

Mayor –Toby P. Bradberry
Post 1 –Eric Carlson
Post 2 – Jason Presley
Post 3 – Ann Evans
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich
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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2016

Council Present: Mayor Toby Bradberry Eric Carlson
Jason Presley Ann Evans

Visitors: Robin Dotterweich

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Mayor Bradberry then presented the draft minutes and financial statement. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the draft minutes with a minor correction, as well as the financial statement. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bradberry asked if there were comments on topics not on the agenda, and visitor Robin Dotterweich noted that a fence needs repair at the park and that there was trash at the park.

Item 1. Street Update

- Council discussed signage within the town, and the radar sign that has been replaced (the broken sign will be repaired)
- Council discussed speed limit changes on Ray's Church Road (for step-down purposes) and hopefully Highway 186 and the process of making these changes through ordinance.
- Council noted that the safety grant application for the pull-to lines had been sent in to the Georgia DOT, but we have not yet heard from them.

Item 2. Park Update

- Council discussed the mulch that should be spread around the fit trail, and Mayor Bradberry stated that he had mowed part of the trail and around some equipment.
- Area tree service personnel will be asked about extra mulch that could be used at the park.
- David Lawrence had taken trash off, and the town will send him \$60 for this service.
- Council discussed the possibility of having a small dumpster at the park for trash. Prices will be sought.
- Council discussed mowing around the blackberry plants.
- Mayor Bradberry advised council that the group asking to use the park for a fund raising effort had cancelled their plans.
- Council discussed the problem with vehicles parking along Hillsboro Road, even though the 'no parking' signs were posted. A contact will be made to the Sheriff's Office for advice.

Item 3. Town Hall Update

Council discussed the next steps for the progress of the new Town Hall. Topics included:
-the solar panels (cost, feasibility, and contact). It was decided that more information was needed about the cost of the entire structure, and the cost of the panels, before a decision could be made. Council Member Paul Dotterweich and Building Inspector Morgan Wheeler will give more information at the next meeting.

-It was noted that there are extra copies of the floor plan that council can study.

-Mayor Bradberry said he would like to see some indication of where the building will sit (such as flagged stakes), and this will be discussed with the architect.

-Council discussed the expenses of a fully equipped kitchen, and agreed that a warming kitchen would be more feasible.

-Mayor Bradberry asked council to consider the floor plan and get all changes ready to present to architect by the next meeting. After this is done, a copy will be placed on the bulletin board at the park for citizen information.

-Council is hoping that the project can be put out for bid soon.

Public Hearing on the Budget

Mayor Bradberry temporarily closed the regular meeting and opened the advertised public hearing on the FY2017 budget. He explained the budget public hearings for May and for June. Council discussed the recommended budget and items listed. After discussion, Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the proposed budget and to proceed with the public hearing and possible adoption at the June council meeting. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous. The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed.

Mayor's Update

The regular meeting of the council proceeded with the following suggestions from Mayor Bradberry:

-That a five-year financial audit be conducted. He will get fee information.

-That council investigate the possibility of hiring an independent company to handle the town's website.

-That council reconsider a nine-hole disk golf course for the park.

-He stated that there has been a request for a driveway relocation. The city charges a fee, and the county will be contacted for requirements and inspection.

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.



Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk