

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
August 17, 2015

Council Present: Paul Dotterweich Steve Holzman Jason Wisniewski
Ann Evans Violet Dawe Mike Beall

Visitors: Robin Dotterweich Fred Johnson Morgan Wheeler
David Riddle Karl Berg David Lawrence

Mayor Beall called the meeting to order, declared a quorum, and presented the agenda. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the agenda, and Council Member Evans made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the minutes, and Council Member Evans made the second. The motion passed with Council Member Dawe abstaining due to her absence at the last meeting. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Beall stated that the scheduled public discussion regarding the Apalachee River and the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir would be postponed due to illness of the speaker.

Citizen Comments on Non Agenda Items

Karl Berg reported on a meeting of the Oconee County Planning Commission. One of the topics discussed was property on Highway 186 (previously owned by Dr. Roy Ward). Discussion followed.

Mr. Lawrence stated that he had heard from citizens that additional sidewalks are needed. Discussion followed.

Council discussed the future meeting about the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir.

Item 1. Street Update

Mayor Beall updated council about some road side clean-up work on Hillsboro Road that is partly in preparation for winter weather.

Mayor Beall asked council to consider a street project to submit to Ga. DOT for LMIG funding. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Item 2. Park Update

Mayor Beall stated that the fit trail equipment is being installed and concrete is being poured.

He also told council that local Boy Scout Member Matthew Pritchett's project has been approved and the work on the outdoor classroom should start soon.

Council Member Dotterweich volunteered to work on replacing the basketball backboard that is broken, and Council Member Holzman suggested a half-court basketball area. Discussion followed.

Citizen Fred Johnson requested that a good grade of playground chips be applied around the playground area. Council Member Evans will get prices.

Citizen David Lawrence asked council about scheduling a park work day, and he suggested several projects that need attention. A work day will be planned for early fall.

Item 3. Town Hall Discussion

The council discussed the latest idea for the new Town Hall. Extensive discussion followed, and the town's Building Inspector Morgan Wheeler assisted in addressing building requirements. Topics discussed included square footage, future needs, plan layout, prices, porches, hardware, and exits. Mr. Wheeler asked council to submit the agreed-upon plan to the county's fire station or either the state fire marshal's office for a review and suggestions.

Item 4. Election

Mayor Beall reminded council about the upcoming town election and the qualifying period. The qualifying period will begin on August 31 and will last three days. Council Member Wisniewski and Mayor Beall have stated that they will not seek reelection. The November 3 election will be for the positions of Mayor and Council seats 1 and 2.

Item 5. Compensation for Mayor and Council

Council Member Holzman asked that council consider a small monthly compensation for Mayor and Council. He suggested a monthly salary of \$100-150 for the Mayor and \$50 for council members, starting in January, 2016. Mayor Beall stated that he thought this would have to wait until the new budget cycle and until the next election. Council Member Holzman made the motion to ask the town's attorney to draft an ordinance for compensation for Mayor and Council to begin at the next election cycle. Council Member Evans made the second. The motion was defeated by a 2/3 vote, with council members Dawe, Dotterweich and Wisniewski casting opposing votes.

Mayor's Update

Mr. Wheeler updated the town council of two ongoing citizen projects – the swimming pool fence, and a home remodel/repair.

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



Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk