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MAYOR: VIOLET DAWE
POST1: ERIC CARLSON
POST 2: JASON PRESLEY
POST 3: ERIC WRIGHT
POST 4: HILDA KURTZ
POST 5: MEAGAN CUNDIFF

January 17, 2022

Regular Council Meeting 7:30pm

Agenda

Call to Order: Mayor Dawe called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

Members Present: Eric Carlson and Hilda Kurtz in person; Jason Presley and Ann Evans via conference call.

Members Absent: None

Greetings and Declaration of Quorum: With all current Council members present, a quorum was determined

Agenda Setting: With no changes declared to the agenda, a motion was made by Council member Carlson to accept the agenda as written. Motion seconded by Council member Kurtz. Passed Unanimously.

Presentation of Draft Minutes from Previous Meeting; Motion to approve minutes with one correction to Presley name made by Council member Kurtz, seconded by Council member Carlson. Approved.

Presentation of Financial Statement: Noted that numbers for GL 4051 and 4052 are backwards. Need to be corrected. SPLOST 2021. Some discussion of the addition of GL sub accounts. Correction on Date for Bank statements. Motion made by Council member Kurtz to accept the Financial Statement with the corrections noted. Seconded by Council member Carlson. Unanimously approved.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item: David Lawrence spoke about the desk/secretary that was refinished to Clerk's office. He also spoke about the paintings being displayed in the Town Hall which were done by Felicia Kautz.

Swearing in of new Council members: New Council members Meagan Cundiff and Eric Wright were individually sworn in by Mayor Dawe. Reelected Council member Kurtz was sworn in by Mayor Dawe.

Unfinished Business

1. Short Term Rental Ordinance - move into February? May require a work session/called meeting.
2. Livestock Ordinance – move into February? May require a work session/called meeting.
3. Signage proposal – move into February? May require a work session/called meeting.
4. Lighting for the parking lot and side walkway area to go to the back of the building. Stephen Goad spoke about information he is assembling. Council member Kurtz spoke about the lighting that exist in her subdivision. Something should be available before February's meeting.
5. Consider pay for Council members and Mayor- see documents from Town Attorney. After discussion a motion was put forth by Council member Kurtz to submit to Town Attorney, Joe Reitman for drafting. "Move that we send language to Mr. Reitman to prepare and ordinance that reads as follows: "That we allocate 5% of annual budget for the Town of North High Shoals for the

purpose of compensation for the Mayor and the Council members, at a ratio of 1 unit for each Council members and 5 units for the mayor, the total not to exceed \$10,000 annually.” Seconded by Council member Carlson. Unanimously approved

6. Sidewalks- nothing yet
7. New playground equipment Work session scheduled for 1/23/2022 at 1:30 PM. Materials on the counter in the Town Hall available for individuals to review prior to the meeting.
8. Special Use permit for 350 Jefferson Rd, property of Wayman and Sandra Whitehead, VIASAT dish. Special use for a permanent structure to be on the Whitehead property. A motion was made by Council member Kurtz to grant the Special use permit for 350 Jefferson Rd to allow a VIASAT satellite dish be installed on the property. Seconded by Council member Wright. Unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Building Permit – 190 Shadyfield Lane –Grant permit with the proviso that all licenses be up to date before permit will be granted. Motion made by Council member Kurtz to allow Mr. Wheeler and the City Clerk to verify license information and allow the mayor to approve the permit when all is completed. Seconded by Council member Carlson. Unanimously approved on condition that everything is up to date.
2. 2022 Business License renewal packets have been mailed. Business licenses are issued to Town residents who earn \$ 500 annually running a small business from their home. Council member Wright suggested that it should be raised to \$1,000. Some discussion. Motion made by Council member Wright to raise the minimum amount earned by Town residents running businesses to \$1,000 annually. Seconded by Council member Kurtz. Unanimously approved.
3. Appointments
 - a. **Mayor Pro Tempore** – Council member Kurtz nominated Council member Carlson. Seconded by Council member Cundiff. Position accepted by Council member Carlson. Nomination approved by all.
 - b. **Presiding Officer**- Council member Carlson nominated Council member Kurtz. Seconded by Council member Wright. Position accepted by Council member Kurtz. Nomination approved by all.
 - c. **Town Clerk** - Motion to accept Sue Bishop as the Town Clerk by Council member Carlson. Seconded by Council member Cundiff. Approved by all.
 - d. **Town Attorney** - Motion to accept Joe Reitman as the Town Attorney by Council member Kurtz. Seconded by Council member Carlson. Approved by all.
 - e. **Town Inspector** - Motion to accept Morgan Wheeler as the Town Inspector by Council member Carlson. Seconded by Council member Kurtz. Approved by all.
 - f. **Town Accountant** - Motion to accept Frances Arnold as the Town Accountant by Council member Kurtz. Seconded by Council member Wright. Approved by all.
4. Code of Conduct- Council members took turns reading through the document. Motion made by Council member Wright to accept the 2022 Code of Conduct. Seconded by Council member Presley. Unanimously approved.
5. 2022 Meeting Schedule – Council reviewed the 2022- 2023 School calendar. Mayor recommended that the Council meeting should occur 1 week earlier in both November and December. Motion made by Council member Kurtz. Seconded by Council member Carlson. Unanimously approved. Meetings for those months will be November 14, 2022, and December 12, 2022.

Mayor's Update:

1. Pictures for Community residents to display in Town Hall- Mayor would like to have Town residents display artwork. At present Felicia Kautz has items hanging in the Town Hall. David Lawrence has loaned an antique radio and an antique secretary, which is in the Clerk's office, to the Town.
2. A new printer has been set up and the old printer has been moved to the back office and made available for Town residents to make copies at a nominal fee.
3. Financial Disclosure Statements – need to be completed by January 21st.
4. Political Contribution information -need to be completed by January 21st.
5. Burning Trash- Resident has been burning noxious items, household garbage, etc. Fire department and EPD has paid visits to offending residents.
6. Patrol officer did not attend this meeting, but mayor noted that the per hour rate has gone up from \$35 per hour to \$45 per hour. Officer patrols during their off hours. If issues arise, Sheriff's office should be contacted. Patrol tries for eight hour per week. When they serve at the Council meeting, regardless of whether the meeting is one hour or three hours, we must pay for three hours. Much discussion.

Motion made by Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council member Wright. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23.

Addendum: Resolutions and