

Mayor –Toby P. Bradberry
Post 1 –Eric Carlson
Post 2 – Jason Presley
Post 3 – Ann Evans
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich
Post 5 – Violet Dawe

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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2016

Council Present: Mike Beall Eric Carlson Jason Presley
Ann Evans Violet Dawe Paul Dotterweich
Mayor-Elect Toby Bradberry

Visitors: Steve Holzman John Daniell David Riddle

Mayor Beall called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. Afterward, he performed the swearing-in ceremony for installing Mr. Toby Bradberry as Mayor, and then he joined the citizens and Mayor Bradberry conducted the meeting.

Mayor Bradberry presented a proclamation thanking Mayor Beall for his contributions to the town. He then asked if there were any changes to the agenda, and Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to move the town hall discussion to the top of the list. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bradberry then presented the draft minutes for the March meeting. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the draft minutes, and Council Member Carlson made the second. The motion passed 3/0, with Council Member Dotterweich abstaining due to his absence at the meeting.

Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Presley made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Town Hall

Architect David Riddle attended the meeting to discuss the progress and plans for the new Town Hall. Topics discussed included scheduling and materials to be used in the facility. Council discussed kitchen planning and NFPA requirements, lighting, inside materials, roofing, wainscoting, and flooring material, etc. Council discussed offering a warming kitchen only, with no cooktop. They also discussed using carpet squares in the council meeting space, and utilizing solar panels for energy and financial conservation. Council Member Dotterweich presented information on the benefits of the solar panels, and he will gather more information for the next meeting.

Mr. Riddle stated that he would contact the town's engineer, Mark Campbell (Carter Engineering), regarding site preparation, the septic system, and other matters.

Item 2. Street Update

Council Member Evans reported a sign that needs a new post, and this will be taken care of. Council Member Dotterweich stated that there might be a few cracks in Frazier Hill Road that were not completely filled with this recent project.

Council discussed the LMIG program and future possible resurfacing needs, as well as the problems with a radar sign.

Council also discussed the speed hump on Plantation, replacing street signs, highway 186, and possible future street needs in Hickory Lake and Hickory Ridge Subdivisions. Council also discussed the repair of the radar sign on Rays Church Road.

Item 3. Park Update

Mayor Beall gave several park updates:

- The River Dawgs baseball team parents and coaches have been really busy at the park's ballfield. He stated that they had done a lot of great work in maintaining the field.
- Mayor Beall stated that Council Member Paul Dotterweich will be working with Council Member Carlson regarding tree selection for the park. Then, Stan Brown will be called to do some removal work and perhaps use mulch from the trees around the fittrail equipment.
- Council Member Evans and Council discussed a Park Work Day. It was decided that this might be a good project for Earth Day, which is April 22. The Saturday after Earth Day was discussed, and the final decision will be made at the April council meeting.
- Mayor Beall stated that the ball team had applied fire ant poison at the field. A sign had been posted by them, but the sign was not visible enough. He cautioned that pesticide applications should only be applied by a licensed and insured individual or company, with proper signage and records to decrease chances of liability. He stated that he would apply herbicides to the area around the fit trail equipment, and council agreed. Discussion followed.
- Council discussed park reservations.
- Mayor Beall stated benches should be installed in a few days.

Item 4. Election Results

Mayor Beall congratulated Mayor-Elect Toby Bradberry on being the new Mayor, and the swearing in ceremony was discussed.

Item 5. Budget Update

Mayor Beall shared information on preparations for next year's budget.

March 21, 2016 - Discussion on 2016-17 budget dates and procedures.

April 18, 2016 - Public discussion on FY2017 budget needs

May 1, 2016 - Proposed budget posted and advertised

May 16, 2016 – First public hearing on proposed budget

June 20, 2016 – Second public hearing and possible adoption

July 1, 2016 – FY 2017 budget takes effect

July 18, 2016 – Possible Millage Rate Adoption

Item 6. LMIG Safety Grant

He then stated that there is a separate LMIG application. These funds are designated for a street safety need, and council discussed several ideas. The application is due to the DOT by May 1, and there will be a 30% city match. No decision was made.

Item 7. Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement

Mayor Beall stated that the agreement had been sent by Oconee County. Discussion followed.

Item 8. Highway 186

Council Member Violet Dawe stated the concern about increased truck traffic and speeding on Highway 186. Council discussed funding for increased patrol from the Oconee County Sheriff's Office in the next year's budget.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Pritchett".

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk