

Council:

Mayor – Toby P. Bradberry
Post 1 – Eric Carlson
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Post 3 – Ann Evans
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich
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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2018

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

Visitors: Stephen Phillips Robert Phillips Rodney Ellerbee
Rob Fine Arden Bakarich Laurel Ozier Gerd Schroth

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order, welcomed all and declared a quorum. He directed council to the agenda. Council Member Evans made the motion to modify the order of the agenda, allowing the visitors to be heard first. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the motion passed unanimously. Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the agenda. Council Member Presley made the second and the vote was unanimous. Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Council Member Presley made the second, and the motion passed 2/0, with Council Members Dotterweich and Evans abstaining due to meeting absence.

Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the financial report of June 30 for the FY 2018. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous. Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the financial statement for July, 2018. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Boy Scout Project

Mr. Stephen Phillips updated council on the Boy Scout work on the trails at the park. He also presented maps of trails and elevations at the park. The group has been very helpful in cleaning, clearing, marking and mapping the park trails. Mayor Bradberry signed the papers relating to this Eagle project completion.

Item 2. Foster Care Information

Ms. Arden Bakarich with Athens Oconee Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), spoke to council about the need to recruit citizens to assist in fostering children. She spoke of the increase in the number of children needing placement. Discussion followed.

Item 3. Business License

Mr. Rob Fine completed the application for a business license for his building construction company, Boulder Creek Enterprises, LLC, and he gave a history of his company. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the business license application, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous, and Mayor Bradberry signed the license.

Item 4. Solar Energy Discussion

Mr. Gerd Schroth (Solar Sun World in Madison, Georgia) shared information concerning solar energy. He presented literature explaining the different types of panels, location variables, voltage and savings, efficiency, cost, etc. Project Manager Ellerbee discussed the meeting they had at the new town hall location and they detailed the benefits of installing the panels on the hill behind the building. Discussion followed.

Item 5. Street Update

Mayor Bradberry told council about work that has been done concerning the speed humps and Speedway Lane, about the work that needed to be done concerning drainage issues on Plantation Street, and the schedule of the Oconee County Public Works Department. Project Manager Ellerbee will look at these drainage areas and get prices on repair.

Item 6. Park Update

Council Member Dawe stated that the wisteria will need to be cleared from the fittrail path, and Mayor Bradberry suggested a work day to address this and the overhanging limbs on the paved trail. Mr. Fine volunteered to do some trim work, and Mayor Bradberry will cut the wisteria. Discussion followed.

Item 7. New Town Hall

Some concerns were brought up about the facility construction, including:

- a. Drainage issues – Mr. Ellerbee discussed the retaining wall (linear footage, materials, construction, etc.) and stated that he would gather estimates.
- b. Mayor Bradberry has met with Athens Microcomputers regarding technical needs of the building.
- c. Builder's Risk Insurance to protect the building while under construction.
- d. The decking, etc.
- e. The parking area (Peachtree Construction will bring in gravel).
- f. Ideas for the open house when building is completed.

Item 8. Planning Commission

Mayor Bradberry stated that Mr. Steven Strickland would be interested in serving as the town's representative on the Planning Commission. Discussion followed.

Item 9. Joint Comprehensive Plan Resolution

Mayor Bradberry read the resolution of the town's acceptance of the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Council agreed, and it was signed.

Item 10. Investments

Council discussed current interest rates in different banking institutions. No action was taken.

Item 11. LMIG; DOT

Mayor Bradberry talked about a draft of a letter to Ga. DOT requesting that the new bridge will visually appealing as well as functional, and that a bike/pedestrian area be included. Council also discussed possible projects for this year's LMIG application.

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