

Town of North High Shoals

Jeff D. Thomas
Mayor

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Minutes May 8, 2000

Members Present:

Mayor Jeff Thomas
Councilwoman Violet Dawe
Councilman Wade Thomas
Councilman David MacIntosh
Councilman Eddie Cape

Donald Hansford - Town Attorney

Sherry Bales - Town Clerk

Others Present:

Heike Mueller Resident
Cristina MacIntosh Resident

Monthly Business:

1. Approval of the *April* Financial Statement. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman MacIntosh. A second to the motion by Councilman Cape. All other Council Members present approved the motion.
2. Approval of Draft Copy of the *April* minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman MacIntosh. A second to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All other council members present approved the motion.
3. Approval of the Draft Copy of the *Public Hearing* minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman MacIntosh. A second to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All other council members present approved the motion.

Old Business:

1. Mayor Thomas presented a copy of a concept plan for the park to the council members. The mayor reminded the council that there was an already approved 40% green space for the park and hopefully there would be 50% green space when everything was finished.

Mayor Thomas reported that he would be getting a sign made up for the park that would show the name of the park, the rules for the park along with the concept plan for the park.

2. Mayor Thomas reported that there would be a public hearing on May 18, 2000 at the Walton County Annex Building concerning the Walton County Reservoir Project.

Mayor Thomas went on to state that there would be more support from Oconee County than in the past. The Mayor noted that Mr. Wendell Dawson was quoted stating that it would not be wise to draw water for just Walton County, rather make the reservoir on the Apalachee so all joining counties can benefit and hopefully get funding.

Mayor Thomas stated that he would like to start getting pictures of the river at different spots and levels.

Councilwoman Dawe reported that she was contacted by a group from the McGill-Schnabel company. The representative asked for a meeting with her and possibly 4-5 other people who have concerns with the project. Councilwoman Dawe noted that she would be meeting with the representative on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 2:00pm.

Councilwoman Dawe asked if any information had been received from Mr. Ed Johnson, CORP of Engineers, concerning the project. Councilwoman Dawe asked if a follow up letter could be sent, since there had been no response at this time.

3. Mayor Thomas stated that there has been no updates on the Rock Quarry and felt that it should be taken off the agenda at this time.

4. Mayor Thomas reported that the Historic High Shoals Committee was moving forward and had met its financial requirements at this point. The Mayor went on to note that Homecoming was to be the 3rd Sunday in May at the Methodist Church across the river and the Historic Committee would give an update and display on that day.

Councilwoman Dawe reported that on Saturday, May 20, 2000, the day before Homecoming, there would be a community event, beginning at 4:00pm at Lee Moody's home. Councilwoman Dawe went on to report that everyone should bring a covered dish and drink.

New Business:

1. Mayor Thomas presented a draft copy of the 2000-2001 Budget. After some discussion, the Mayor noted that the budget will be advertised in the Oconee Enterprise prior to the June meeting and that a public hearing will be held prior to the regular meeting at 7:25pm to discuss the budget. The budget could then be voted on at the regular meeting.

Mayor Thomas asked the Council to approve the amendments that needed to be made to the 1999-2000 budget. These amendments were stated in the letter to the council. The amendments were as follows: Office Supplies - \$600.00, Elections - \$204.11, Tax Digest - \$7.87, Audit - \$900.00, Southern Bell - \$255.00, Inspections Dept. - \$250.00, Gas/Heat - \$167.90, and Contingency Account - \$1000.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe to approve the amendments. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. All other council members present approved the motion.

2. Mayor Thomas handed out a copy of the Tax Payer Bill of Rights to each council member.
3. Mayor Thomas reported that Steeple Chase preliminary plat had been corrected to fit within the necessary guidelines. The Mayor reported that up until this correction had been made that there was one lot in question because it did not fit within the required five (5) acres. Since that time the correction had been made and the Mayor ask the Council to approve the preliminary plat for the Steeple Chase Subdivision. A motion was made by Councilman Cape to approve the preliminary plat as it stands at this time. A second was made to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All other council members present approved the motion.

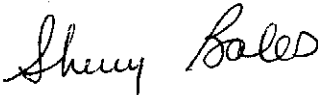
Mayor's Update:

1. Mayor Thomas presented copies of the quarterly newsletter to each council member. The Mayor noted that the newsletter would be going out to everyone in the next few days.
2. Mayor Thomas reported that the gas lines were continuing to be laid throughout the town.
3. Councilwoman Dawe stated that she would like to see the town have some type of ordinance to help control burning within the town.
4. Councilman Cape stated that he would like a clearer picture on what is considered personal items when it comes to being taxed.

Mayor Thomas noted that that was regulated by the county.

Having no further business to discuss, Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Dawe made a second to the motion. The motion was approved by all members of the Council.

Respectfully;



Sherry Bales
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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. Heike Mueller

2. Cristina MacIntosh

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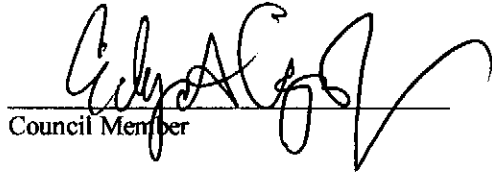
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The draft copy minutes of April 10, 2000 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals are hereby officially approved as of May 8, 2000.

Signed:



Mayor

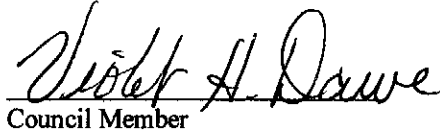


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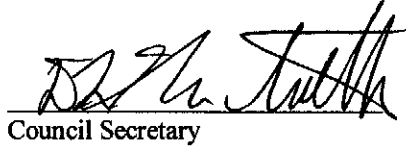
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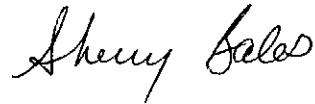


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Council Secretary



Town of North High Shoals Spring News

North High Shoals City Park to Become a Reality

The Town of North High Shoals is moving forward with plans to develop the newly acquired public land as a city park available for use by the public.

Current designs for the park include a recreational ball field, a walking path and nature trail, a bicycle trail, picnic facilities, a possible site for skateboard and roller blade activities, and a basketball court.

If all goes according to plan, the Mayor and Council anticipate having the first portion of the walking trail available for use before the Fourth of July, and we are looking for volunteers who

are willing to give of their time and talent in developing portions of the nature trail.

The Mayor and Council will celebrate a "grand opening" of the new park in the fall. A final date for this event has not been established, but we hope for a date no later than the middle of October.

The Mayor and Council recognize that while the park will be an asset for the entire community – it should nonetheless not become an additional burden to the tax payers and property owners who have made it possible. Therefore, the development



Anyone for a walk in the park?

of the new city park will be many years in the making.

The Mayor and Council have adopted a name for the new park. Henceforth the park shall be known as the "North High Shoals City Park."



Town of North High Shoals Council Members:

- Mayor – Jeff D. Thomas
- Post 1 – Eddie Cape
- Post 2 – Wade Thomas
- Post 3 – David McIntosh
- Post 4 – Curtis Carter
- Post 5 – Violet Dawe
- Clerk – Sherry Bales

Natural Gas and City Water are on the Way

The Mayor and Council have continued to work with the Monroe Utilities Network to insure that each of the Town's residents has the opportunity to receive a free natural gas connection. In March of

this year, the Council approved a franchise agreement with the Authority that allows for a free "hook-up" for any resident who will be using natural gas for heating or cooking, etc. At this time, the gas lines have

been placed along most major city streets, and that portion of the work should be completed soon. If you have had any problems with the work being done, please contact the mayor's office

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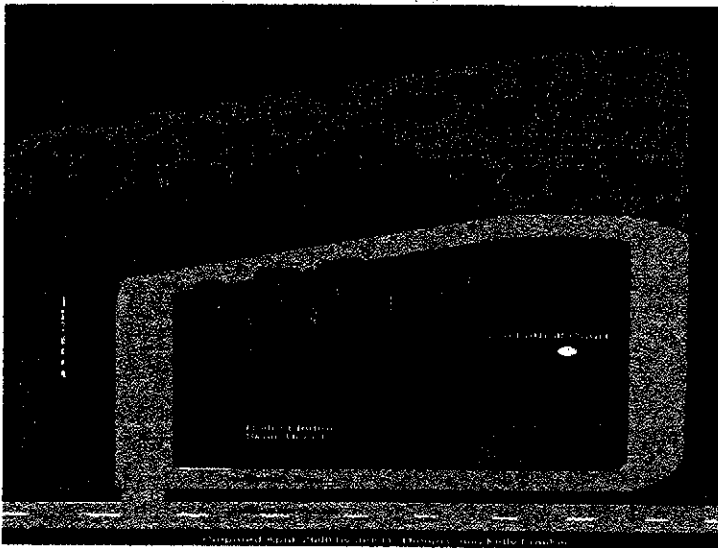
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or call Bobby Morrow, the engineering and operations manager for the Monroe Utilities Network. Bobby's number is 770-267-3429, ext. 224.

There has been very little activity concerning the placement of major water lines during recent months. There were some questions and other activities being addressed by the engineering firm doing the work. At this time, the Mayor and Council still anticipate that the major water line connections should be in place before the end of the year. Once this has occurred and the fire hydrants are in place (and water fills the system), residents of the town should notice a perceptible decrease in your homeowner's insurance. At this time, no plans have been made to accommodate individuals who may wish to connect their homes to the water system.

The Mayor and Council wish to extend our hope of a safe and happy summer for you and every member of your family. We also encourage all interested persons to attend our monthly meetings at Town Hall. The Council meets in regular session the second Monday night of each month. During the Spring and Summer

Recent Council Topics

The Mayor and Council recently held a public hearing to discuss current zoning issues, "junk cars," historical district tax breaks, and a possible firearms discharge ordinance. Additional hearings will take place during the next few months.

The Apalachee River continues to be a major topic at our recent meetings. The Council has passed a resolution proclaiming its resolve to prohibit external forces from drawing the water levels of "our" river below acceptable standards. We welcome your support and comments as we attempt to protect a very valuable resource.

The Council adopted twelve basic rules concerning the operation of North High Shoals City Park during the April meeting. These rules basically mirror those of the other parks located in Oconee County, and we feel that they will offer guidelines that will ensure that a visit to the park will be a pleasurable experience for everyone.