

## Town of North High Shoals

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Mayor

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### Minutes August 13, 2001

#### Members Present:

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

Town Clerk: Sherry Bales

#### Others Present:

J. Ritzler	Press
Fred Johnson	Resident
Kris Burgerhoff	Resident
Faye Roberts	Resident
Don Walter	Resident
Douglas Northrop	Resident
Donald Dawe	Resident

#### Monthly Business:

1. Approval of the *July* Financial Statement. Motion to approve by Councilman Carter. A second to the motion by Councilman Cape. All other Council Members present approved the motion.
2. Approval of Draft Copy of the *July* minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilwoman Dawe. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. Councilmen Cape and MacIntosh approve the motion. Councilman Carter abstained.

#### Old Business:

1. **City Park:** After some discussion it was decided that there would be a Public Hearing scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2001 at 7:30pm.

Councilwoman Dawe asked if there could be some signs put up to advertise the Public Hearing.

Fred Johnson asked about what was being done concerning the construction of the fence on the property. Mayor Thomas stated that nothing was being done at this time.

2. **Elections:** Mayor Thomas reported that the election, if necessary would be held on November 6, 2001. The Mayor went on to report that qualifying would begin on September 10, 2001 and would also be held on September 12th and 15th. The hours for qualifying are 10:00am until 4:00pm.

Mayor Thomas explained to the Council that a vote would have to be taken to appoint a Superintendent and Absentee Clerk for the election. A motion was made by Councilman Carter to appoint City Clerk Sherry Bales as both Superintendent and Absentee Clerk. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Cape. All other council members present approved the motion.

Mayor Thomas reported that a qualifying fee would need to be set. Mayor Thomas proposed \$1.00 since there are no paid positions. A motion was made by Councilman Carter to approve the \$1.00 fee. A second to the motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe. Councilmen Cape and Thomas approved the motion. Councilman MacIntosh opposed the motion.

Councilwoman Dawe noted that she would like to have some signs put up before qualifying and wanted to make sure that qualifying was advertised in the paper.

3. **Cell Tower:** Mayor Thomas reported that American Tower had withdrawn their original application and would be filing a new application with the Planning Department. The Mayor explained that the new application would have American Tower moving the proposed cell tower across the road.

4 **Sidewalks:** Mayor Thomas reported that residents from Hickory Ridge and Hickory Lake had requested a crosswalk between the two subdivisions and Hickory Ridge also requested a sidewalk in front of the subdivision.

Mayor Thomas went on to explain that if you had a 4' sidewalk which would need to be about 1000' long the cost would be approximately \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Councilman Carter asked what the purpose would be to have the sidewalks. It was noted that one of the reasons would be for safety when crossing over to the other subdivision. Councilman Carter asked if the subdivisions were will to help with the costs. It was noted that there was \$21,133 in the budget for such expenditures.

Councilman Cape noted that if the city was solely responsible they would have to be prepared to fund more than just the two subdivisions. Councilman Cape went on to state that he would not be opposed to join the two subdivisions in this project. Councilman Cape also noted that although Elder Road is dangerous, so is Plantation and Jefferson Roads.

Councilwoman Dawe noted that the sidewalks would be a great idea for safety and it makes a sense of community. Councilwoman Dawe went on to note that Elder Road was being traveled more and she thought the crosswalk was a great idea. Councilwoman Dawe stated that this would be a good start on a vision for the town and that it could be worked into the city park theme. Councilwoman Dawe did however note that she thought that concrete would be too expensive.

Councilman MacIntosh questioned the difference in the price of asphalt vs concrete and also the life span of the two. Councilman MacIntosh questioned what fraction that Hickory Ridge and Hickory Lake make up of the town. It was noted about the two subdivisions make up about 1/3 of the town.

Councilman Carted noted that he was in favor of a coop effort but would like to see what the cost will be for the project.

Councilwoman Dawe would like to see at least a walking trail.

A resident of the town noted that maybe the city could pay for the concrete/asphalt and anything else that is necessary and let the Homeowners Association do the labor.

Mayor Thomas made the following notations;

- 1) The City Park takes priority at this time because it will benefit everyone.
- 2) After the 8/21/01 Public Hearing then the town would know more about what would be spent on the park this year.
- 3) Check with an engineer as to what could be done.
- 4) Check with the County to see what they might do.
- 5) Homeowners Association maybe consider funding the labor of the job.
- 6) Concrete probably not necessary.

Mayor Thomas went on to note that hopefully at the September meeting the Council could have a more informed conversation concerning this project.

**5 Galaxy Cable:** Mayor Thomas reported that Ms. Karen Poncy could be called when you have a problem with your cable. The Mayor also noted that Mr. Dennis Zeigler was the boss.

Councilman Cape reported that he had called Ms. Poncy and left a message for her and had never heard back from her.

### **New Business:**

**1. Roads:** Mayor Thomas reported that he had had the culvert cleaned out and extended and a new pipe put down on Hillsboro Road and Speedway Lane.

Ms. Faye Roberts asked that the ditches be cleaned out on Frazier Hill Road because they were so overgrown that the water was not running through the ditches but down the roads and into the yards of several homeowners.

Mayor Thomas noted that he had asked that the ditches be pulled and the roadways cut but that he would call and remind them with a special concern for Frazier Hill Road.

**2. Millage Rate:** Mayor Thomas reported that if we leave the millage rate at 2.0 we would need to have three public hearing to justify the increase. The Mayor went on to note that it would also make our budget figures for the year incorrect. The Mayor stated that if we reduce the millage rate to 1.879 mills it would not only stay within the budged figures it would also keep the taxes the same as last year.

Mayor Thomas recommended that the millage rate be lowered from 2.0 mills to 1.879 mills and the Mayor noted that the vote had to be taken by the end of September.

3. **Gas Line:** Mayor Thomas reported that a letter had been sent to him from the gas company stating what they felt was the agreement made with the city. The stipulations per the letter were as follows;

- 1) Connection would need to be made by 10/31/01
- 2) \$200 Tap Fee unless waived with heat or two other appliances.
- 3) Install gas lines 250' then \$.75 per foot thereafter.
- 4) 90 days to begin using gas or will be billed the minimum fee of \$6.00 per month.

Mayor Thomas stated that he would write a letter back to the company stating that he would appreciate everything with the exception of the installation of lines for only 250'. The Mayor stated that that stipulation had not been in any conversation with the Mayor and Council.

It was noted by Councilman MacIntosh and Carter along with Councilwoman Dawe that they were under the impression that only one gas appliance was needed to assure service as originally stated.

### **Mayor's Update:**

1. Mayor Thomas gave a grant request to Councilman Carter to pursue. Councilman Carter asked for some help with this and Councilman MacIntosh agreed to help.

2. Councilman Cape stated once again that he would like to have some banners made up for meeting times and maybe public hearing. Councilman Cape noted that the banners would be approximately \$75.

Councilwoman Dawe made a motion that the banners be purchased. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Cape. All other council members present approved the motion.

Mayor Thomas asked that Councilman Cape get some firm prices and to go ahead and take care of it.

3. Councilman Cape passed out some pamphlets on Protecting and Enhancing Streambanks. Councilman Cape stated that if anyone was interested in pursuing this they could contact Mr. Dan Wallace at 769-3990.

4. Councilwoman Dawe reported that on 8-23-01 there would be a meeting of the Upper Oconee Watershed at the Library. Councilwoman Dawe went on to report that Melanie Ruhlman would be the speaker for the meeting.

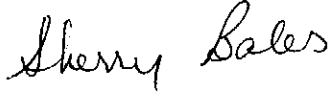
Councilwoman Dawe also reported that there was some problem with erosion control on a couple of lots in Hickory Lake. It was noted that of those particular lots one was in the city and one was in the county portion of Hickory Lake therefore there was nothing that we could do. Councilwoman Dawe would like to see people be more serious about erosion control.

Councilwoman Dawe asked about the road signs that need to be put up. Councilman Cape apologized stating that he was not able to help Mayor Thomas with that project in the past month.

Councilwoman Dawe asked if there was any plans that anyone knew of for the out lot of Hickory Lake.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councilman Cape to conclude the August meeting. A second was made to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All council members present approved the motion.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Bales". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Sherry Bales  
Town Clerk

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August 13, 2001

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. KRIS BURGERHOFF 219 Shadyfield Ln Bishop	City Park
2. Fred Johnson Box 187 High Shoals,	City Park
3. Laje Roberts	ditches (who responsible?)
4. DON WALTER 1031 DEEPWOOD CT BISHOP GA 30621	
5. Douglas Northrup 1211 Newwood Rd	Sidewalks
6. John B. H. H. H.	paper
7. Donald Howe	General Interest - Finances City Park - Safety
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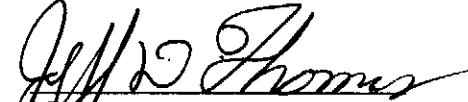
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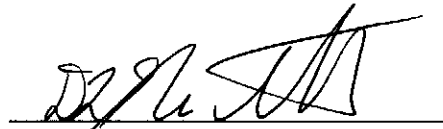
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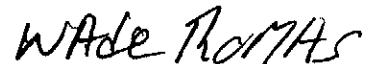
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The draft copy minutes of July 09, 2001 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals are hereby officially approved as of August 13, 2001.

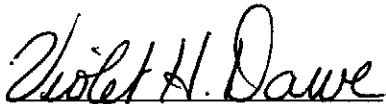
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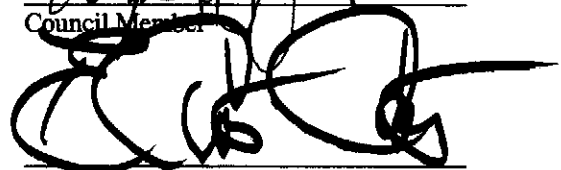
  
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# Agenda

August 13, 2001

### **Monthly Business:**

1. Presentation of *Financial Statement* for month of *July*.
2. Presentation of *Draft Minutes* for the month of *July*.

### **Old Business:**

1. City Park
2. Elections
3. Cell Tower
4. Sidewalks
5. Galaxy Cable

### **New Business:**

1. Millage Rate

### **Mayor's Update:**

The Mayor and Council encourage all persons interested to attend this meeting.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Jul-01

	MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	GENERAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$23,698.19	\$9,798.37
<b>INCOME</b>		
INTEREST - GENERAL		\$7.63
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	\$66.97	
June Intangibles		\$54.16
Ad Valorem Tax		\$96.11
1999 Taxes		\$99.66
Building Permit		\$1,234.37
2000 Taxes		\$176.69
Franchise Fees		\$505.06
Certificate of Occupancy		\$100.00
Miscellaneous		\$34.56
TOTAL INCOME	\$66.97	\$2,308.24
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
UGA	Quick Books Course	\$245.00
Walton EMC	Street Lights	\$51.00
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$273.86
GA. Dept. of	2nd Quarter Taxes	\$73.91
Georgia Power	City Hall	\$45.69
Georgia Power	Street Lights	\$568.71
Jack Daniel	Lawn Maintenance	\$25.00
Donald Hansford	Retainer for July	\$150.00
Mellon Leasing	Copier Lease	\$82.41
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$281.93
Jeff Thomas	Building Inspection	\$80.16
Oconee State Bank	Loan Payment	\$1,201.99
Transfer to Tax Acct	135381	\$215.00
Total Expenses	\$1,201.99	\$2,092.67
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,563.17</b>	<b>\$10,013.94</b>

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July 30, 2001

The Oconee Enterprise  
P.O. Box 535  
26 Barnett Shoals Road  
Watkinsville, Ga. 30677

RE: Notice for paper

Dear Maridee:

Please run the following ad in your paper on August 10, 2001.

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### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town of North High Shoals will hold a Public Hearing, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, on Monday, August 13, 2001 at 7:15pm. The meeting will be held for the express purpose of discussing the speed limit in the Hickory Ridge and Hickory Lake subdivisions.

If you have any questions, please call (706) 769-4289. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Feel free to call at anytime and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

**Sherry Bales**  
Town Clerk

