

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 March 16, 2015

Council Present:

Mike Beall	Jason Wisniewski	Violet Dawe
Paul Dotterweich	Steve Holzman	Ann Evans

Visitors:

David Riddle	Morgan Wheeler	Mark Campbell
Stella Evans	Thomas Eades	Celestea Sharp
Robin Dotterweich	Rachel Holzman	

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

Council Member Holzman made the motion to modify the agenda order and Council Member Wisniewski made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the February, 2015 minutes, 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 4/1 (Council Member Dawe abstaining).

Item 1. Swimming Pool Fencing

Mayor Beall stated that the town's Building Inspector is still working with a homeowner regarding fencing around a new swimming pool. Mayor Beall has asked the attorney for advice, and stated that a letter, including the code, had been sent to the homeowner. Mr. Wheeler and council discussed these codes, both state and local, the dangers of the situation, etc. Mr. Wheeler gave directions on how to proceed. Mayor Beall told council that he had talked to Mr. Robert Hegge about serving as the town's Code Enforcement Officer, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Item 2. Town Hall Sketches

Several different sketches of a new Town Hall were presented for discussion. In addition, Mr. Campbell introduced architect David Riddle to the group. Mr. Riddle explained the steps needed to proceed from sketch to RFP to building. Discussion followed about the procedures, the number of people expected to use the building, the number of offices and bathrooms needed, anticipated budget, square footage, commercial or warming kitchen, price per square

foot, etc. Council Member Holzman made the motion to hire Mr. Riddle's firm to work with the town on the project and prepare the RFP. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the motion passed 4/1 (Council Member Dotterweich casting an opposing vote).

Item 3. History Book

Council Member Dawe stated that the town should consider hiring a qualified writer to author a book on the town's history. Author Celestea Sharp talked to the council and visitors about her interest in the project, and stated that the town can be traced back to a militia outpost in 1794. Discussion followed, and Mrs. Sharp will work on the timeline and a cost estimate.

Item 4. Street Update

Street items included:

- Mayor Beall said that someone had hit and stolen a stop sign on Hillsboro Road and stolen it. The county replaced the sign. He urged council and citizens to call him when they notice anything that can be dangerous.
- Council Member Dawe reported that she had noticed where there could be a possible erosion problem on Plantation Road near Speedway Road.
- Council Member Wisniewski suggested that the newly-repaired ditches might need mowing this spring to keep them clean.

Item 5. Park Update

- Mayor Beall stated that the Tony Serrano Bike Ride is scheduled for April 11, and that the water lines should be checked and water turned on for the event.
- Council discussed progress on the park's fit-trail equipment.
- Council Member Holzman updated council on the progress of cleaning and securing the barn that will be used as a bird sanctuary.
- Council discussed a clean-up day and will decide on a date for this activity.
- Council Member Evans and daughter Stella are looking at playground equipment for middle-school aged youth.

Item 6. Zoning

Council Member Dawe stated that work on the chart and the definitions is ongoing.

Item 7. Intergovernmental Agreement

Mayor Beall stated that he noticed a mistake in the agreement sent to the town by Oconee County. This will be corrected by Oconee County's attorney and addressed when finalized.

Item 8. 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 on an as-needed basis. Discussion followed including employment, salary (\$23/hour), duties, etc. Council Member Holzman made the motion to appoint Robert Hegge as the town's Code Enforcement Officer. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 9. 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 – 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 10. Building Inspector

Mayor Beall stated that Mr. Wheeler is an excellent building inspector and works on a case by case basis, and that it seems logical to appoint him as a part-time employee. He stated that permit fees might need to be amended to go toward his salary. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Beall told council of a meeting on March 24 at NEGRC that they might be interested in.

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



Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk