

Mayor –Robert M. Beall  
Post 1 –Eric Carlson  
Post 2 – Jason Presley  
Post 3 – Ann Evans  
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich  
Post 5 – Violet Dawe

# Town of North High Shoals

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FINAL MINUTES  
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 18, 2016

<u>Council Present:</u>	Paul Dotterweich Ann Evans	Eric Carlson Mike Beall	Jason Presely
<u>Visitors:</u>	David Riddle Jason Wisniewski	Steve Holzman Cole Tucker	Robin Dotterweich Nichole Scott

Mayor Beall called the meeting to order, declared a quorum and presented the agenda. He welcomed everybody, including the two new council members Eric Carlson and Jason Presley.

There were some changes to the agenda order. Council Member Evans made the motion to add the appointing of city engineer to the agenda. Second by Council Member Dawe and unanimous vote. Council Member Evans made the motion to add a presentation to the agenda. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and a unanimous vote. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the modified agenda. Second by Council Member Dawe, unanimous vote.

Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote to accept was 4/1, with Council Member Dawe abstaining due to her absence at the last meeting. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Dawe made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Beall asked if there were citizen comments and Robin Dotterweich spoke about a problem with dogs approaching walkers within the city limits and asked about the park benches.

## **Item 1. Presentation for Outgoing Council**

Council Member Evans made a short presentation of appreciation to outgoing council members Jason Wisniewski and Steve Holzman.

## **Item 2. Appointments**

Council discussed the code appointments and voted on the following:

-Council Member Dawe made the motion to appoint Ann Evans as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

-Council Member Dawe made the motion to appoint Paul Dotterweich as Presiding Officer to serve in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Dawe made the motion to retain Carolyn Pritchett as city clerk and treasurer. Council Member Carlson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

-Council Member Evans made the motion to retain Joe Reitman as town attorney, and Council Member Presley made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

-Council Member Dawe made the motion to retain Morgan Wheeler as Building Inspector. Council Member Presley made the second and the vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Dawe made the motion to retain Robert Hegge as Code Enforcement Officer. Council Member Presley and the second, and the vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to retain Carolyn Pritchett as Election Qualifying Clerk, and Council Member Dawe made the second. The vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Evans made the motion to retain Karl Berg as the town's representative to the Oconee County Planning Commission. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Carlson made the motion to retain the town's Code of Conduct, and Council Member Evans made the second. The vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Evans made the motion to retain Carter Engineering (Mark Campbell) as the town's engineering firm. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

-Council Member Dotterweich suggested that council retain the meeting dates of the third Monday of each month with the exception of November and December. The meeting dates for these two months will be on the second Monday, due to the holiday season. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the schedule of meeting dates (third Monday for January thru October, and second Monday for November and December) at 7:30 p.m. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

## **Item 2. Town Hall Update**

Mayor Beall gave visitor Cole Tucker (Structural Resources, Inc.) the opening to give council his opinion on the costs of the new Town Hall. He gave a ballpark amount of \$400,000-\$500,000, depending upon finishing material, parking area, etc. Discussion followed regarding the recharge area of the parking lot, and the possible materials that might be used. Council Member Dawe also asked questions about the future septic system and the granite that could be encountered. Architect David Riddle asked that council consider finishes that they would like (i.e., wainscoting, etc.), which might affect the cost. Mr. Tucker will review the plans more closely and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

## **Item 3. Park Update**

Council discussed several park items, including the fence that has been damaged by fallen trees. Council Member Dotterweich suggested that the 50' of fence adjacent to the school property to be repaired, and any barbed wire removed for safety. It was suggested that Tops Tree Service be hired to clear the trees and possibly repair the fence. Council Member Dawe made the motion that the town have someone cut the trees and repair that section of fence. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous. Council will discuss more fence maintenance issues when this has been completed.

Robin Dotterweich reported that deer bones are at the park, and she suggested a spring community event to clean the park, the roadside, and the trail.

Mayor Beall reported that sand should be added to the volleyball court, and perhaps this could coincide with the community clean-up day. Discussion followed about relocating the horse shoe set, a time frame for the community event (possibly a day during spring break), etc. Council Member Evans suggested that the clean-up day, the volleyball court effort, fit-trail and benches be tied together for an official grand opening.

#### **Item 4. Street Update**

Mayor Beall advised that Garrett Paving had been contacted regarding the resurfacing of Shadyfield and Plantation.

Council also discussed various sign issues in the town.

#### **Mayor's Update**

Mayor Beall passed around an invitation to a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Watkinsville Garden Club.

Mayor Beall stated that a SPLOST spreadsheet has been developed, and that there is some information on these funds on the GMA website.

Mayor Beall stated that Steve Holzman is willing to continue to maintain the town's website for a small fee.

Mayor Beall called council's attention to the Mayor's position. He stated that the next election is in May, but he is unsure how long he will continue to serve.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Pritchett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk