

**TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS  
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HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA  
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**FEBRUARY 12, 1996**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Thomas  
Councilwoman Kelloes  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Sosebee  
Councilman Carter

Clerk - Sherry Bales

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Vinnie Williams  
Tom Roberts

**ABSENT:**

Councilwoman Dawe

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Thomas.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of the January Financial Statement.
2. Approval of the January Minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1 BUSINESS LICENSE**

Resident, Tom Roberts asked the Council to consider his application for a Business License to run a small grocery store. The sight would be next to the Post Office and across from City Hall. After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Carter and was seconded by Councilwoman Kelloes to approve the Business License with the understanding that the notation on the application for a barber shop would be deleted and that an amendment at a later date could possibly be approved for a gas station, all approved.

**ITEM #2 BUSINESS LICENSE**

Resident Dale Williford filed an application for a Business License for painting. After some discussion, a motion was made by Council-

man Carter and was seconded by Councilwoman Kelloes to approve the application with the understanding that the license does not extend to turning his home into a business location, all approved.

**OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING:**

1. Mayor Thomas reported that the concern about the road going through the Sims Group subdivision being dedicated to the County was unfounded. The county never had any intention of being responsible for a road within the Town. Mayor Thomas went on the report that the road into the subdivision was being developed but that a final plat would have to be presented and approved before any building can begin.

2. Mayor Thomas reported that Mr. Wayne Ridgeway had checked on the runoff problem on Shadyfield Lane. He stated in order to correct the problem it would cost approximately \$850. Mayor Thomas stated that the cost was prohibitive. The Mayor did go on to state that he would be willing to put a pipe under the driveway, which should have been done originally.


3. Councilman Carter asked if there had been any reply concerning the problem with FEMA. Mayor Thomas state that we had not heard anything. Councilman Sosebee asked if the letter had been sent certified and if not could another be sent certified.

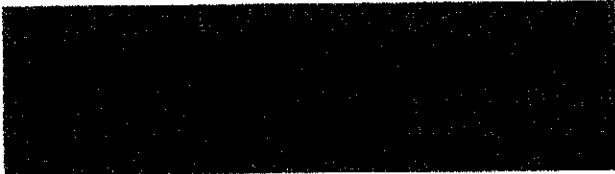
4. Councilman Carter shared with the Mayor and Council the list of goals he would like to see accomplished for the Town. Councilman Carter went on to share his views on what the Town does for its residents. Mayor Thomas continued the discussion asking the other Councilmembers for their input.

5. Mayor Thomas reminded the Council that the Fire Department was looking for approximately 1 1/2 to 2 acres of land for the new fire station that has been approved. The Mayor went on to state that he would like to look into possibly getting some grant money for a park in the same vicinity as the fire station.

A motion was made by Councilman Carter and was seconded by Councilwoman Kelloes to adjourn the February meeting, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted;

  
Sherry Bales  
City Clerk



1. Promote health, welfare, and safety of citizens of North High Shoals.

2. Improve city roadways and roadway safety.

3. Ensure surface and groundwater protection.

4. Promote development of public utilities.


5. Facilitate community involvement through recreational development and civic events.

6. Encourage historic preservation.

7. Implement upgrades of City administrative procedures.

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1. Introduce well-head protection ordinance.  
2. Obtain updated fire department equipment.  
3. Obtain land for new fire department.  
4. Obtain new fire department building.  
5. Introduce water quality measures.  
6. Identify funding options for new fire truck.

7. Schedule paving of existing dirt roads.  
8. Correct roadway drainage problems  
9. Provide speed limit signage.  
10. Enact over-sized truck prohibition ordinance.  
11. Enact radar use ordinance.

12. Contact landowners concerning possible waterway easements.  
13. Investigate steep slope protection.  
14. Survey of waterway areas to identify wetlands; enact wetlands protection measures.  
15. Update erosion control ordinance for parcels less than 5 acres.  
16. Develop FEMA map.  
17. Adopt FEMA ordinance.

18. Survey water needs in conjunction with Oconee County Government.  
19. Survey options for gas line in city.

20. Locate land for city park.  
21. Identify/apply for grants for development of city park.  
22. Develop city park.  
23. Decorate city hall for holidays.  
24. Support fire department fundraisers.  
25. Support LIFE events.  
26. Develop a welcome/information packet for newcomers.

27. Video of city history/older residents.  
28. Survey community desire for historic district.  
29. Inventory of possible historic sites/houses.  
30. Compilation of histories of North High Shoals.  
31. Inventory of cemeteries.

32. Locate funding/purchase city computer.  
33. Update city records.  
34. Update city zoning map/tax records.  
35. Computerize city records.  
36. Review/update long-range plan; prepare/adopt resolution to enact.  
37. Amend zoning ordinance.

## TAXPAYER ADVANTAGES OF HAVING THE CITY OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS

Having an incorporated city presents several advantages, such as the following:

1. In having a city council, the taxpayer has a forum at which to make complaints, suggestions, and proposed improvements. The small size of the town facilitates this; many of us would never be heard by Oconee County, based on the magnitude of its size and its problems, particularly growth oriented. We can legally address these problems and resolve them; in many cases, this would never happen without the city.

2. The city provides a unified front. If a citizen has a problem that must be resolved by the county administration, having a mayor and city council to address this problem before the county administration certainly facilitates the resolution process. When the County government does not hear the cry of the individual, it certainly hears the cry of the city.

3. The city provides an identity and a community for people who live here. We take care of our own and consider the interests, as a whole, of all residents.

4. The city provides a forum for change and legal protection. Residents here, through the city council, can make rules that enhance their lives, protect their community, and regulate growth, commerce, traffic, and other issues as seen necessary by the residents, even if they differ from the rest of the county. The city government (the people) have a legal right to control these issues; the city provides the vehicle to protect area residents from rulings by a larger government.

5. The residents, again through the council, can see that regulations are enforced. When necessary to utilize county or state agencies for this enforcement, again, the city is more likely to be heard.

Archie Carter

GEORGIA  
OCONEE COUNTY

RE: REDUCED SPEED LIMITS  
IN WORK ZONES

RESOLUTION  
OF  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS

Whereas, increased injuries and fatalities continue to grow due to vehicles entering work areas at an alarming rate of speed. The Town of North High Shoals requires a more efficient process of deterring these speed limits; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council are aware of the new law effective July 1, 1995 which will allow for speed limit reductions through construction and maintenance work zones; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council are also aware that the new law provides significant penalties for failure to obey the reduced speed limits; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council are aware that the fines for failure to abide by this law will be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$2000.00 or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed twelve (12) months, or both..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted by the Mayor and Council for the Georgia Department of Transportation to temporarily reduce speed limits for any federal, state, or other route within the Town of North High Shoals as deemed appropriate, by the department during its construction and maintenance activities.

APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1996.

SIGNED THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS

Jeff D. Thomas  
MAYOR

John Smith  
COUNCILMEMBER

Paul Smith  
COUNCILMEMBER

Cathy Sellers  
COUNCILMEMBER

Wade Thomas  
COUNCILMEMBER

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COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:  
Sherry Bales  
CLERK