

Council:

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Post 1 – Eric Carlson
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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2018

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

Visitors: Mark Campbell David Riddle Steve Archie
 Stephen Phillips Robert Phillips Terry Reagin

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

He declared a quorum and then directed council to the agenda. Council Member Evans made the motion to adjust the agenda, moving the visitors to the top of the regular agenda. Council member Carlson made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the draft minutes of the regular January council meeting with an edit. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous. Council Member Carlson made the motion to accept the draft minutes of the February 5 called meeting, and Council Member Dawe made the second. The vote to accept these minutes was unanimous, with the abstention of Council Member Dotterweich, who was not able to attend

Council Member Carlson made the motion to accept the financial statement of the checking account and year-end statement of the SPLOST accounts. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous. Council agreed to adjust the budget at the March meeting, making the Christmas light allocation a separate line item.

Item 1. Occupational Tax Certificates

Mr. Terry Reagin requested a business license for Reagin Pest Solutions. The home-based business will be small (only one service vehicle and one operator) and will be located at 202 Plantation Road. Mr. Reagin is licensed by the state and is relocating to this area from South Georgia. After discussion, Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to grant this business license, and Council Member Presley made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephen Archie (1020 Lakeside Court) discussed his home-based business request, Watkinsville Road Runners Errand Service, LLC. He stated that he felt there was a need for this type of service, and that he will be the only employee. He stated that there would be no traffic in the subdivision, as he would be going out to the customers. After discussion, Council Member Evans made the motion to approve the request for Watkinsville Road Runners Errand Service, and Council Member Dawe made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 2. Boy Scout Eagle Project Request

Mr. Stephen Phillips is seeking a park project to do for the town. Mr. Phillips stated that he has considered a couple of park projects and requested that one council member be a project contact. Ideas have included trail work and signage, a small bridge along the trail, and a fire pit. He stated that he hopes to have the project completed by the end of the summer. Council Member Dawe volunteered to serve as the project contact, and council agreed. A meeting at the park will be set up soon.

Item 3. New Town Hall

Mr. Mark Campbell stated that eight RFP's had been submitted and opened. This was the purpose of the called February 5 meeting. The RFP's have been evaluated. Discussion followed, and Council chose to seek additional information from 5 of the 8 companies. Mr. Campbell will solicit this new information. Council Member Dawe made the motion to schedule a called meeting for March 5 at 7:00 to discuss the new information. Council Member Carlson made the second, and the vote passed unanimously. Mayor Bradberry will issue the call and the newspaper will be notified and notices posted.

Item 4. Street Update

--The town has received the LMIG grant check from the Georgia DOT for assistance in resurfacing Frazier Hill Road, and Garrett Paving will be notified to schedule the work.

--The intersection of Hillsboro Road and Ray's Church Road was discussed, along with a note and map from Emil Beshara about the possibility of making the turn from Hillsboro onto Ray's Church Road more defined. Council Member Dawe stated that she would like the town to schedule this work with the Oconee County Public Works Department, and Council Member Dotterweich made the motion that the town move forward with the contact and the project, making the turn more of a t-shape. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous. Another idea discussed was making this intersection a three-way stop.

--Increased traffic on Gober Road has created a danger for the Shadyfield Lane intersection. Discussion followed, and Council Member Dawe suggested a flashing sign with the speed limit and intersection warning. Mayor Bradberry will contact the Road Department about this possibility.

Item 5. Park Update

--Mayor Bradberry stated that the baseball field will soon be reserved and is in need of some maintenance. The coaches using the field will be asked for suggestions. Discussion followed.

--Council was advised that the Tony Serrano bike ride has been scheduled for April 7.

Item 6. Bridge Update

Because the bridge over the Appalachian River at High Shoals is the gateway into the town (and actually Oconee County, Walton County and Barrow County), it is hoped that the design chosen by the Georgia Department of Transportation can be somewhat more attractive than that of the current concrete bridge. It was suggested to contact our state representative for assistance or advice.

Item 7 Landscape, Current Town Hall

Council Member Dawe had previously asked Ms. Hillary Thompson for her recommendations in planting the sloped bank behind the current town hall to provide beauty and to prevent erosion. A list of possible native plants was given to council. Council Member Evans stated that there might be a possible grant for this type of project. Ms. Thompson will also be asked about the Bermuda grass variety she suggested for the park's volleyball area. No decisions were made.

Item 8. Current Town Hall

- The recent work on the basement was discussed. The work is almost complete, except for windows and door.
- Council agreed to spend \$525 for gutter installation. This estimate was solicited by Council Member Dotterweich, and he will contact the company, Campbell Gutter Co, and manage the project.

Mayor's Update

- Council was reminded about the personal financial disclosure statements that are due.
- Mayor Bradberry read a thank you note from Ms. Nan DeColaines.

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

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk