

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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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2018

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

Visitors: Robin Dotterweich Tim and Lisa Jackson

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order, welcomed all and declared a quorum. He directed council to the agenda. Council Member Dawe made the motion to modify the order of the agenda, allowing the business of the visitors (land swap between Lisa Jackson and the Congregational Holiness Church) to be moved to the top of the regular agenda. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the modified May agenda, and Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET. Mayor Bradberry shared copies of the recommended budget for July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019. Discussion followed. Mayor Bradberry will make a few revisions, and the proposed budget will be published in the newspaper and discussed again at the June council meeting before the vote.

Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to accept the draft minutes of the regular April meeting. Council Member Evans made the second, and the motion passed, with Council Member Dawe abstaining due to her absence at the meeting.

Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Dawe made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Proposed Land Swap

Council discussed the possible sale of the Congregational Holiness Church. It was found that part of the driveway being used for the church property belonged to resident Lisa Jackson. A possible land swap is being discussed, and Mrs. Jackson has requested (on behalf of her financial institution) a letter from council stating that the city has no objection to this suggestion. Council discussed the current plats and the land swap plans. Council agreed that they had no objection about this possible solution, provided that the finalized plats are filed with the appropriate offices of Oconee County, and that a certified copy be given to the town for files. After discussion, Council Member Evans made the motion to supply the appropriate paperwork to Mrs. Jackson with no objections. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 2. Street Update

-Mayor Bradberry stated that he had corresponded with Emil Beshara regarding the town's plans for the intersection of Hillsboro Road and Ray's Church Road. Mayor Bradberry reported that the county is very busy at the new school, and that it is hoped that work can begin at this intersection in June or July.

-Mayor Bradberry stated that the signs have been received which will temporarily make Speedway Lane a one-way street (as was approved by council), hopefully providing overflow parking for the park visitors while construction crews are working on the new Town Hall

-The painting of the pedestrian crossing and sign installation should be accomplished soon, with the addition of maintenance work on speed humps.

Item 5. Park Update

-Council discussed the maintenance of the ball field, specifically the dug out area.

-Council discussed landscaping for the new Town Hall. Mayor Bradberry asked Council Member Dawe if the Watkinsville Garden Club would consider assisting the town with the park and town hall landscaping, and she will check on this. Council Member Dawe spoke of her desire to include the daffodils from the old homeplace at the park and native plants, shrubs and trees.

Item 4. Town Hall Update

--Council discussed the progress at the site of the new Town Hall.

--Mayor Bradberry suggested that council continue to consider hiring someone to serve as project manager of the new Town Hall construction. Council agreed.

--He stated that the signs have been received marking the construction area and the park area, as well as the Splost sign.

--Mayor Bradberry stated that he will be meeting with a technician from Athens Microcomputers to discuss technical items for the new Town Hall, including locks, security, projection and computer equipment, etc. Discussion followed.

--Council discussed the new town Hall, including: 1) that the solar power preparations (voted on by council) should not be neglected by the builder; 2) a lighted sign near the street would be nice; 3) a light for the pavilion and flagpole might be considered.

-Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to order new windows for the current town hall's basement area. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Update

--Mayor Bradberry asked Council Member Dawe to report to council about a meeting she had attended in Walton County concerning water extraction from the Apalachee River for the new reservoir and about the proposed intake facility location. She told about the meeting, and the points brought up about the water, the request by the citizens to have a new study done, etc., but also stated that it appears that nothing definite had been decided.

--Mayor Bradberry stated that the sale of vegetables by a resident at the park will not be possible during the construction. Council discussed other possibilities.

--Council discussed the request by a resident for a speed hump on Ray's Church Road.

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

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk