

Mayor Bradberry stated that council is invited to attend the Eagle Scout Honor program, scheduled for October 28 at 1:30 at the park.

Item 4. Town Hall Update

Council Member Dotterweich wanted to read publicly an email that he had sent to council, and that he desired to have as a part of the minutes. The email message centers on changes to the town hall building, and has been attached to these minutes.

Since the project manager, Rodney Ellerbee, resigned, the clerk and Council Member Dawe have been trying to provide an occasional presence at the site, so Mayor Bradberry asked the clerk to share an update.

The clerk discussed a meeting held at the new town hall building in August that was attended by Council Members Dotterweich and Dawe, the clerk, Mayor Bradberry, the builder, the architect, the building inspector and the engineer. Topics discussed at that meeting included additional hvac vents, receptacles, water fountain, and natural light for the bathroom and near the back door.

Changes agreed upon during this meeting include: adding a window to each bathroom; adding a window by the employee entrance; and adding addition outlets and hvac vents in the entry air lock and the clerk's office. The clerk stated that an additional change that was made without the entire group present – which was made after this meeting, but prior to the following council meeting - was to add two windows to the kitchen.

During this meeting, it was brought to the attention of the group that the bathroom located at the front right of the building, which should have been situated on a lower level than the rest of the building, had been installed at the same level. This led attendees to ask the engineer to offer one or more new options for orienting the parking lot to reflect this new factor vis-à-vis handicap parking.

Regarding the flooring, Council Member Dawe made the motion to use the Cottage Oak vinyl flooring. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Other topics included: kitchen equipment, flooring for kitchen/bath/supply, cabinetry, counter tops, retaining wall, etc. Council agreed that the commercial dishwasher is not required, and council members will investigate other equipment options.

Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to offer Lee Moody the position of Project Manager, and Council Member Evans made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 5. Building Permit

Council voted to approve a building permit application for Frances Arnold at 1081 Arborwood Ridge. Council Member Dawe made the motion to approve the permit, and Council Member Carlson made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 6. LMIG funds

Council received information concerning this year's LMIG grant. Council discussed work for Speedway Road, town drainage issues, and a proposed traffic island for Hillsboro Road close to the park. This will be discussed further.

Item 7. Highway 186 Bridge

Mayor Bradberry shared a letter he had recently sent to legislators and the Department of Transportation regarding the upcoming work on the bridge. The letter is asking for consideration of the appearance of the bridge, as well as pedestrian/bike lanes on newly resurfaced parts of 186 and the new bridge. He also shared a letter of support from a local bike group.

Item 8. Community Partnership

Mayor Bradberry discussed a conference call he had been involved in with Mr. Michael Burns of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) to address concerns for the town. He requested some assistance with finding grant money for the solar energy, student assistance with history projects (history of the town, and list of all mayors and council members), highway 186 concerns, etc.

This program helps pair up communities with local colleges.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Bradberry mentioned several upcoming dates and events to council members.

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.

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Hello Mayor and Council Members,

After speaking with Tom, the builder, and looking over the progress of the town hall's construction this week, I am very concerned about the changes that have been made recently without the council's approval. Windows are being added that the architect did not include or sign off on. When I asked the architect David Riddle yesterday about the effects of new additions to the plans, he stated that these kind of changes during the progress of the building are essentially giving the builder a "blank check" to the builder and will cost the town and its citizens more money.

Any change orders that are suggested after the bid approval need to be voted on and approved by the Council. We, the current council and mayor, as well as the former representatives of North High Shoals, have spent many hours over thirty months of democratic delegation to develop and vote on the blue prints of this building. It is imperative the plans do not change unless we all know about the suggestions, consult the architect, and decide on them to make sure the construction is structurally and financially sound.

There is also a misunderstanding of what the builder believes to be the amount of money allotted for specific areas, which will affect the quality of materials used and concerns me. For example, he thought one of the notes on the plans for \$2500 to be the total cost for the entire kitchen space; that \$2500 was only designated for the 22-foot wall of cabinets near the grand hall room.

We've come quite a long way, and it is amazing the progress to see this town hall be raised. We need to be vigilant on following through with our approved plan and discuss these issues and others as they occur in this ongoing major project that will benefit our community. If there are additional concerns or questions, we should definitely discuss them Monday.

See you Monday evening,

Paul