

**TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS
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JULY 22, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**MAYOR JEFF THOMAS
COUNCILMAN CARTER
COUNCILMAN SOSEBEE
COUNCILMAN THOMAS
COUNCILWOMAN DAWE
COUNCILWOMAN TAYLOR**

OTHERS PRESENT:

VINNIE WILLIAMS

It is noted that this meeting is a called meeting to replace the regularly scheduled meeting of July 14, 1997. It is also noted that only the items on the agenda, which were posted for more than twenty-four (24) hours, will be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the June minutes
2. Approval of the June Financial Statement.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 RESOLUTION/SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

Mayor Thomas reported that a resolution would be necessary to adopt a resolution in order to adopt the SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM which is in conjunction with the county.

A motion was made by Councilman Carter and was seconded by Councilman Sosebee to approve the resolution stated above, all approved.

ITEM #2 DAVID BENNETT

Mr. Bennett has purchased fifteen (15) acres in North High Shoals and is asking for a definition of recently obtained property. Mr. Bennett would like to build a home on five acres

and would like to divide the other 10 acres into two lots of five acres each and build houses on them.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Carter and was seconded by Councilman Sosebee to approve the division of said property into three (3) lots, each containing five (5) acres, subject to receiving a plat of the whole property and the division of said property. The vote was four (4) in favor and one (1) abstention, being Councilwoman Dawe.

ITEM #3 STREET LIGHTS

There was discussion of moving the light from the other side of Highway 186 to the other side of the road in front of Tom's Grocery because it is so dark on the right side, or either placing a new light on the right side and removing the light on the left side of the bridge.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Carter and was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor to approve the placing of a brighter light on the right hand side of the bridge and to request from the DOT reflectors, all approved.

ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING:

1. Mayor Thomas noted that Intermedia would not be attending the meeting, but, would like to be placed on the August agenda. Their business will be to hopefully obtain a Franchise agreement with the town.

2. Mayor Thomas discussed the need for the recording of a hardship on the plat of land in question. The first public reading will take place at the August meeting and the second reading and adoption will take place at the September meeting.

The Mayor questioned if a fee could be attached for the recording of a hardship to a plat.

3. Councilman Dawe discussed the possibility of some type of ordinance to help control the animal population.

4. Mayor Thomas opened the floor for discussion of New Packet Information for the Town.

Councilwoman Taylor presented information that she obtained all over Oconee County. There are several items that also should be added. It was discussed about the possibility of hand delivering the New Packets.

Mayor Thomas stated that each item in the packet would have to be approved by Council. Also make sure that all questions are given full consideration.

Mayor Thomas asked that at the next meeting anything that needed to be put in the packet, be brought and approved.

5. Mayor Thomas presented the question of business license vs permit fees.

The town can no longer issue business license if a person already has a business license within the State. The Mayor questioned the possibility of a permit fee for work done within the town.

The Mayor, after much discussion, asked the Council to consider this and have your discussion ready for the August meeting.

6. Councilwoman Taylor reported that the street light was out at Ms. Opal Dickens house.

7. A discussion was held concerning a stricter burning ordinance.

The town now follows the state guidelines. If the Town would like they can speak with the Town attorney to see if there is anything further that can be done.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to close the July meeting.

Respectfully Submitted;



Sherry Bales
Clerk