, and Council Member Dawe made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council will discuss an ordinance addressing park use.

FY 2018 Budget Public Discussion

Mayor Bradberry began the public discussion on the budget by looking again at this month's financial statement with budgets and balances. Discussion centered on the anticipated new expenditures that will be necessary for the new Town Hall, and he reminded council that SPLOST funds can't be used for furnishings, utilities, maintenance, etc. Council discussed normal expenses before this fiscal year ends, and line items that might need attention. Mayor Bradberry will draft the Mayor's recommended budget from the comments and have it ready for public inspection by May 1. The May council meeting will include the public hearing, and the June council meeting will include the possible adoption.

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

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk