

Town of North High Shoals

Jeff D. Thomas
Mayor

Office of the Mayor

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Minutes February 12, 2001

Members Present:

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

Town Clerk: Sherry Bales

Town Attorney: Donald Hansford

Others Present:

Heike Mueller
Ken Berry
Paul Stracener

Resident
Watkinsville
Watkinsville

Monthly Business:

1. Approval of the *January* Financial Statement. Motion to approve by Councilman Carter. A second to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All other Council Members present approved the motion.
2. Approval of Draft Copy of the *January* minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman MacIntosh. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Carter. All other council members present approved the motion.

Old Business:

1. Mayor Thomas introduced Mr. Paul Stracener with REMAX and Mr. Ken Berry who is interested in purchasing Tom Robert's store. Mayor Thomas handed out some information on B-1 and B-2 districts.

Mr. Berry stated that he was from Oconee County and that he owned a painting contracting company and the company has been in Watkinsville for approximately six years. Mr. Berry went on to state that he

would like to put his offices in the building now owned by Mr. Robert's, "Tom Place", and possibly leaving a small area for Tom to keep his barber shop. Mr. Berry explained that he would like to clean the place up and paint the building.

Councilman Carter asked if Mr. Berry intended to keep his equipment and inventory on site. Mr. Berry assured him that the equipment would be stored there in between jobs but the inventory would only be there until it could be taken to the job site.

Councilwoman Dawe asked about clean-up and also about storage of vehicles. Mr. Berry stated that most of his employees would take the trucks home with them but he might have one or two trucks on site. Mr. Berry went on to explain that he would have himself and one estimator, along with two clerical employees on site.

Councilwoman Dawe expressed her concern for environmental issues, as far as cleaning of the equipment goes. Mr. Berry assured her there would be no cleaning of equipment on site.

Mayor Thomas stated that the property was in the B-2 district. The Mayor went on to state that Mr. Berry's business would fall within the restrictions of the B-2.

2. Mayor Thomas reported that as soon as the weather permits he would be getting the ground plowed up and some grass seeded. The Mayor went on to explain that he had looked into getting asphalt for the walking trail and even though he did have some prices he hoped to have more information by next month. Mayor Thomas encouraged everyone to walk around the park. The Mayor wanted to look into getting a fence up because of problems with four wheelers on the property.

Councilwoman Dawe reported that the Eagle Scouts were looking for some projects to do and this might be a good project for the scouts.

A resident asked about the proposed plan for the park. Mayor Thomas stated that the putting up of fence did not have anything to do with the plans for the park because the fence was just for the outer perimeter of the park.

The questioned was also asked about using wood chips and just go natural with the walking trail rather than to go with asphalt. Mayor Thomas stated that the walking trail through the woods would be natural but the outer perimeter of the open area would be asphalt, this being the most cost effective.

3. The Mayor introduced Mr. Don Briscoe from Briscoe and Briscoe who will discuss the town audit with the council as needed. Mr. Briscoe went over the prepared audit for the town. Mr. Briscoe noted that everything was going as it should and he felt that there was pretty good control over everything.

4. Mayor Thomas reported that a response had been received from Mr. Gunter stating that he would be cleaning the area up and planting trees for a border. Mayor Thomas was later informed that Mr. Gunter seemed to be running his entire business out of what was supposed to be just a storage building. At this time Mayor Thomas reminded council that a business license had not been issued for his business.

Mr. Hansford wrote to Mr. Gunter's attorney with issues concerning the running of a business on said property and received a letter back from Mr. Gunter's attorney stating that the intention of the building all along was to put the business in the building and did not know that was a problem but suggested that Mr. Gunter and Mayor Thomas get together to walk the property and to discuss the problem. At this time Mayor Thomas has not heard from Mr. Gunter.

Mayor Thomas reminded the council, along with sharing copies, of the letter sent to Mr. Gunter about the proposed building permit. The Mayor also noted that the building permit specifically states the use for the

proposed building is for storage. The Mayor also notes that the letter specifically states the use of the building will be for storage.

Mayor Thomas also noted that the land is zoned A-1, which will not allow for a business on the property. The Mayor noted to the town attorney that he would like to continue to pursue this problem in order to get it taken care of in a timely fashion.

At this time Councilman Carter made a motion to approve the pursuant of this matter by the town attorney in an effort to completely stop business operations at the location noted based on two primary factors. One factor being that the land is not zoned for a business operation and number two that a business license had not been issued at the site in question. Councilwoman Dawe made a second to the motion. After some discussion about a time frame the vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

5. Resident Heike Mueller asked about who protects the creeks within High Shoals. Ms. Mueller' concern was where people were building houses and was not controlling the area around the creek.

Mayor Thomas stated that even though the town would try to help, the problem would need to be turned over to the EPD who would take care of any problems.

Councilwoman Dawe also reported that the erosion control within the Steeple Chase subdivision and Boulder Springs subdivision was very poor.

New Business:

1. Mayor Thomas reported that a Michael Hartiage with American Tower has asked about putting up a cell tower on Highway 186. Mayor Thomas stated that he had not gotten any specifics at this time.

Mayor Thomas went on to note that the property is not zoned at this time for this type of situation. The property is now zoned as Agriculture but would need to be zoned Business -2.

2. Mayor Thomas reported that a piece of property on Ray's Church Road was divided up and recorded without approval from the town or the county. There is one tract with a house already on it facing Ray's Church Road. This property was part of the property owned by Dr. Roy Ward and was previously owned by Suzanne Shockley.

Ms. Shockley's sons have recently purchased the property and wanted to know if the lots could be sold as previously divided. Mayor Thomas stated that he told the son that the lots could not be sold as divided because they were purchased as one piece of property and would have to be used under the guidelines of the towns ordinances.

Mayor Thomas asked the town attorney to check into this and clarify what can or can not be done.

3. Mayor Thomas reported that he had gotten the speed limit signs and the "strictly enforced" signs were ordered and would take about one month to get here.

Mayor's Update:

1. Councilwoman Dawe reported that the data from the river shows that there has been quite a bit of generating at certain times of the week.

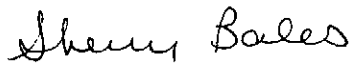
Councilwoman Dawe went on to report that she had gotten the copy of the evaluation of Hard Labor Creek with the fish species listed. The evaluation notes that there is one possible endangered species in

the river and several rare species in the river and the erosion problems are causing their habitats to be wiped out.

2. Councilwoman Dawe reported that the curb on Shadyfield Lane had been redone but it was not grassed, therefore there was some erosion taking place at this time.
3. Councilwoman Dawe reported the tremendous erosion that the developers are not taking care of within a timely manner.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Bales".

Sherry Bales
Town Clerk

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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. KEW BERRY
1031 Windridge Ct
WATKINSVILLE 30677 | |
| 2. PAUL STRACENER
1101 RIVERHAVEN LN.
WATKINSVILLE GA. 30677 | |
| 3. Heike Mueller | Park, Creeks |
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Jan-01

	MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	GENERAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$22,612.74	\$16,531.34
INCOME		
INTEREST - GENERAL		\$18.26
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	\$71.70	
Ad Valorem Taxes		\$97.54
Intangible Tax		\$64.68
Business License-Regular		\$25.00
Business License-Insurance		\$292.50
Franchise Tax		\$155.88
00 Taxes		\$5,741.15
Transfer from General Account	\$10,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,071.70	\$6,395.01
EXPENSES		
Jeff Thomas	Park Sign Materials	\$104.00
Snyovus Mortgage Co.	Reimbursement on taxes	\$140.61
Georgia Power	Street Lights	\$585.01
Georgia Power	City Hall	\$35.53
Bell South Mobility	Cell Phone	\$50.41
Bell South	Phone	\$66.21
Walton EMC	Street Lights	\$48.87
Oconee Enterprise	Advertising	\$10.00
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	\$68.25
Donald Hansford	Retainer for January	\$150.00
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$117.55
Office Depot	Supplies	\$79.90
Denise Nix	Maintenance	\$9.00
U.S. Postmaster	Box Rent	\$45.00
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$231.53
Transfer to Money Market		\$10,000.00
Interest due on renewal	\$1,160.58	
Loan Payment	\$1,201.99	
Total Expenses	\$2,362.57	\$11,741.87

GRAND TOTAL

\$30,321.87

\$11,184.48

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Agenda

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Monthly Business:

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

Old Business:

1. City Park
2. Audit
3. Street Signs
4. Gunter Property

New Business:

Mayor's Update:

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

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The draft copy minutes of January 8, 2001 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals are hereby officially approved as of February 12, 2001.

Signed:



Mayor

WADE THOMAS
Council Member

Violet H. Dawe
Council Member

Council Secretary

David MacIntosh
Council Member


Council Member

Council Member