

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

# Town of North High Shoals

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

Council Present: Mayor Toby P. Bradberry Eric Carlson  
Paul Dotterweich Violet Dawe  
Jason Presley Ann Evans

Visitors: Steve Holzman Karl Klein Gerd Schroth

Mayor Bradberry called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to change the order of the agenda, moving the Solar Sun discussion to the top. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bradberry then presented the August draft minutes and financial statements. He also spoke of the work session on 8/29. Council met at the park to discuss placement of Town Hall. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the August minutes of the regular council meeting with a minor correction, and Council Member Presley made the second. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the financial statement. Council Member Presley made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Item 1. Solar Energy Discussion

Council Member Dotterweich introduced Mr. Gerd Schroth, representative from Solar Sun World (Madison, Georgia with additional sales offices in Athens and Atlanta). Mr. Schroth shared photos of typical examples of solar systems for residential, commercial and industrial installations. Discussion followed regarding the money saved, cost, maintenance, how to use these for dual purposes, etc. Council and Mr. Schroth discussed kWh prices, most likely around \$ 0.12/kWh, Georgia Power buy-back (approx.. 4.5 cents per kw hour), warranty and maintenance. He stated the goal for the town should be a system that is 1) fiscally responsible; 2) aesthetically pleasing; and 3) serving dual purposes. Since council does not know how much electricity the new town hall will use and since council needs a rough budget for planning purposes, he suggested to use as guidance a 2 - 4 person residence, which will use a total of 12,000 - 14,000 kWh per year at about 10-12 cents per kWh. To avoid overproduction that has to be sold at 4.5 cents/kWh to Georgia Power, he suggested to size the system for 65 – 70 % of the total requirements. This would require a 6 kWdc system, which at present pricing would cost roughly \$ 18,000 – 20,000. This would include approximately 20 panels (producing roughly 8,200 kw hours annually.

He talked about storage, batteries, and new developments, and stated that the town should build the system in such a way that new technology can be added at a later date. He shared graphs that showed prices coming down and the breakdown for residential, commercial, and industrial projects, and he discussed legislation in House Bill 57. Council discussed using solar panels as a shelter cover, possibly connected to Town Hall. It was noted that the panels should face directly south for more energy efficiency.

After discussion, Council Dotterweich made the motion that the town incorporate the solar energy system into the building project of the North High Shoals Town Hall. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

### **Item 2. Memorial for Horst Klein**

Mr. Karl Klein (son of Horst Klein) talked about how much his father had loved the town park. The family would like to donate a bench or something similar to the park in honor and remembrance of Horst Klein. Discussion followed. He also had a photo of his father with some community youth that possibly could be incorporated. He discussed a bench with possible bike rack. They would like to present this to the town around Horst Klein's birthday, which is April 11. Mayor Bradberry suggested it might behoove the town to establish official guidelines for the scope and design of this and all future donations / memorials. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept this donation to the park. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 3. Street Update**

Mayor Bradberry stated that, according to the provider, all stop bars have been painted at the relevant intersections, and that he will make a personal inspection to be sure that work has been done, including repainting the crosswalk on Elder Road.

It was brought up that a street sign should be installed on Hillsboro and Highway 186, and that street signs should be ordered for Speedway Lane.

### **Item 4. Ordinances Regarding Truck Traffic and Rays Church Road**

Mayor Bradberry read aloud the revised ordinance about heavy truck traffic. This revision more adequately describes a heavy truck and lists the streets on which the ordinance is applicable. Council Member Dawe made the motion to accept the ordinance reading and revision, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The first reading was at the advertised public hearing on August 29. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bradberry read aloud the ordinance regarding the speed limit amendment. The only change is the drop-down speed rate on Rays Church Road, which would enable the state patrol to issue speeding tickets. This was read aloud and discussed at the August 29 public hearing. Mayor Bradberry read a citizen request for a speed hump for this road and discussion followed. The ordinance vote will be at the October council meeting.

## **Item 5. Park Update**

Mayor Bradberry stated that he had received a call about a broken swing chain, but it has been repaired. Regular inspection of playground equipment would be beneficial. Council also discussed new playground equipment that can be paid for with the Splost 2015 account. Trash disposal was also discussed.

## **Item 6. New Town Hall**

Several decisions were made about the new Town Hall building, including:

1. Council Member Carlson made the motion to move the site 20 yards further in from Hillsboro Road. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.
2. Council Member Dawe made the motion to ensure that the two restrooms are unisex restrooms. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous.
3. Council Member Presley made the motion to build the counter and glass partition into the wall of the clerk's office. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote was unanimous.
4. Council discussed relocating the employee entrance. Council Member Carlson made the motion to leave this entrance in the rear of the building. Council Member Presley made the second and the vote passed 3/1 (Council Member Dawe).
5. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to relocate the mechanical room door for easier access and to give wall space in the back hall. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.
6. Council Member Dawe made the motion to add a gutter system to the plans. Council Member Dotterweich made the second, and the vote was unanimous.
7. Council Member Carlson made the motion to eliminate the island in the kitchen. Council Member Dawe made the second, and the vote passed 3/1 (Council Member Dotterweich)
8. Council Member Dawe made the motion to move the door of the community room storage area to allow wall space for a head table and smart board. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.
9. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to also relocate the porch door (from the community area) to allow for more symmetry and space on that same wall. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.
10. Council Member Dawe made the motion that we eliminate the outside water fountain, but the motion did not receive a second.
11. Council discussed covering the handicap ramp, installing matching windows in front, gutters, hvac, drain pipe installation, electrical outlets on banquet table, door changes, and a fire wall (for file storage, janitor and mechanical rooms).

Council Member Dotterweich made the motion that these changes be incorporated and that the plan be moved to the next phase of development. Council Member Presley made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

## **Mayor's Update**

Mayor Bradberry updated council on the drainage problems in town. Council should consider removing cedar trees and the addition of a ditch on private property allowing rainwater to enter

the creek. Mayor Bradberry asked about the town's liabilities, and Council Member Dawe expressed concern about erosion, EPA, and a precedent being set.

Mayor Bradberry has also been discussing a regular schedule of trimming trees that may encroach on the street and street shoulders with Oconee officials.

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

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk