

Minutes
City of High Shoals
Regular Council Meeting
November 12, 2024

- Call to Order: PJ Rathbone called to order the November meeting at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Bo Rhyne, Denese Cook, Bobby Vassey, and Dennis Cash. Absent were Kathy Rhyne and Tim Eidson.
- Invocation
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Denese Cook, seconded by Dennis Cash. All in favor.
- Approval of Minutes: Motion to Dennis Cash, seconded by Bobby Vassey. All in favor.
- Citizen’s comments/concerns: The City of High Shoals Council offers citizens the opportunity for Public Expression issues per NCGS 160A-81.1 (limited to 3-5 minutes per speaker).
 - Stephanie Sherril states that there is a new “walker”, David Wayne Williams who is a registered sex offender. He and the usual two are stealing from the burned house on N. Lincoln but is registered to be staying at Frye Street.

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.

No thoughts for this section

Departmental Reports:

- Police Reports-Gaston County—Calls for service-aware of the abandoned houses and have been stopping the walkers for drugs. Have stopped and checked 12 various people/vehicles. 104 officer-initiated and conducted their activities. 59 special checks (especially at 103 Frye Street). 53 non-emergency calls, three domestics, three trespassing on apartments, as well as civil disturbances. One overdose. Narcan usage is astronomical. 19 special checks at the post office, one person did have a warrant.
- Financial—Dennis Cash
 - Checking 1: \$344,275
 - Checking 2: \$11850
 - Savings: \$18986
 - Cap Mgmt: \$4876.97
 - \$565,628.88
- Cemetery—Denese Cook
- Water/Sewer--Bo Rhyne
 - Water line at 108 North Street-Tim's Trenching Fixed it
 - Power company hit the water line, broke setter as well
 - Could not locate the plastic line

- Streets/Mtn/Sanitation:
 - Had a few issues out of the trucks the past couple of weeks
 - The transmission, after being fixed, leaking coolant. He (Mr. King) corrected the issue.
 - Used the small truck today and haven't heard any issues.
- Vehicles:
 - Need to take to the dealership to have the computer updated.
- Parks/Recreation:
 - Yard of the month 236 Holly Ridge Road
 - Raleigh Castelloe, Jr.
 - A benefit game wanted to rent the field Friday—we will have a real baseball game played on our field. It will be a 50 inning game. Starts at 6 p.m. to 10 or 11 p.m.

New Business:

Memorial Proclamation:

Proclamation of a Purple Heart City: Motion made by Dennis Cash to proclaim, seconded by Bo Rhyne, all in favor.

Policy/Action: Wireless Privacy Policy for texting residents:

Motion to approve made by Bo Rhyne, seconded by Denese Cook. All in favor.

Discussion/Action: Longevity Supplement--

Last year we gave \$1,000 per employee. We were budgeted for four employees, though we lost one of our employees; therefore, we have money saved from that issue.

Denese Cook made a motion to leave at \$1000 per individual. Seconded by Bo Rhyne. 3 ayes, Denese Cook, Bo Rhyne, Bobby Vassey. Dennis Cash voted naye.

Motion to adjourn made by Denese Cook, seconded by Bo Rhyne. All in favor.