

Mayor Kraeling introduced Oconee County Sheriff Scott Berry. Sheriff Berry stated that the Sheriff's Office is aware of the speed problem on Hillsboro Road, and that their office has struggled with an answer to this problem. However, he stated that his office cannot operate speed detection devices (such as radar) on any street that is not listed on the department's state-issued permit. The only road in North High Shoals that is on the permit list is Highway 186. He stated that no city streets in North High Shoals would meet the standards set by the state engineer for inclusion to the list. The standards include specifications on width, shoulder space, and the measurement of the white fog lines on each side of the road. Sheriff Berry further stated that it would be a misdemeanor for his department to use radar, etc. on any road that is not on the approved list. He stated that the list is renewable every three years, and that it would be 2.5 years before he could request that Hillsboro Road be added. Discussion followed about the county's speed study, stop signs, reducing the speed limit, a patrol car parked near this street, blinking lights, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard also spoke on the dangers of living and driving on Hillsboro Road. Sheriff Berry recommended that the town contact the county street engineer, who could possibly contact the state engineer. Discussion followed on the speed tables, and Council Member Dawe stated that a petition was being circulated to reinstall some type of speed bumps, and that maybe a series of these would work better than one or two in slowing Hillsboro Road traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard also requested that the speed limit sign at their house at 285 Hillsboro Road be relocated, as it could be a visual hazard. Council Member Lawrence will visit the site and contact Emil Beshara (Oconee County Public Works Department) about relocating the sign.

Council Member Dawe mentioned the public town meeting on October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the High Shoals Elementary School to discuss needed street improvements using SPLOST funds, as well as other topics. She stated that council should have some material ready for attendees to look at regarding streets and speed limits.

Council Member Dawe also reported on a citizen complaint regarding the noise made by cars at the large traffic speed strips on New High Shoals Road. It was learned that this road will be on the patching/resurfacing list, and no action was taken.

Item 2. City Park Update

Council Member Lawrence listed park needs and stated that a park work day should be scheduled.

Council Member Dawe discussed ordering flower bulbs for the park with the \$100 donation from the Watkinsville Garden Club. Council Member Dawe will order pink flower bulbs which will be planted in honor of breast cancer survivors. Council Member Dawe made the motion to purchase additional flower bulbs (up to \$125 from the park's budget), and Council Member Lawrence made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member Lawrence stated that the BBQ grill, which had been approved by council previously, is on back order.

Council Member Dawe shared a magazine article about the chimney structure for chimney swifts, and Council Member Wisniewski stated that there was an offer to donate block or old brick for this project. Council Member Dawe said that she would like council to also discuss, possibly next month, a bluebird trail project.

Council Member Lawrence stated that a baseball team has begun practicing at the park on Sundays. It was agreed to charge the team \$35/month for once-a-week practices, and \$70/month if they practiced more than once a week.

Item 3. Annexation Request

Citizens John Mackay and Lorena de Santa have submitted a letter of interest and an official petition to council regarding their property located at 1130 Lexington Court. A portion of the property is in the city limits, and they would like the council to annex in the remainder of the property. Mayor Kraeling discussed the property details and read aloud the official petition for annexation, written and signed by the applicants. Council Member Dawe made the motion that the town work with the town attorney, Joe Reitman, and honor this request of the applicants to become town citizens and accept the petition for filing. Council Member Lawrence made the second. Discussion followed regarding surveys and other steps. The vote was unanimous to accept the filing of the annexation petition and forward it to the attorney.

Item 4. Abandoned Structures

Mayor Kraeling stated that the property on Hillsboro Road has been purchased and that the town's building inspector worked with the new owners to demolish the structure. She also stated that she had sent a letter to owners of property on Jefferson Road and was waiting to hear from them.

Item 5. Election Cancellation

Mayor Kraeling stated that the general election scheduled for November has been cancelled, as only one candidate per post qualified. She congratulated Council Members Holzman and Wisniewski, and Mr. Mike Beall, who will assume the position of Mayor in 2012. She stated that Judge David Anglin will attend the December council meeting to swear in the councilmen and mayor.

Item 6. House Numbers

Mayor Kraeling stated that she would like to table this discussion for further study until next month, and council agreed. Some homes have three-digit house numbers, and some have four-digit house numbers, and Council Member Dawe presented the history of house numbering in the town. Mayor Kraeling will contact the town attorney for his input.

Item 7. October 24 Public Meeting

Mayor Kraeling stated that the meeting on October 24 will be used to gather community input. She stated that a question-and-answer session might be used so that residents can voice their concerns and suggestions and learn about the SPLOST account. Council Member Dawe can update people at the meeting regarding her meeting with the state engineer about a possible sidewalk on Highway 186. Mayor Kraeling went over the SPLOST account directives.

Item 8. Building Permit Requests

Mayor Kraeling presented two building permit requests. Mrs. Alexander (1140 Hawks Next Lane) submitted a request to construct a metal carport over a concrete slab. After discussion, Council Member Lawrence made the motion to approve, with an inspection of the concrete slab by the town's building inspector. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Gantt Construction applied for a building permit to remodel the house at 390 Rays Church Road. The town's building inspector, Mr. Wheeler, has been working with him. Council Member Lawrence made the motion to approve, and Council Member Wisniewski made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Item 9. Budget Resolution

Mayor Kraeling read aloud the resolution of the town regarding the 2012 budget. Council approved, and the resolution was signed by council.

The mayor also stated that the audit had been completed.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Pritchett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk