

Town of North High Shoals

Jeff D. Thomas
Mayor

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Minutes NOVEMBER 8, 1999

Members Present:

Mayor Jeff Thomas
Councilman Sosebee
Councilman Thomas
Councilwoman Dawe
Councilman MacIntosh
Councilman Carter

Sherry Bales - Clerk
Patrick Beall - Attorney

Others Present:

Ms. Ginger Dakin	Hickory Lake
Mr. Bal Feldman	Hickory Lake
Ms. Vinnie Williams	Oconee Enterprise

Monthly Business:

1. Approval of the **October** Financial Statement. Motion to approve by Councilman Sosebee. A second to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All other Council Members present approved the motion.
2. Approval of **Draft Copy** of the **October** Minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman Sosebee. A second to the motion by Councilman MacIntosh. All other Council members present approved the motion.

Old Business:

1. The first item on the agenda was **Rumble Strips**. Mayor Thomas reported that he had met with Mr. Meehan from Meehan Electric about placing lights on signs on Elder Road and doing away with the rumble strips. Mr. Meehan did not recommend lights on the signs due to the cost of upkeep. Mr. Meehan also voiced his concern if a flashing light was placed at the intersection due to the liability if there was an accident if the light was out for one reason or another.

After speaking with Mr. Meehan, Mayor Thomas proceeded to request that Maxey Brothers come in and level down all but three of the rumble strips to see if that would help with the noise level. The Mayor noted that if this did not help, other steps would be taken to help with the noise level.

The rumble strip issue was revisited later in the meeting to update Ms. Dakin and Mr. Feldman who had come into the meeting.

2. Mayor Thomas stated, on the issue of Business License Fees, that even though he had distributed information on prices that were being charged in other towns for business license, he felt that the Town should leave the charge of \$25.00 as it stands.

3. Mayor Thomas reported that the election results were as follows: Mayor - Jeff Thomas; Council Post #1 - Eddie Cape and Council Post #2 - Wade Thomas.

4. Mayor Thomas reported that the resurfacing project on Shadyfield Lane was underway at this time. The Mayor went on to state that he would like a visual inspection done of the current paving before any moneys are disbursed.

5. Mayor Thomas asked that the Council approve a resolution that would oppose the withdrawal of water from the Apalachee River for the Walton County Reservoir Project. A motion was made by Councilman David MacIntosh and was seconded by Councilwoman Violet Dawe to approve the resolution as stated. All votes were unanimous to approve said motion.

New Business:

1. Mayor Thomas reported that he was working on the Town becoming a certified government of ethics. The Mayor will present the information to the Council at the December meeting.

2. Mayor Thomas felt that it was time that the zoning ordinances be reviewed by the Council and possibly make some changes for the new year and new millennium. The Mayor would like the Council to have some proposals ready at the December meeting. The Mayor will advertise for a Public Hearing to be held on this issue prior to the regularly scheduled in December.

Councilman Carter recommended that it be approved to have some work sessions on zoning.

3. Mayor Thomas reported that the Steeple Chase Subdivision Project had been put on hold at this time.

4. Mayor Thomas reported that after the meeting he would like to call an Executive Session meeting to discuss the purchase of land for the town.

5. Councilman Carter reported that he had been in touch with Lee Carmon about some grant moneys or other funds for a well system for the town. Mr. Carter reported that funding for water was not high on the list but that Ms. Carmon would work on getting some sources together.

6. Councilwoman Dawe reported that she was continuing to work on the Census Project and the Census Bureau is still leaving out houses.

7. Councilwoman Dawe reported that she had received answers back from Walton County on questions previously asked concerning the open answer period for the joint public notice on the proposed reservoir and Apalachee river withdrawal 404 permit.

Mayor Thomas reported at this time that Walton County had asked for a construction and debris landfill.

Councilwoman Dawe reported that she had attended the River Conference and felt it was very beneficial and that she had met some very helpful people. Councilwoman Dawe noted that she would very much like for the Town to join the River Conference.

8. Councilwoman Dawe reported that the Historical Society volunteers are becoming overwhelmed and suggested that maybe an intern could be hired to gather information and that they might be asking for financial backing from the town.

9. Councilwoman Dawe questioned the progress of the water and gas lines.

Mayor Thomas noted that the town would not stand in the way of issuing right of ways for the gas and water lines. The Mayor went on to note that when the quarterly newsletter comes out that he will be able to address some of the issues concerning the running of the lines, hookups and other issues.

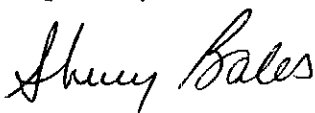
10. Councilman Carter asked that the town consider more stringent ordinances to protect the town from hunters. Councilman Carter feels that the town has become too populated. After some discussion it was determined that some research would need to be done so that the right decision is made.

Mayor's Update

1. Mayor Thomas reported that at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting there would be discussion of new zoning districts.
2. Mayor Thomas reported that he had called Wendell Dawson's office to speak to Mr. Dawson about the Walton County Reservoir Project and was told that a meeting would be set up for him and at this time there has been no other response. The Mayor noted that he would try again to set up a meeting.
3. Mayor Thomas asked if the Council wanted to continue to decorate Town Hall with Christmas decorations. The Council agreed wholeheartedly to continue to decorate. It was decided that the decorations would go up the day after Thanksgiving.
4. Mayor Thomas asked for approval to amend the budget by \$30.67 due to an increase in the amount charged for the Tax Digest this year. A motion was made by Councilman Carter and was seconded by Councilman Sosebee to approve the amendment. All other members of Council approved the motion.
5. Councilwoman Dawe reported that there was a study concerning rock quarries on the internet if anyone wanted to pursue this information.

Having no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Dawe made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Carter made a second to the motion. The motion was approved by all other Councilmembers present.

Respectfully;



Sherry Bales
Clerk

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December 13, 1999

The Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals welcome you to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. Please sign your name in the space provided. If you wish to address the Mayor and Council concerning a specific issue on the agenda, please indicate this in the space provided. In accordance with the standard practices of this governing body, we desire to give every individual an opportunity to speak; however, in the interest of effective government, we ask that individual speakers avoid repetition of comments. The Mayor reserves the right to establish time limits as needed.

Name and Address	Agenda Item to Address (if any)
1. EDDIE CAPE 201 HILLS BORO RD	
2. Yvonne Williams The O.S.	
3. Jim Pinner 115 Jefferson Rd	
4. Holly Prescott 1211 Arborwood Ridge	
5. <i>[Signature]</i> High Shoals	
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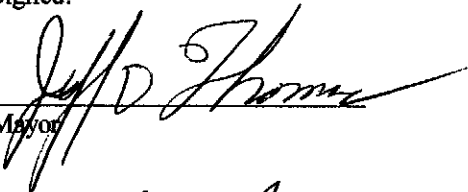
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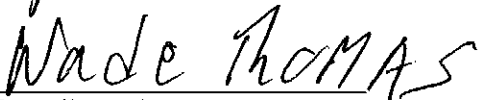
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The draft copy minutes of November 8, 1999 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals are hereby officially approved as of December 13, 1999.


Signed:



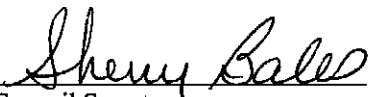
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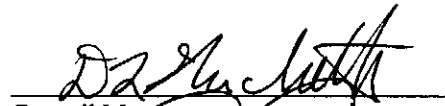
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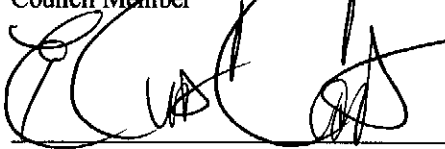
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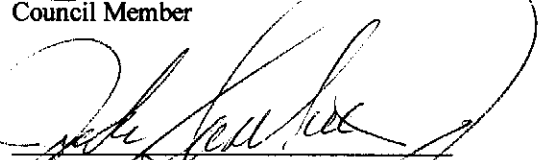
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