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MAYOR TOBY P. BRADBERRY

POST 1: ERIC CARLSON

POST 2: JASON PRESLEY

POST 3: ANN EVANS

POST 4: HILDA KURTZ

POST 5: VIOLET DAWE

July 19, 2021

Regular Council Meeting

DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Eric Carlson at approximately 7:35 PM
Members Present: Acting Mayor, Carlson, Council member Dawe in person. Council members Evans Kurtz and Pressley via video conferencing.

Guests present: Eric and Lori Wright via video conferencing

Greetings and Declaration of Quorum – A quorum was declared.

Agenda Setting

Council member Kurtz suggested a moment of silence for Mayor Toby's passing.

A moment of silence was observed.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Presentation of Draft Minutes from Previous Meeting.

There were 2 minor corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Bennett's friend's name was to be added to the minutes.

A dollar amount needed to be corrected

Council member Kurtz motioned to approve minutes with changes. Council member Evans seconded.

Approval was unanimous.

Minutes for Called meeting on 7/6/2021.

Spelling of Hilda's last name needs correcting, all else OK.

Motion made by Council member Dawe to approve the minutes with the correction. Council member Evans seconded. Unanimously approved

Presentation of Financial Statement

Some discussion regarding format and wording of columns. Recommended change in column title. Council member Dawe made a motion to change the column on Revenue page to Balance.

Council member Evans seconded. Unanimously approved. Column will be made "Balance".

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Eric and Lori Wright were in attendance via video conferencing. They were asked for comments. They stated they were just wanting to "Learn how things get done."

Unfinished Business

1. 2180 Elder Road—Variance for building second (In-law suite)residence – review of 7/6/21 Called meeting

Minutes from work meeting of 7/6/21 were reviewed. Council member Dawe made a motion to accept the variance as outlined in the meeting on 7/6/21 with permission to

- be given to Mayor, Town Inspector and Town Clerk to approve minor changes without submission to the Council. Council member Kurtz seconded. Unanimously approved
2. Short Term Rental Ordinance – moved to next month
 3. Livestock Ordinance – moved to next month
 4. 231 Shadyfield Lane – Building Permit – no activity. Council agreed to remove from the agenda until such time as resident submits permit information.

New Business:

1. Resolution for Special Mayoral Election
With the passing of Mayor Bradberry, it was determined that an election should take place to fill the seat for the remaining term. Since there is an election for Council member seats, the Mayoral replacement election can be included as part of the November election. Mr. Reitman, town attorney, drew up a Resolution to be agreed upon by the Council. Resolution was presented. One change was noted. Council member Kurtz made a motion to approve the resolution with the one change. Council member Evans seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.
In conjunction with the passing of the mayor some discussion occurred regarding what could be done with the funds being sent “in memory of Mayor Bradberry”. Several ideas were suggested:
Ball field named in his honor
Time capsule in conjunction with Town hall grand opening.
Picture on the wall in Town hall of Mayor and sign at the entrance to the town.
Benches in the park named for Mayor Toby.
All could be done in conjunction with Georgia Cities Week
Council member Evans moved to memorialize Toby Bradberry in association with the Grand Opening of the Town Hall by
 Renaming the ball field to Bradberry Field
 Include items relative to his life in a Time Capsule
 Commission and dedicate benches to be placed in the Town Park
 Take one of the road signs naming Toby as Mayor and hang it in the Town Hall with his picture beside it.
Council member Dawe seconded. Passed unanimously
2. 299 Hopping Rd– Driveway grading – Existing driveway has drainage issues, so driveway will be graded to rectify the problem. Council member Dawe noted that Hopping Rd is Hwy 186
Council member Evans made a motion to approve the driveway permit. Council member Kurtz seconded. Vote was unanimous.
3. Signage proposal – Mayor Bradberry had signage information for consideration before his passing. The information was discussed. What might be on the sign? What might be on the 5 signposts. Council member Dawe suggested this be discussed at a later meeting. Council member Kurtz suggested a working meeting to drive around to determine where the signs should be placed and what entities might wish to be included on the signs. Moved to the next meeting. Issues may be inclusivity and placement. Placement will determine what should be included on the signs.
Council member Kurtz suggested creating a map to determine what needs to be where. Council member Carlson will work at securing business information for her to create a map and determine sign placement.

4. Office hours change- from MTF to MWF 8:30am – 5:00pm. Clerk hours change would expand presence on the premises and make it easier for residents on Fridays when facility is being rented for weekend use. Council member Dawe made a motion to change office hours to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Council member Kurtz seconded. Unanimously approved.
5. Participate in Georgia Cities Week October 3 – 9, 2021. There is a packet of ideas available online. plan New Town Hall grand opening to coincide. Ideas included the Time Capsule. The Brothers family music in the park special events to highlight the Grand Opening of New Town Hall, Dedication of Bradberry Memorial whatever it is determined to be. Many ideas floated. Council members to have work session to discuss further ideas and make decisions. Discussion of ideas to run with.
 - a. Location of Time Capsule, determine who to contact to request info for capsule.
 - i. Who to ask? How to reach them and get them involved? Reach others in town?
 1. Elementary school to encourage kids to participate
 2. Have a mailing
 3. What to bring
 - ii. First determine the size
 - iii. Then determine who and what will be included
 1. Council members putting something in Time Capsule
 2. Past mayors and council members, longtime residents
 3. Put in pictures of the New Town Hall and the Old Town Hall
 4. Include info about COVID, mask wearing, etc.
 - b. Assign to members
 - i. Council member Evans to be responsible for Time Capsule
 - ii. Council member Evans will work on food and music for Grand Opening, more ideas at next meeting.
 - iii. Council member Carlson will address, benches, ball field
 - iv. Make sure “Woodmen of the World” are included
 - v. Council member Kurtz will create game using old pictures as well as pics of current things (Where are they)
 - vi. Trivia questions with ideas
 - vii. Harry Bradberry might be a good resource. Jeff Thomas also.
 - viii. Decisions will need to be made at September meeting.
 - ix. Work session to be scheduled after August meeting.
 - x. Residents to bring things for Potluck, or Food sale?
 - xi. Clerk Sue Bishop to send in the form to participate in Georgia Cities Week

Mayor's Update:

1. Newly elected Sherriff will be at the August Council meeting. Before his passing, Mayor Bradberry extended an invitation to the newly elected Sheriff of Oconee County to attend a Council meeting to hear from Town residents. Sheriff James Hale will attend in August.
2. Contact citizens to let them know of the Sheriff's attendance, ones with children, others who have complained of speeders.
3. Put notice on electronic sign that Sheriff will be here.

Council members thanked Council member Carlson for serving as Acting Mayor. Some discussion of Mayor Bradberry's passing

Council member Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Kurtz seconded. There were no objections. Meeting was adjourned by Acting Mayor Carlson at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bishop

Clerk, Town of North High Shoals