

TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS

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OCTOBER 13, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Thomas
Councilwoman Dawe
Councilman Sosebee
Councilman Carter
Councilman Thomas
Councilwoman Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sherry Bales - Clerk
Dan Matthews - OE

Old Business:

1. Approval of the July minutes.
2. Approval of the August minutes.
3. Approval of the September minutes.
4. Approval of the July financial statement.
5. Approval of the August financial statement.
6. Approval to postpone the reading of the September financial statement.

Follow Up:

1. Mayor Thomas asked that Councilwoman Taylor go over with the Clerk exactly what should be placed in the Newcomers Packets. He noted that he needed two immediately.
2. Mayor Thomas reminded everyone that at the last meeting it was decided that the Council would like to have City Hall painted rather than put siding on it due to trying to keep it within the guidelines of Historic Preservation.

3. Mayor Thomas noted that it had been decided to leave the Permit fees and Business License fees as they stand now.
4. Mayor Thomas reminded the Council that should a request for a hardship to be presented to the Mayor and Council, and approved by the Council, it is to be recorded on the plat at the county courthouse.

Councilman Carter is also going to prepare the paperwork necessary to have the information on the hardship recorded in the Grantee/Grantor book.

5. Mayor Thomas again noted for the record, garages (for mechanical use) are not allowed in a strictly residential zone.

ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING:

1. It was asked that the Clerk follow up with the EPE concerning the oil spill that was mentioned several months earlier.
2. It was noted that the new light placed at the bridge in front of Tom's Grocery needed to be turned more toward the road rather than in the direction of the store.
3. Mayor Thomas reported that the letter had been sent to the DOT concerning the safety issues on Highway 186 at the bridge. The town has had a light installed for safety reasons and would like to see if the DOT can do anything else to help with making the area any safer.
4. Mayor Thomas noted a word of caution concerning the minutes that had not been presented in a timely manner. The Mayor reminded the Council that had someone ask for a copy of the minutes, the town would have had to produce them within fifteen (15) days after the meeting.
5. Mayor Thomas apologized for the agenda not being posted on time and stated that he would do all he could to see that the agenda will be posted at least ten (10) days prior to meeting time.
6. The concern of the problem with the answering machine was discussed and it was decided that each Council member would take a day to call and check to see if the answering machine is in working order. It was also decided that the Clerk would check into the cost and possibility of getting Memory Call on the phone, which would take care of the problems with the answering machine.
7. Mayor Thomas noted that the mail situation is still a problem for residents that live in North High Shoals and have a Bishop address.

8. Councilman Carter reported that he had applied for a grant through Community Affairs to help with a playground in the town.
9. Mayor Thomas reported that he had contacted the people who had last painted Town Hall and ask that they give an estimate for painting again this year and asked if they could provide some books with color samples.
10. Mayor Thomas reported that there would not be the need for an election this year. The only ones to qualify for the three posts that were up for election were the incumbents.
11. Having a residence within a Business District was discussed and it was determined at this time, that having a residence in the B zone would be against our zoning ordinances.
12. Councilwoman Dawe reported that a Harris Trucking Co. Truck was running at a high rate of speed through the town.

Mayor Thomas asked the Clerk to send a letter to the Sheriff concerning the problem and see if any assistance could be given.


13. Councilwoman Dawe also noted that there was only one house occupied in the Hickory Ridge Subdivision and there are already dogs running loose.

Mayor Thomas asked the Clerk to provide him with a copy of the covenants for Hickory Ridge, so that he can look into the problem.

14. Councilwoman Taylor noted that the street light at Ms. Opal Dickens house is still out.
15. Councilwoman Dawe also requested that the Council go back to our ordinances and work on some of the amendments that had been mentioned in the past.

A motion was made by Councilman Carter and was seconded by Councilman Thomas, to adjourn the October meeting, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted;



Sherry Bales
City Clerk