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August 24, 2026

6:30 PM

Final Public Hearing - Sidewalks -APPROVED Minutes

Call to Order: The 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 Johnson, Hall and Sibley in person; Council member Carlson via Zoom; Council member Wright arrived late.

Members Absent:

Guests present:

Agenda Setting:

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

Seconded by Council member Hall.

Vote: 4 – 0. Council member Wright had not yet arrived.

The only item for discussion is the Sidewalk proposal for Hillsboro Rd. Any other question or issue may be addressed at the regular Council meeting to follow this hearing.

The vote will take place at the appointed time during the regular meeting immediately following this hearing.

Motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council member Johnson.

Seconded by Council member Sibley.

Vote 5 – 0. Mr. Wright had arrived during the residents' comments.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Goad at 7:00 PM



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7:00 PM

Regular Council Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goad at 7:01 PM.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was present.

Members Present: Mayor Goad, Council members Hall, Johnson, Sibley, and Wright in person; Council member Carlson via Zoom

Members Absent: none

Guests present: See attached sign in sheets

Pledge of Allegiance:

Agenda Setting:

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

Seconded by Council member Sibley.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimous.

Planning Commission Report: No. There was no Planning Commission meeting this month.

Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the Council meeting of July 27, 2026.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to accept the Minutes for the Council meeting of July 27, 2026.

Seconded by Council member Sibley.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimous.

Presentation of Financial Statement for July 2026.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to accept the Financial Statement for July 2026.

Seconded by Council member Sibley.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimous.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item(s): None

Unfinished Business

Swearing in of Bailey Russell to serve as Municipal Court Clerk for North High Shoals.

Bailey Russel took the oath of office for her position at Municipal Court Clerk for the Town of North High Shoals.

Sidewalks vote:

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to open discussion about the construction of a sidewalk between Rays Church Rd and Highway 186 along Hillsboro Rd.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Following significant discussion among the Council members and some input from visitors, a motion was made by Council member Sibley to close discussion and take a vote.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous to end discussion

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to accept the bid from Mark Thomas for the sidewalks

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 2 – 3. The bid for the sidewalks was not accepted.

New Business

Earnheart – 1081 Falcon Ridge – Construction of a workshop

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to approve the request

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

Jarrett – 1270 Arborwood Ridge Remodel Permit

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to approve the request

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

Approve transfer of \$150,000 from the non-interest-bearing General Fund account to the interest- bearing Money Market Acct.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to transfer \$150,000 from the non-interest-bearing General Fund account to the Money Market Account.

Seconded by Council member

Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimously approved

Discussion regarding park planning, hiring of professional park planner.

There was significant discussion regarding a work session. No motion was made to specify the content.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a work session on September 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Discussion and vote to increase clerks pay rate

A motion was made by Council member Wright to increase the Clerks' pay to \$25.50 per hour.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 5-0. Unanimously approved.

Bid advertisement for engineered drain project on Jefferson Road at USPS.

A motion was made by Council member Hall to request bids for the drain project on Jefferson Rd. in the area of the Post Office.

Seconded by Council member Sibley.

Vote: 4 – 0. Council member Wright recused himself.

Budget Resolution for balancing FY 2026 Budget.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to approve the proposed Budget Amendment to balance the FY 2026 Budget. (Copy of document attached)

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimously approved

Mayor's Update

Speed bumps, shoulders, grass, etc. being completed on Hillsboro Rd.

With no further business to address a motion was made by Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by multiple Council member simultaneously.

Vote: 5-0. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Goad at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Sue Bishop
Town Clerk**