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June 23, 2025

6:30 PM

Final Public Hearing – Budget for FY 2025-2026

Call to Order: The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Goad at 6:31 PM.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was present.

Members Present: Mayor Goad, Council members Carlson and Wright in person, Council member Johnson via zoom

Members Absent: Council members Cundiff and Kurtz.

Guests present: Debbie Tiller, Pat Sibley, John and Joey Westman

Pledge of Allegiance:

**Agenda Setting: There is one issue for consideration. No other items may be presented.
This is the final Public Hearings regarding the FY 2025-2026 Budget.
The vote will take place during the regular Council meeting immediately following the Public Hearing.**

Some discussion occurred regarding the budget. However, there were no objections to the budget as presented.

Adjournment of Public Hearing: motion, second, vote.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson to adjourn the public hearing.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 3-0,

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The Regular Council Meeting will begin immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing.

June 23, 2025

7:00 PM

Regular Council Meeting APPROVED Minutes

Call to Order: The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Goad at 7:02 PM.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was present.

Members Present: Mayor Goad, Council members Carlson and Wright in person, Council member Johnson via zoom

Members Absent: Council members Cundiff and Kurtz.

Guests present: Debbie Tiller, Pat Sibley, John and Joey Westman, Steve Hall, Chris Honeycut and Joseph Chesser, representatives of Bureau Veritas, Bob Weatherford, representative of BlueLine, Vincent and Mallory Dixon and their children.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Agenda Setting:

A motion was made by Council member Carlson to accept the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote 3-0. Unanimous.

Planning Commission Report: Ann Evans, North High Shoals representative with the Oconee County Planning Commission to give a brief report. Ms. Evans was on vacation and unavailable for a report.

Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the Council meeting of May 19,2025.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to accept The minutes for May 19, 2025, as presented.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote 3-0. Unanimous.

Presentation of Financial Statement for May 2025.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson to accept the May 2025 Financial Statement as presented.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote 3-0. Unanimous.

Special Guest: Bob Weatherford, Blueline Solutions

Mr. Weatherford presented information regarding a recent traffic study on HWY 186 in the school zone. The Council will receive and review a contract regarding traffic control in the school zone.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item(s):

There were miscellaneous comments on various topics by members of the public.

Unfinished Business

Bureau Veritas to present permitting proposal. Mr. Wheeler will no longer be available to serve the Town due to the health of his wife.

Chris Honeycutt of Bureau Veritas presented the scope of the company's services regarding inspections, permits and so forth. The Council will review a sample contract and evaluate how to move forward with a smooth transition.

Vote on FY 2025-2026 proposed Budget

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to accept the proposed budget.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 3-0.

Vote on Budget Amendment – A budget amendment was not necessary since the funds were being transferred from one checking account to another.

Proposed rate increases for Ballfield and Town Hall.

Increases of:

\$5 per use for the ballfield, making the cost \$35 for each use for 2 – 3 hour periods.

\$5 per hour for Town residents for use of the Town Hall, making it \$35 per hour, minimum of 3 hours = \$105. Ear- mark \$5 per hour to be put into the "Major Building Repairs Reserve Fund" to have funds available for future major maintenance costs.

\$10 per hour for non-resident for use of the Town Hall, making it \$70 per hour, minimum of 3 hours = \$210 Ear- mark \$10 per hour to be put into the "Major Building Repairs Reserve Fund" to have funds available for future major maintenance costs.

This would be making the rate increase the dollars to be set aside for major repairs to the building if/when they arise.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson to accept the rate increases and create the "Major Building Repairs Reserve Fund."

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 3 – 0.

New Business

Mallory Dixon – Free Little Library presentation.

Mrs. Dixon presented her family's desire to fund and maintain a "Free Little Library" to be placed in the Park. The idea is to provide a small, colorful "box" where books for children would be available for free. Books could be taken at no cost or swapped by leaving a book when one is taken. The Dixons have committed to funding the construction and maintenance of the Library.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to accept the “Free Little Library” for the Park.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 3 – 0.

Mayor’s Update

Respectfully submitted

Sue Bishop

Town Clerk