

Mayor –Robert M. Beall
Post 1 –Jason Wisniewski
Post 2 – Steve Holzman
Post 3 – Ann Evans
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich
Post 5 – Violet Dawe

Town of North High Shoals

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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2015

Council Present:

Mike Beall Jason Wisniewski Violet Dawe
Paul Dotterweich Steve Holzman

(no visitors)

Mayor Beall called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the agenda as written and Council Member Wisniewski made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the January, 2015 minutes with a minor correction, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Holzman made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Comments from Citizens on Non-Agenda Items

Council Member Dawe asked council about attaching a message to the outside portable potty, and it was agreed to possibly add something.

Item 2. Street Update

Street items included:

- Mayor Beall spoke to Ken Brown (Brown's Asphalt) about relocating a speed hump sign.
- Mayor Beall stated that Lee Moody had installed the signage on Frazier Hill Road alerting drivers of a special needs child in the area.
- Mayor Beall told council that someone reported 'black ice' on the speed hump during the recent cold weather.
- Council Member Dotterweich stated that there is an international symbol used for signs to warn of speed humps.
- Council received copies of a spreadsheet with monies spent on street maintenance and LMIG funds received.
- LMIG funds have been received which will help pay for resurfacing Shadyfield Lane, with the remainder coming from the SPLOST account

Item 3. Park Update

-Mayor Beall stated that Mr. Lee Moody will install the park's fit-trail equipment soon.

- Council Member Holzman updated council on the progress of cleaning the barn that will be used as a bird sanctuary. He stated that cleaning will be completed soon and that Lee Moody will make the doors secure.
- Council Member Dawe stated that she, Heike Mueller, and Council Member Evans and her daughter Stella, had met at the park and agreed that playground equipment for middle-school aged youth should be installed. Discussion included budget, SPLOST timeline, etc. It was agreed to ask Ann and Stella Evans to investigate and consider the best type of playground equipment for council to discuss.
- Council Member Dawe stated that the park's garbage can needed a better latch.
- Council Member Dotterweich asked about the maintenance and arrangements for the ball field.
- Council agreed that a clean-up day for the park might be scheduled, especially after the fit trail equipment is installed. Past Council Member David Lawrence will be contacted to see if he wants to schedule and lead this.
- Council Member Dawe brought up the concern about people parking on areas other than the designated parking lot.
- Council Member Dawe reminded council that Dog Day is usually held at the park in the spring, and that someone would need to be the leader in this activity, since past Council Member MacKay has relocated. Council Member Evans will be contacted to see if she would be agreeable to serve as coordinator.

Item 4. Town Hall

- Mayor Beall stated that it might be time to get an indication of the new Town Hall dimensions, plans, and placement.
- Council Member Dotterweich stated that he had talked to three people who could assist in designing and building the town hall, and that a licensed commercial contractor (rather than residential) should be chosen.
- Council Member Holzman stated that council had compiled a list of items they would like to include in the new building and that perhaps a commercial contractor or architect could assist the town with including these items in the RFP (Request for Proposal) for publishing and collecting bids.
- Council Member Dawe reminded council that the attorney suggested that a two story building would be more economical for the space and suggested that the top story could be used for storage.
- It was suggested that the Building Inspector, GMA, NEGRC and/or engineer Mark Campbell could help.
- Mayor Beall showed council a drawing that engineer Mark Campbell had sent regarding a good placement for the new Town Hall at the park.
- Council Member Dotterweich invited council to email him with specific questions they might have, and he will try to find an answer.
- Council Member Dawe stated that the building should have ample windows, and Council Member Wisniewski stated that council should be sure a contractor is qualified, especially in LEED construction.
- It was agreed to streamline the suggestions as well as determine the size of the rooms and building, the number of offices, possible price/foot, roofline, number of people to accommodate, capability of expansion, etc.
- Council was asked to bring a sketch of a layout for other members to consider.

Item 5. History Book

- Council Member Dawe stated that the town might want to consider hiring a qualified writer to author a book on the town's history.

- Author Celestea Sharp and resident Tommy Eades will be contacted.
- A possible historical marker at the river was also discussed, since it has been an important boundary for many, many years, including between Indian tribes.

Item 6. Zoning Update

- Council Member Dawe stated that the chart and the definitions should be updated in the zoning regulations. Discussion followed. She stated that R1 and R2 would be the main focus.
- Council Member Wisniewski shared some information on the definition work that had been done by himself and past Council Member MacKay.
- Council Member Dawe will start working on the chart and comparing the chart with the definitions.

Item 7. Occupation Tax

- Mayor Beall stated that five businesses had renewed their business licenses.

Item 8. Budget Dates

- Mayor Beall stated that council should be considering what they think would be important for next year's budget. The schedule for budget preparation is:
 - April meeting – first public discussion for new budget
 - May 1 – Mayor's Recommended budget to be available for public inspection
 - May meeting – first public hearing
 - June meeting – second public hearing; possible adoption

Item 9. Code Enforcement Officer

- Mayor Beall stated that the Code Enforcement Officer for Watkinsville (Robert Hegge) is willing to help the town of North High Shoals with this type of work on an as-needed basis.

Item 10. Swimming Pool Fencing

- Mayor Beall stated that the Building Inspector is still working with a homeowner about fencing in a swimming pool. Mayor Beall has asked the attorney for advice.

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



Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk