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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2016

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

Visitors: Morgan Wheeler Chuck Williams

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to change the order of the agenda, moving Morgan Wheeler, Building Inspector, to the top of the regular agenda. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bradberry then presented the draft minutes and financial statements. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to accept the July minutes of the regular council meeting, and Mayor Dawe made the second. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the financial statement. Council Member Carlson made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Building Inspector Morgan Wheeler spoke to council about a remodel project on Hillsboro Road. The new owners did not get any building permits, and there are many corrections that need to be made to the home. Mr. Wheeler said that the owners would be by on Monday to get the permits and that they have agreed to do the necessary changes. The owners stated that an interested buyer will have FHA to inspect the home as well.

Solar energy for the new town hall was also discussed at length. Topics discussed included types of solar installations, batteries, Georgia Power buy-backs, financing, roof placement, etc. Council Members Dawe and Dotterweich told council what they had learned, and Mr. Wheeler supplied information as well. Council Member Dotterweich suggested that this can be added to the building at a later time. Three companies have been contacted. No action was taken.

Item 1. Street Update

Mayor Bradberry stated that the town had been told that their ordinance concerning heavy truck traffic needed to be updated, as it needs to more adequately describe big trucks. Council studied the town's ordinance, as well as the one from Oconee County. It was decided to send the ordinance to the town's attorney, and to hold a public hearing for further discussion.

Council also discussed the needed step-downs in speed limit on Ray's Church Road. The town's speed limit ordinance will be reviewed and possibly changed to ensure proper step-downs, enabling law enforcement to issue speeding tickets. Discussion followed, and this topic will also be publicized and further discussed at the public hearing.

Council agreed to hold the public hearing on August 29 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the above two street concerns.

Mayor Bradberry stated that the radar sign has been repaired and is back, and that it will be installed in Hickory Ridge Subdivision. He stated that he is also exploring the possibility of a regular maintenance agreement with the county. He said a regular schedule of mowing, etc. might be needed.

Council also discussed two areas in the city that are experiencing drainage issues. Mayor Bradberry had previously met with the homeowners at one location, along with Lee Moody (who consults on and does contract work on these types of town projects) and Emil Bashara (Director of Public Works for Oconee County) to discuss the drainage problems.

Item 2. Park Update

- The fit-trail posters have been ordered from the company for the bulletin board.
- Council Member Dawe stated that signs about local flora and fauna would be good, and that Steve Holzman and she could help identify trees, etc. on the nature trail.
- Council Member Dotterweich stated that something should be installed around the volley ball area to keep the sand contained. Discussion followed.

Item 3. New Town Hall

- Council Member Dotterweich updated council on his discussion with Mark Campbell regarding relocating the stakes for Town Hall placement. He, along with others, would like to see it moved a little further away from the road, and he stated that the patio might not be usable at its present proposed location. Discussion followed. Council Member Dawe stated that she believes there will be drainage problems at this location. Mayor Bradberry issued the call for a council meeting at the park on August 29 at 7:00 p.m. Notices will be posted and the newspaper notified.
- Mayor Bradberry suggested that council should vote on a floor plan soon, and modifications were discussed.
- Council Member Dotterweich suggested that council members write down their thoughts and suggestions, and that council then look at the floor plan – one room at the time, rather than the plan as a whole.
- Mayor Bradberry suggested that all suggested changes be submitted for review and approval or rejection during the September meeting.

Item 4. Zoning Discussion

Council Member Dawe stated that the town's zoning ordinances should be updated. NEGRC can help with this, and the clerk will get a price. Council Member Dotterweich stated that it is now in a format for easy editing. Contact will be made with this agency asking for advice.

Millage Rate Public Hearing

Mayor Bradberry opened the public hearing section of the meeting. This has been properly advertised and will focus on the millage rate. After discussion, Council Member Dawe made the motion that council accept the millage roll back rate of 1.398. Council Member Carlson made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Update

1. LMIG applications have been received for either resurfacing or another radar sign or something to benefit the streets. Council discussed the subdivision streets that might need care soon, including Steeplechase, Hickory Ridge and Hickory Lake.

2. Mayor Bradberry stated that, at last month's meeting, it was suggested that the August meeting be designated the "Ideas Meeting" during which council would discuss ideas for the coming fiscal year to make N. High Shoals an even better place to live. Some shared ideas are:

-A dumpster that will be free for residents to use for a day or weekend to clean up. Possible recycling containers there as well. This could be planned for the spring.

-A yearly yard sale has been done, and was successful, but will require some communication and planning.

-A community covered dish at the park with possible bonfire.

-A garden tour of homes. Perhaps Clean and Beautiful can help.

-Dog Day. This will require a good deal of time, organization, communication, etc., but was successful.

-A bike ride at the park might be a good idea.

-Park work day to check on trails.

3. Mayor Bradberry stated that Rodney Ellerbee had applied for a business license. Since he has not applied lately, it will be treated as a new request. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the application. Council Member Presely made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

4. Mayor Bradberry is working with the fire chief for station 6 to set up a tour of the facility and review of practices and procedures for interested council members.

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

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk