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MAYOR: STEPHEN GOAD
POST1: ERIC CARLSON
POST 2: FRED JOHNSON
POST 3: ERIC WRIGHT
POST 4: HILDA KURTZ
POST 5: MEAGAN CUNDIFF

July 28, 2025

6:30 PM

Final Public Hearing – Millage rate increase

Call to Order: The hearing was called to order by Mayor Goad at 6:32 PM

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was present

Members Present: Mayor Goad, Council members Carlson, Johnson, Kurtz and Wright in person.

Members Absent: Council member Cundiff

Guests present: Jennifer Riddle, Oconee County Tax Commissioner, Ellen Goad, Steve Hall, Pat Sibley, Nathalee Simoneau from the Oconee Enterprise, Debbie Tiller, Mark McMMain, candidate running for State office.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Agenda Setting: There is one issue for consideration. No other items may be presented. This is the final Public Hearings regarding Millage rate increase. The vote will take place during the regular Council meeting immediately following the Public Hearing.

There was little discussion regarding the millage increase. There was no opposition expressed. There were general questions directed at Commissioner Riddle on how millage rates were determined and how the actual taxes were assessed.

Adjournment of Public Hearing: motion, second, vote.

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

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 4-0. Unanimous

The hearing was adjourned at 6:59 PM by Mayor Goad

July 28, 2025

7:00 PM

Regular Council Meeting APPROVED Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goad at 7:03 PM.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was present

Members Present: Mayor Goad, Council members Carlson, Johnson, Kurtz and Wright in person.

Members Absent: Council member Cundiff

Guests present: Jennifer Riddle, Oconee County Tax Commissioner, Ellen Goad, Steve Hall, Kip Jones, Julie Memler, Pat Sibley, Nathalee Simoneau from the Oconee Enterprise, Debbie Tiller, Mark McMMain, candidate for State Senate.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Agenda Setting:

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

Second by Council member Johnson.

Vote: 4 – 0 Unanimous.

Planning Commission Report: Ann Evans, North High Shoals representative with the Oconee County Planning Commission was not available.

Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the Council meeting of June 23,2025.

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

Second by Council member Johnson.

Vote: 4 – 0 Unanimous

Presentation of Financial Statement for June 2025.

A motion was made by Council member wright to accept the Financial Statement as presented.

Second by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 3 – 0. Council member Kurtz abstained as she was absent from the June meeting.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item(s):

Mark McMMain introduced himself and spoke about his bid for the State Senate seat for District 46 which includes North High Shoals.

Unfinished Business

Vote on Millage rate increase.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to adopt the 2 mil millage rate increase.

Second by Council member Johnson.

Vote: 4 – 0. Unanimously Approved.

New Business

Julie Memler wishes to address the Council

Ms. Memler spoke at length regarding an issue with a neighbor.

The Town Clerk would like to attend training classes in Duluth in September – please see attached information. This would require having someone man the office some of the days.

A motion was made by council member Kurtz to authorize an expense not to exceed \$1,000 to fund the Town Clerk’s professional development training in Duluth. This will include mileage, and expense for an individual to man the office on 3 of the days.

Second by Council member Wright.

Vote: 4 – 0. Unanimous.

Mayor's Update

The Mayor discussed the Bureau Veritas contract regarding inspections. The Attorney was opposed to the original contract, so a modified contract was submitted to Bureau Veritas. We await their response.

With no further business to transact, a motion was made by Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Council member Johnson.

Vote: 4 – 0 Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Goad ant 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sue Bishop
Town Clerk**