

Mayor –Robert M. Beall
Post 1 –Jason Wisniewski
Post 2 – Steve Holzman
Post 3 – Ann Evans
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich
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DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 2015

Council Present: Mike Beall Paul Dotterweich
Steve Holzman Jason Wisniewski

Visitors: John Pritchett Matthew Pritchett Robin Dotterweich
David Riddle Trae Candelario Camaryn Candelario

Mayor Beall called the meeting to order, declared a quorum, and presented the agenda. Council Member Holzman made the motion to adjust the agenda, and Council Member Wisniewski made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the minutes, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The motion passed, with Council Member Holzman abstaining due to his absence at the May meeting. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Holzman made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the budget amendment for the 2014-15 budget and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Citizen Comments on Non Agenda Items

Mrs. Robin Dotterweich said that the principal at High Shoals Elementary School will be moving to another school, and there will be a new principal at the Elementary School soon. Council agreed to send a congratulatory note to the current principal regarding his new job, and to purchase some type of gift to welcome the new principal.

Mayor Beall then closed the regular council meeting, and opened the Public Hearing on the 2015-16 Budget

Mayor Beall introduced the second budget public hearing by sharing information regarding the 2015-16 budget revisions.

He asked for comments, and discussion followed.

No changes were recommended.

The public hearing section of the meeting was then closed, and the regular council meeting re-opened

Item 1. Yard Inspection Request

Mayor Beall stated that he had received a request that the town investigate the possibility of having abandoned property cleaned up. He contacted the town's code officer, Robert Hegge, and asked him to visit the property. Mr. Hegge gave his report to council, stating that the mobile home is unoccupied, and that the property, and the 'junk vehicle' is in code violation. He said that the owner is working to haul trash away, but that he will check to see that progress is being made.

Item 2. Pool Fence

Code Enforcement Officer Hegge updated council on the ongoing effort to have a pool owner construct a fence around his pool on Gober Road, according to the town's codes. Mr. Hegge said that the owner has solicited bids. Council Member Holzman suggested that 30 days be given before any other action. Council agreed that if progress is not seen by Mr. Hegge within 30 days, then other avenues will be sought.

Item 3. Zoning Discussion

Council discussed the zoning and the ordinances regarding non-domestic animals and chickens in inappropriate zones. Mr. Hegge has researched the town's codes and didn't see any real animal restrictions. Council discussed the code and incorporating a 'nuisance' ordinance, which would detail noise, odor and confinement limits. Mayor and Council agreed that Mr. Hegge would continue to work on this project and would recommend to council any necessary additions or changes regarding animal restrictions as well as addressing junk vehicles.

Item 4. Town Hall Discussion

The council discussed another revision with the architect, and several important points were made. No decisions were made. Mayor Beall reminded council and visitors how the SPLOST fund (current and new) would work for this construction.

Item 5. 2015-2016 Budget

Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the 2015-16 budget as presented, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous, and the resolution was signed.

Item 6. Park Update

-Matthew Pritchett from Boy Scout Troop 80 met with council again regarding the park benches he hopes to construct for his Eagle project. He stated that he had been to Home Depot and Lowe's and had been given good prices for the materials. Council agreed that the outdoor classroom would be an asset to the park and they agreed to purchase the materials at the prices given. Matthew will meet with Council at the park to discuss location.

-It was reported that the fit trail equipment will all be in place soon.

-Council also discussed the possibility of tree donations to the park.

Item 7. Street Update

- Mayor Beall stated that proper drainage continues to be a concern, and that work is needed toward proper rainwater drainage, specifically on Plantation Road.
- He stated that the 25 mph speed limit sign has been installed on Gober Road.
- He discussed a situation on Rays Church Road, and stated that work should be done on a road bank that would allow the homeowner to use a riding mower.
- Mayor Beall discussed a speed hump that had been loosened by traffic, but is back in place now, as well as the need to monitor the others due to the high volume of cars.

Item 8. 2015 Election

Mayor Beall told council that he would not be seeking reelection this year as Mayor. Discussion followed. He advised that any council member would be welcome to run for the Mayor's post, but if this is not their election year, they should resign at the July 20 meeting. This will give time to publish the "call" for the special election and include it on the November ballot.

Item 9. Magistrate Court

Mayor Beall stated that he had still not heard anything from Oconee County regarding the intergovernmental agreement allowing the town to utilize the magistrate court when necessary.

Item 10. Intergovernmental Agreement on Speed Humps

Mayor Beall reminded council that this agreement had been sent to the towns, but that an error was located, which required correction and resubmittal again before the Board of commissioners. He has yet not received the corrected copy.

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



Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk