

Mayor –Robert M. Beall
Post 1 –Jason Wisniewski
Post 2 – Steve Holzman
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
April 20, 2015

Council Present:

Mike Beall	Paul Dotterweich
Steve Holzman	Ann Evans

Visitors:

David Riddle	Rachel Holzman	Matthew Barrick
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Mayor Beall called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Council Member Holzman made the motion to modify the agenda order and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the March, 2015 minutes, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Holzman made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Inquiry about Storage Containers on Gober Road

Mr. Matthew Barrick discussed utilizing one or two storage containers on a Gober Road lot which belonged to his mother. He stated that the containers are necessary for storing tools, equipment and other items, that it will be located close to the existing building for electricity and loading/unloading, etc. The shipping containers are movable, but Mr. Barrick stated that the containers will probably be permanent fixtures. Discussion included property lines, neighbor approval, placement, size, foundation, etc. Mayor Beall told Mr. Barrick that the town's building inspector has stressed that these can never be occupied and that they should be properly installed and tied down. There may be an inspection of the storage unit by the building inspector, Mr. Wheeler. Council Member Holzman stated that the number of units should not exceed two. Mr. Barrick agreed to this and agreed to discuss the containers with his neighbor. Council jointly gave permission.

Item 2. Business License – Nancy's Knitting and Sewing

Mrs. Nancy Shotick submitted an application for a home-based business license. She told council about the need for 'weighted blankets' for children with autism, and she showed one to council. She was given a copy of the code. After discussion, Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the application, and Council Member Evans made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 3. Town Hall Discussion

Architect David Riddle shared with council some changes he had made in drawing the new Town Hall. Discussion included foundation, ceiling height, porches, restrooms, future drive-through possibilities, placement on the property, storage, siding and roof material, drain fields, kitchen size, costs, office needs, etc. Mr. Riddle will incorporate changes and submit a new plan.

Item 4. Wildlife Garden at City Park

Council Member Holzman passed out maps of the park, with several areas noted (Pollinator Garden, Wildlife Demonstration Garden, and the path to the school). He suggested that this community and park improvement project would be a good, educational endeavor, that it might encourage homeowners to plant wildlife-friendly plants on their property, and could include students in nature studies. The project might include rare plants, educational signage, benches, a water feature, etc., and could possibly be partly funded with a DNR grant. After discussion about construction, financing, maintenance, etc., council agreed that it is a worthwhile project and that Council Member Holzman should proceed with pursuing any grant money and contributions.

Item 5. Street Update

- The AT&T line beside Hillsboro Road has been removed.
- The radar speed sign on Hillsboro Road might be damaged. Council Member Holzman will check on it.
- The DOT is working on the bridge.
- The possible erosion on Plantation/Speedway has been checked.
- Gravel should be placed at the side of the road near the speed hump, to protect road edges. Mayor Beall has talked to Brown's Transport employees about installing gravel to these areas.
- Mayor Beall has talked to Brown's Transport regarding the sign at the speed monitor on Plantation Road, and pipes, etc will need to be checked before holes are dug for signs.

Item 6. Park Update

-Fit Stations are being installed at the park, and council discussed placement of the remaining fit stations. Council Member Holzman suggested the equipment be located within the trail to reduce trail maintenance expense. The equipment can be grouped and more open. Discussion will follow.

Item 7. History Book

Mayor Beall reported that Celestea Sharp had asked to be removed from the agenda. She stated that she will not be able to take on the project. Council agreed not to pursue this at this time.

Item 8. Zoning Regulation Discussion

Council Member Dawe is working on updating the zoning definitions, map, etc., and this discussion will be postponed until the next meeting.

Item 9. Adult Entertainment Ordinance

After discussion, Council Member Holzman made the motion not to pursue the writing of this ordinance at this time. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, stating that he had read what attorney Joe Reitman had written and agreed that it can be looked at later. The vote was unanimous.

Item 10. Budget Discussion

Mayor Beall described the budget process and stated that this public budget discussion will include ideas about the 2015-16 budget. After discussion, he stated that he would have the Mayor's

Recommended Budget available by May 1, and that it would be around \$90,000. He stated that funds are needed for personnel, roadside maintenance, park equipment, property maintenance (waterproofing basement), etc. He will send his ideas for the recommended budget to council. The next two monthly council meetings will include public hearings on the budget, with a possible vote in June.

Item 11. Garden Club Proclamation

Mayor Beall shared a proclamation about Garden Week in Georgia, which recognizes gardeners and Garden Week. Council Member Steve Holzman made the motion to adopt the proclamation, and Council Member Evans made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 12. Building Code Official and Code Officer Appointments

Mayor Beall stated that these two positions are necessary for the town, and that Morgan Wheeler (Building Code Official) and Robert Hegge (Code Officer) have done a lot for the town. Building Inspector Morgan Wheeler has been collecting his fees from the homeowner. For work done in the town, they will now submit an invoice, which will be paid from town funds.

Council Member Evans made the motion to appoint and recognize these two men as part-time employees of the town. Council Member Dotterweich made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 13. Magistrate Court Discussion

Mayor Beall stated that the Oconee County Clerk of Court has agreed to work with the town regarding Magistrate Court cases the town might need in the future.

Mayor's Update

- A fence will be installed around the swimming pool that council discussed last month.
- The town has received a letter from the library, asking for a donation of \$500. Mayor Beall also reminded the town that council has donated money to the Fire Department in the past.
- A driveway will be installed on Hillsboro to Dr. Gilbert's farm.
- The Intergovernmental Agreement with Oconee County for speed devices has been sent back for revision, and the new one has not been received.

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



Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk