

Mayor –Toby P. Bradberry
Post 1 –Eric Carlson
Post 2 – Jason Presley
Post 3 – Ann Evans
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich
Post 5 – Violet Dawe

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DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2017

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

Visitors: Chad Wainwright David Riddle

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Council Member Dawe made the motion to re-order the agenda (to allow for immediate discussion of the new town hall first) and accept the agenda. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bradberry then presented the draft minutes and financial statements. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the December minutes of the regular council meeting, and Council Member Presley made the second. The vote was unanimous, with Council Member Carlson, who was absent from the December meeting, abstaining. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the financial statement. Council Member Carlson made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Citizen Chad Wainwright discussed the issue of speeding traffic on Rays Church Road. Discussion followed about methods to calm the traffic. As a result, the off-duty deputies hired by the town for extra patrols will be asked to focus more on Rays Church Road, and additional signage may be installed.

Item 1. Town Hall

Council looked again at the plans for the Town Hall, and advised the architect to proceed with the next step. Engineer Mark Campbell will be contacted to adjust the site plan, and then possibly the bid process can begin soon. Council also discussed the solar energy panels, and decided to wait a while to see how much energy the new building will use (which will affect the number of solar panels necessary) and where the panels can receive the most benefit from the sun. Mr. Riddle stated that he would need to have more information so that space and equipment can be dedicated to this project. Mr. Riddle stated that it might be two to three months before the project is ready to be sent out for bid. After discussion, Council Member Dotterweich made the motion that this plan would be the final floor plan for the Town Hall Building. Council Member Evans made the second. The vote passed 4/1 (Council Member Dawe abstaining). Mr. Riddle will attend the March meeting to present a progress report.

Item 2. Street Update

Drainage:

Mayor Bradberry stated that the town should receive LMIG grant money from the Department of Transportation that will help finance the drainage solutions on city streets. He stated that trees that might have been contributing to the drainage issues have been cut and removed. Council discussed the estimate from Garrett Paving as far as actual work, but felt that leaves should be removed first. Local business Curbside will be contacted to give an estimate on removing the leaves from the ditches. Council Member Dawe suggested that this might need to be done annually on Frazier Hill, Plantation, Jefferson and Hillsboro roads. It was mentioned that citizen Fred Johnson has volunteered to dispose of any leaves that fellow citizens are willing to rake and bag. Oconee County will be contacted concerning flooding/drainage issues at the intersection of Rays Church Road and Hillsboro Road.

In answer to a question from Mayor Bradberry, it was revealed that several loads of gravel had been delivered to the lower portion of Shadyfield Lane to ameliorate the issue of that part of the street “washing out”.

Item3. Park Update

Play equipment for the park was discussed. Council Member Dawe told council that she had seen a piece of equipment at a park in Athens that she wanted to recommend, and she made the motion that council purchase the Apollo Spinner piece with the rubber mat using SPLOST funds. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 4. Appointments

Council discussed numerous yearly appointments and voted on the following:

- Council Member Evans made the motion to retain Joe Reitman as town attorney, and Council Member Presley made the second. Motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Evans made the motion to retain the town’s Code of Conduct, and to change the council meeting in November to be the second, rather than the third, Monday. Council Member Carlson made the second. The vote was unanimous.
- Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to retain Karl Berg as the town’s representative to the Oconee County Planning Commission. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.
- Council Member Evans made the motion to appoint Council Member Paul Dotterweich as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Presley made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Evans made the motion to appoint Council Member Jason Presley as Presiding Officer to serve in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Evans made the motion to retain Carolyn Pritchett as city clerk, qualifying officer, and treasurer. Council Member Carlson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

-Council Member Evans made the motion to retain Morgan Wheeler as Building Inspector. Council Member Eric Carlson made the second and the vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Dawe made the motion that the town be referred to as "Town of North High Shoals," rather than "City of North High Shoals" both in speech and in all written communication. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 5. SPLOST Account

After reviewing the 2009 and the 2015 SPLOST referendums, the balances, and the expenditures, Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the report, along with an advertisement to be placed (by law) in the local newspaper. Council Member Carlson made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 6. Possible Land Acquisition

Council Member Dawe advised that property near the park has become available and should be considered. The asking price as \$48,000 for one acre. There was not a motion.

Council Member Dawe stepped down as council member and addressed the council as a citizen about another parcel of property near the park. The property is her farm, approximately 40 acres, near the park. The property contains open land, wooded property, and water. She stated that it would be a great future addition to the park, and that she is willing to finance for monthly payments for the property (possibly \$12000/acre). There was not a motion.

Item 7. Mayor's Update

-Mayor Bradberry advised on a meeting concerning water that is scheduled for this Wednesday morning at Veterans Park.

-Mayor Bradberry discussed the upcoming Joint Comprehensive Plan.

-Council discussed the fact that fire water hydrants might need to be flushed and cleaned.

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

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk