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City of High Shoals
Regular Council Meeting
July 12, 2022

Call to Order: Mayor Rathbone called meeting to order 7/12/2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present today are the following members:

Jimmy Laws, Kathy Rhyne, Bobby Vassey, Bo Rhyne, Denese Cook, Dennis Cash, and Mayor PJ Rathbone.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to add purchase of banners to new business made by Kathy Rhyne and seconded by Jimmy Laws. All in favor.

Motion to add discussion of roadside pickup by Denese Cook, seconded by Bobby Vassey. All in favor.

Motion to approve agenda by Dense Cook, seconded by Bo Rhyne. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes made by Jimmy Laws, seconded by Denese Cook. All in favor.

Citizen's comments/concerns: The City of High Shoals Council offers the opportunity for Public Expression issues per NCGS 160A-81.1 (limited to 3-5 minutes per speaker).
No one signed up for comment period, Mayor offered for anyone to speak.

Good of the order: This is a time set aside for members to offer comments or observations (without formal motion) about the organization and its work. The good of the order is also the time to offer resolution to bring disciplinary charges against a member for the offenses committed outside a meeting.

Departmental Reports:

Police Report-Gaston County

Captain spoke of arrests made for the month. Officer initiated calls total of 111. Total citizen calls at 52.

Financial-Dennis Cash

Checking \$401,099.24

Savings \$150,049.32

Capital Management \$162,819.12

Total: \$713,967.68

Cemetery-Denese Cook

Cemetery sign is being painted now.

Water/Sewer-Bo Rhyne

We have leak on River St. Previous leak, not on the main in the area of 104 & 106 on River. Tim was called today to look at the leak. We will follow-up with Tim Eidson.

Street/Maintenance/Sanitation-Kathy Rhyne

Sanitation seems to be going fine, when the new employee is more comfortable, we will be going to a 2-man crew.

Parks & Recreation-Bobby Vassey

Movie Night went well. During Movie Night we identified that lights around cemetery, walking track were not working. Duke came out today to fix all the lights that are out.

Yard of the Month: Phyllis Rice, 310 River St.

Vehicles-Jimmy Laws

HS-1 has been inspected with tires

HS-4 had an issue with Water pump locking up and breaking the belt. I replaced both the parts and had it running same day

Administration Report-PJ Rathbone

Pipe has been delivered to City Hall. Will be breaking ground next week. We will have slower traffic through town due to the construction. The water line will come down one side and cross over at mid-way and come down to Frye Street. On-going work 7-5 Monday-Friday.

The revitalization grant for purchasing and reselling homes, the stipulations have changed within the grant from the Federal Government. So, we will not be getting this grant. However, there is a grant we are in process of looking into and others to receive grants.

Water service coming from Dallas, we've made some progress. It is looking promising, but it is in the works with the economic development. Funds have been acquired from the county and have been set toward this project. A lift station and pump station will be needed, however.

Old Business:

Discussion/Action: River Street Paving

We are waiting for Custom to update their quote to add the new hole. Until we get this quote we want to wait. \$9,835.22 from Carolina Asphalt. Motion to table made by Jimmy Laws, seconded by Bobby Vassey, All in favor.

New Business:

Discussion/Action: Webhosting

Denese made motion to accept Web Hosting for \$3900, seconded by Jimmy Laws. All in favor.

Discussion/Action: GSM air conditioning maintenance

Service agreement for our 2 unit/split system.

\$528 annually option 1

\$861 annually option 2

Motion that we take option 1 of the service contract from GSM for \$566.28 and that service tech, upon arrival, provide a copy of his certifications. Seconded by Jimmy Laws, all in favor.

Discussion/Action: NCRWA Conference (Will)

August 31-September 2

\$574.34

Motion to approve made by Kathy Rhyne, seconded by Bo Rhyne. All approved.

Discussion/Action: Water Meters (Fortiline)

The council agreed to use ARPA funds to purchase meters. The meters on this water project will be these same meters. To allow the system to work, we must replace the other meters that aren't involved in the main line project. It does not include the collector. This is all electronic. We want to orchestrate the install with the grant.

Dennis Cash made motion to approve, seconded by Bo Rhyne. All in favor.

Discussion/Action: Trees on Harry Robinson Road

Bradford Pear trees on Harry Robinson, the trees are our property. This quote is to remove the dead trees, grind the stumps, top & prune the remaining 10 trees and haul off.

Council discussed various options.

No action taken yet. Make notation of all work needed.

Monthly cost, one lump sum.

Discussion/Action: Grant update

Absolutely go after any grant that would benefit the town.

Discussion/Action: Adjustments for sewer (water use of pressure washers)

Denese Cook made motion to not adjust for pressure washers, seconded by Kathy Rhyne. All in favor.

Discussion/Action: Water/sewer bill for Methodist Church?

(Never had a bill until conversion to new software printout in packet)

Motion to bill Methodist Church to be billed accordingly made by Kathy Rhyne, seconded by Bo Rhyne, all in favor.

Discussion/Action: Banners

Kathy would like to move forward to purchase the military banners.

Motion made to purchase three sets of banners to be ordered now, giving Kathy authority to pick the banners are her discretion, reimbursing the citizens that purchased banners, by Dennis Cash, seconded by Bo Rhyne, all in favor.

Discussion/Action: Roadside pickup
Concern over charges
NO ACTION NEEDED

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jimmy Laws, seconded by Kathy Rhyne. All agreed.