

Council:

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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TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2018

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

Visitors: Mark Campbell

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

Mayor Bradberry conducted the swearing-in ceremony for council members Amy Evans (post 3), Paul Dotterweich (post 4), and Violet Dawe (post 5).

He declared a quorum and then directed council to the agenda. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to reorder the agenda, moving the discussion about the new Town Hall more to the beginning of the meeting. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to accept the amended agenda, and Council Member Carlson made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the draft minutes of the regular December council meeting. Council Member Carlson made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Council Member Evans 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.

Item 1. New Town Hall

Mr. Mark Campbell stated that RFP's had been sent out to 19 contractors. Several topics were discussed, including the steps toward the bid process. Plans for the new Town Hall are progressing. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to have a called meeting on February 5 at 7:00 to open and evaluate the RFP's. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 2. Street Update

--The town has received the LMIG grant check from the Georgia DOT. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the bid from Garrett Paving for the resurfacing of Frazier Hill Road. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the motion passed unanimously. This work

will begin in the spring, giving time to ask the homeowners of Frazier Hill Road if they want to separately have Garrett Paving work on their individual driveways.

--Speeding issues on Rays Church Road were discussed, along with a note from Emil Basher about ideas regarding slowing the traffic on Rays Church Road from Hillsboro Road. It was suggested that the intersection should be sharper (T-shaped), rather than a gradual fork. Mayor Bradberry will contact Mr. Basher about getting this started.

--Gober Road's recent land sale could create more traffic coming into the town from Gober Road. Increased traffic could present a traffic hazard for those residents exiting from Shadyfield Lane onto Gober Road, due to a hill that lessens visibility. Council discussed installing a large reflection mirror to help with the problem, more signage, etc.

Item 3. Park Update

-Council Member Carlson worked in the park removing limbs, etc. Council discussed using this brush for a fun bonfire for the town, either in the fall or at groundbreaking.

-gravel has been delivered into the park's driveway

Item 4. North High Shoals Birthday

Mayor Bradberry presented a short history of the town, and stated that 2018 would be the 50th anniversary of the signing of the town's new charter. Mayor Bradberry suggested a town activity to celebrate the town's rebirth, possibly combining this activity with the open house of the new Town Hall. All agreed.

Item 5. Current Town Hall Basement

Council discussed the needs of the basement of the current historic Town Hall and different options. They discussed the quote from Mr. Queen, as well as the quote for new windows. This space can be used for storage, but has suffered moisture problems. Discussion followed. Council Member Dotterweich will meet with Mr. Queen about the project. Council Member Dawe made the motion to have repairs done to the basement at a cost up to \$5,000. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 6. Oil Painting

After discussion, Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the proposal for an oil painting of the current town hall to be placed in the new town hall. The painting will be done by local artist James Porter. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 7. Planning Commission Representative

Mayor Bradberry stated that the position of representative to the Oconee County Planning Commission has not been filled. Mr. Stephen Arnold will be unable to accept.

Item 8. Appointments for 2018

*Mayor Pro Tem and Presiding Officer. Council Member Dawe made the motion to appoint Council Member Evans to the post of Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Dotterweich made the second and the vote was unanimous. Council Member Dawe made the motion to appoint Council Member Carlson to the position of Presiding Officer, and Council Member Evans made the second. The vote was unanimous.

*Council Member Dawe made the motion to appoint Carolyn Pritchett as City Clerk/Treasurer and Qualifying Clerk. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

*Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the Code of Conduct and the Meeting Schedule. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

*Council Member Presley made the motion to appoint Joe Reitman as the town's attorney. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

*Council Member Evans made the motion to appoint Morgan Wheeler as the town's Building Inspector. Council Member Carlson made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Updates:

Discussions:

*note from council to Mrs. Nan DeColaines on the death of her husband.

*dog control in residential areas

*survey of the Congregational Holiness Church to be used as a home.

*survey work being done by the Ga. DOT regarding bridge replacement.

*computer equipment recently purchased by the town by Council Member Presely; software purchase or subscription.

*It has been requested by the City of Stockbridge that the Town of North High Shoals sign a Resolution of Support regarding the legislation to allow de-annexation. Council Member Dawe made the motion that the town approve this resolution of support for the City of Stockbridge. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk