

Mayor –Robert M. Beall
Post 1 –Jason Wisniewski
Post 2 – Steve Holzman
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
May 18, 2015

Council Present: Mike Beall Paul Dotterweich
Violet Dawe Ann Evans Jason Wisniewski

Visitors: John Pritchett Matthew Pritchett

Mayor Beall called the meeting to order, declared a quorum, and presented the agenda. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the agenda, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the April, 2015 minutes, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was 2/2, as Council Members Wisniewski and Dawe were absent for that meeting and abstained from the vote. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Evans made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Street Update

- Mayor Beall stated that there had been some confusion about the recent change of speed limit signs by the county. He called and found that it was changed as part of the county's efforts for radar permit updates. A few of the town's 25 and 35 mph signs had been changed to 45 mph. Discussion followed, and Mayor Beall updated council that this will be corrected soon.
- The radar speed sign on Hillsboro Road has been checked and is in working order.
- Council discussed rainwater control and how clean ditches, depressions, and pipes would help.

Item 2. Park Update

- Council Members Evans and Holzman met at the park with Lee Moody to discuss Fit Station placement and long-range park ideas.
- Former Council Member David Lawrence has sent a message that he will assist with trash removal at the park for \$10 per pickup. It was agreed to order a sign regarding trash removal for the park.
- Council Member Dawe reported that the lawn maintenance company had cut the flowers in the planters.
- It was reported that the basketball goal backboard and net needs to be replaced.
- The new swing has been installed.
- There has been a water leak, but it has been repaired.

Item 3. Zoning Update

Council Member Dawe has been reviewing the current zoning regulations, and she feels that the regulations do not match the town's activities in the area of animal ownership, specifically regarding the

R1 and R2 zones. She suggested removing this passage from the zoning code and possibly adopting a nuisance code that will include animal situations. Mayor Beall suggested inviting the Code Officer Robert Hegge to the next meeting for his advice, but reminded council that this change would require the normal advertisement and public hearings. The topic will be further discussed next month.

Item 4. Town Hall Discussion

Mayor Beall brought other updates by Architect David Riddle. Discussion followed. Mayor Beall stated that council should submit any suggestions.

Item 5. Magistrate Court

Mayor Beall stated that the Oconee County Clerk of Court has agreed to work with the town regarding Magistrate Court cases the town might need in the future, but specifics have not been completely worked out.

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

Mayor Beall introduced the budget public hearing by saying that the council works hard to prepare a budget to serve the community, and the citizens. He asked for input regarding the Mayor's Recommended Budget, which was available May 1, and he discussed the changes and the possible expenses that the town should be prepared for. Discussion followed. He reminded everyone about the public hearing and possible adoption scheduled for the June council meeting. He will edit the budget to include suggestions from council.

The public hearing section of the meeting was then closed.

Mayor's Update

-Mayor Beall stated that he is still waiting for the corrected intergovernmental agreement regarding speed humps.

-He stated that Eddy Tiller had applied for a building permit to move in a storage building, and that Morgan Wheeler will discuss this with Mr. Tiller.

-He told council of an invitation to attend the Watkinsville Garden Club Luncheon, which will be celebrating National Garden Week. The event is June 4.

-Mayor Beall introduced Matthew Pritchett, who had asked to address council about an idea for the park. Matthew would like to lead a project of constructing an outdoor classroom for the park, and he passed around a picture of what he was planning, as well as material list. He stated that he had asked Lowe's, Home Depot and Watkinsville True Value for donations, but might need some help with funding from the city. Discussion followed about the benches and future plans for the park. Mayor Beall suggested that Matthew meet with Council Member Holzman, determine how much assistance might be available from the hardware stores, and attend the June council meeting for further discussion. Council agreed to support the project, and Mayor Beall signed the agreement with the Boy Scout Troop 80.

-Council Member Dawe reminded council that new playground equipment would be ordered within the near future.

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

Carolyn Pritchett

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk