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MAYOR TOBY P. BRADBERRY

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POST 2: JASON PRESLEY

POST 3: ANN EVANS

POST 4: HILDA KURTZ

POST 5: VIOLET DAWE

**APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING*
May 18, 2020**

Council Present: Toby Bradberry, Ann Evans, Violet Dawe, Hilda Kurtz, Eric Carlson

Council Members Absent: Jason Presley

Item 1—Budget discussion

Mayor Bradberry declared a quorum and opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Mayor Bradberry reminded Council that they did not have to vote on the budget today, just have a discussion. He began the discussion by providing an overview of the budget for Council. Mayor Bradberry highlighted these key elements:

- The Town budgeted \$120,000 in revenue for FY2020 and as of the April 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, had only spent \$72,000. He recommends moving the surplus to the Money Market Account.
- Council Member Dawe asked if we were expecting the same amount of revenue for next year and Mayor Bradberry replied yes.

Council Member Dawe asked how much income we received from the Republican debate held at the Community Center on May 11th. Mayor Bradberry replied that we did not charge the organizer (Steven Strickland) because he represents the town to the Oconee County Planning Commission.

Clerk Wilson reminded Council that revenue streams should hold steady for FY 2021 because the town does not rely on any income from hotel, meal, or alcohol taxes.

Council Member Kurtz asked if there were any revenue categories where the town might take a hit. Clerk Wilson replied possibly the TAVT or motor vehicle tax which is based on people purchasing new cars. In FY20 the Town received approximately \$9,000 from motor vehicle taxes.

Council Member Carlson asked how short the Town was coming up on the SPLOST15 account and Clerk Wilson replied about half a million dollars. Mayor Bradberry reminded Council that those projections were made in 2015. Council Member Evans asked if the money had been allocated. Council Member Carlson stated he believed the money had been allocated but not all spent and Mayor Bradberry confirmed that was correct.

Mayor Bradberry announced that after his first pass at the budget, the Town needed to allocate about \$5,000 more so that expenses matched revenue. He asked Council for ideas where to add money and if new categories needed to be created. Discussion followed about possible new categories. Clerk Wilson suggested adding phone and internet for the Community Center, separating the water bill out of the property maintenance for the Community Center,

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions the meeting was held virtually using GoToMeeting.

and eliminating the former Town Hall categories as well as the lawn for the Community Center. Council Member Kurtz asked why Clerk Wilson suggested eliminating the Lawn at the Community Center as a line item. Clerk Wilson replied it was because the landscape company does not separate it out on the bill.

Mayor Bradberry reminded Council to look over the budget again. Council Member Dawe suggested a parking lot line item for gravel and curbing purchases. Council Member Carlson suggested ball park and Council Member Evans suggested park cleaning, especially related to COVID-19.

Mayor Bradberry reminded the Council that the next step is to approve the budget at the June meeting. He closed the Special Meeting at 7:33pm and opened the Regular Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Wilson
Clerk, North High Shoals