

Mayor –Toby P. Bradberry  
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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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OFFICIAL MINUTES  
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 18, 2016

Council Present: Mayor Toby Bradberry Eric Carlson  
Paul Dotterweich Violet Dawe

Visitors: Fred Johnson Michael Prochaska

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 accept the agenda as written. Council Member Carlson made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bradberry then presented the draft minutes and financial statements. Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the June 20 minutes of a work session with a minor correction. Because Mayor Bradberry was present at that meeting (which was changed from a regular council meeting to a work session due to lack of a quorum), he made the second, and council agreed. Council Member Carlson made the motion to accept the minutes of a June 29 special called budget meeting. Council Member Dawe made the second, with Council Member Dotterweich abstaining due to his absence. The motion passed. Council Member Carlson made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 16 regular council meeting, and Mayor Bradberry made the second. The motion passed. \*

Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to accept the presented financial statements. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Council Member Dawe stated that the town had, in the past, financially supported the volunteer fire department. She said the volunteers meet on Thursday nights and that council is invited. In addition, it would be nice to have an update from the fire department from time to time.

## Item 1. Street Update

Mayor Bradberry stated that the town had received letters concerning two areas of town that are requesting additional measures to control speed – Dickens Lane and Hickory Ridge. Discussion followed. Mayor Bradberry has been in touch with the Sheriff’s Office. It was agreed to hire extra patrols twice a week through the Sheriff’s Office, with funds from the town’s checking account.

Council also discussed the needed step-downs in speed limit on Ray's Church Road. The county will be consulted about lowering the speed limit on the outskirts of town, and the town's speed limit ordinance will be reviewed and possibly changed to ensure proper step-downs, enabling law enforcement to issue speeding tickets.

## **Item 2. Park Update**

-Council Member Dawe mentioned that the park driveway has a pot hole that will only become larger if not addressed. Mayor Bradberry stated that he would look at it and fill it with rocks, etc. for now, as it will likely be resurfaced when the new town hall is completed.

-Trees with low branches have been trimmed.

-Council Member Dawe stated that the council should plan a session to discuss future plans for the town, and the park. Council discussed community events, including Dog Day, a flea market, community bonfire/picnic, playground expansion, etc. Council discussed using the August meeting to discuss yearly projects, events and direction. Council Member Dawe stated that perhaps August can be the annual month to form a vision for the town. Council agreed.

## **Item 3. Town Hall Update**

Topics included:

-the solar panels. It was decided to contact vendors to present information and answer questions.

-necessity of the kitchen island and extra sink.

-ensure that no burners are planned in kitchen

-possibility of an extra potty for one restroom.

-18" overhang and gutters

-clerk's office design

-location. Visitor Fred Johnson expressed his ideas of where the building should be built. He stated that the building should be moved further back, and that the space where a home or shed once stood could be considered. He stated that the current planned location would take up needed and currently-used parking space. He feels that the placement should be as far away from Hillsboro Road as possible, and he expressed concern about an oak tree that is planned to be cut. Council agreed that the location might not be ideal, and Council Member Dotterweich will contact Carter Engineering to discuss how and why this location was designated.

-usefulness of back patio at current location

-Reporter Michael Prochaska asked council about the current building, and it was noted that it could be a museum or used for storage, saving the town the current cost of a storage fee.

No votes were taken, due to the absence of a full council.

## **Item 4. Zoning Discussion**

Council Member Dawe stated that the town's zoning ordinances should be updated. The project has been started, and she suggested that council hire someone, such as GMA or NEGRC, to assist with this. Council Member Dotterweich stated that it is not in a format for easy editing. Contact will be made with both agencies asking for advice.

## **Mayor's Update:**

- Mayor Bradberry asked if council wanted to develop a uniform sign policy regarding the color, font, motto inclusion, etc. of city signs. Suggestions were blue signs, white letters, etc. that would match.
- Mayor Bradberry updated council on a meeting that was held last week with the Board of Commissioners regarding the county's possible acquisition of a county-wide internet system. The county would have the equipment and select a provider. Nothing has been decided yet, and a follow-up meeting is planned for August 4. Discussion followed about internet availability, etc. Council Member Dawe suggested including the city attorney in the discussions.
- Mayor Bradberry stated that he had met with Emil Bashara and Lee Moody regarding a drainage problem on Jefferson Road. He stated that they discussed different options. He stated that one option could cost as much as \$5,000. Council Member Dawe stated that all areas of erosion, trees, creek, etc. should be considered.
- Other drainage issues (corner of Ray's Church Road and Hillsboro Road, as well as Speedway Lane) were also discussed.
- Mayor Bradberry stated that a regular maintenance schedule was discussed with Mr. Bashara, with Oconee County Road Department assisting. Council also discussed hiring Lee Moody to clean ditches.
- Mayor Bradberry stated that the FY2016 material would be delivered to the CPA, and that council would vote on the millage rate at the August meeting.

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

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk

*\*There was some uncertainty as to the correct meeting procedure for seconding and voting on meeting minutes when less than a quorum was present (i.e. not sure if the Mayor can second and/or vote to accept in these circumstances). It was agreed that research was necessary.*