

Mayor –Robert M. Beall
Post 1 –Jason Wisniewski
Post 2 – Steve Holzman
Post 3 – Ann Evans
Post 4 – Paul Dotterweich
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OFFICIAL MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2015

Council Present: Paul Dotterweich Steve Holzman Jason Wisniewski
Ann Evans Mike Beall

Visitors: David Riddle Eddy Tiller Melvin Davis
Jimmy Parker (Precision Planning) Bill Crowder (Precision Planning)

Mayor Beall called the meeting to order, declared a quorum, welcomed guests, and presented the agenda. Council Member Holzman made the motion to move the Town Hall discussion to the top of Old Business and then to accept the agenda. Council Member Wisniewski made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the September council meeting minutes, and Council Member Evans made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 1. Public Discussion Regarding Withdrawal from the Apalachee River to the Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir

Mayor Beall began the regular meeting by introducing Mr. Jimmy Parker, of Precision Engineering, who led the public discussion regarding the Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir. Mr. Parker presented a power point demonstration, which exhibited the progress of the project. The project began as a vision in 1992, Mr. Parker said, and he shared its history, funding, and construction methods with council. He stated that communities need to work together, and he described agreements between the state government, Walton County and Oconee County, as well as names of community leaders who have been instrumental in its progress. He discussed the Apalachee River diversion, and described how the water would be diverted, the intake site, needed steps, etc. He stated that studies will be conducted by an archeologist as well as an ecologist prior to beginning the actual work. He stated that the EPA had given approval for water diversion from this river in June, 2008, and that the Presley family currently holds the permit (#147-0307-03). He gave a time table for completion of the project and answered questions.

Item 2. Town Hall Discussion

Architect David Riddle presented a revised set of plans for the new Town Hall to be constructed at the park. These drawings will be used to determine if the building estimate is approximately in line with the budgeted amount from the SPLOST account. Mr. Riddle shared information about the roof plans, elevations, layout, site plan, parking area, etc. If the projected building costs are within the budgeted amount, then Mr. Riddle will proceed to the next step of more detailed drawings.

Item 3. Park Update

Council Member Evans reported that the fit trail work has been completed.

Council Member Evans also stated that she had been in contact again with Georgia Bark Company in Nicholson and believed that 92 cubic feet of playground mulch will be sufficient for the play area. The cost will be about \$1300. Council Member Evans had also made a call about the raised ridge that will retain the mulch inside of the play area. Council agreed that the bark can be ordered, and Council Member Evans will call again about the order, the delivery costs, etc.

Mr. Al Rother has agreed to use his equipment to dig holes for the Boy Scout bench project, and hopefully the benches can be set soon.

Item 4. Street Update

Council discussed hiring a paving contractor to 'crack seal' the town streets for longevity. Two companies have submitted estimates, and Council agreed to hire Garrett Paving to do this work. The motion was made by Council Member Steve Holzman to hire the company based on their bid. Council Member Evans made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 5. Business License Application

Mrs. Kathleen Andrews submitted an application for a business license for her home occupation, Pawtery, located at 1230 Arborwood Ridge. She will make pottery for sale at festivals, online, etc. Council Member Holzman made the motion to approve the application, and Council Member Wisniewski made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Update

-Mayor Beall stated that there would be a community fall festival, hosted by the High Shoals Christian Church at the town's park on October 25.

-Mayor Beall stated that there is a grant through DOT that focuses on roadside beautification. Council Member Evans will investigate this opportunity.

-Mayor Beall stated that the LMIG grant application is due December 31.

-Mayor Beall stated that he has received some inquiries, though nothing official, concerning a 23 acre track of property. He stated that there might be a possible rezone request, changing the property to a R-1 category, which would require two acre lots for homes (approximately 11 lots). Mayor Beall has forwarded some of the questions to the town attorney, and advised that the Planning Commission would also be involved.

-Mayor Beall stated that the town's audit has been completed and gave council members the reports.

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

Carolyn Pritchett

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk