

Town of North High Shoals

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Mayor

Office of the Mayor

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Minutes January 8, 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
Jeff Huff

Resident
Resident

Monthly Business:

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

Old Business:

1. Mayor Thomas reported that the walking path at the park had been established and the parking area had been cleared. The Mayor went on to report that the trail around the exterior had a 7 foot wide section smoothed out. The Mayor felt that it was time to consider possible paving of the walking area. The Mayor went on to report that the front area had been bushogged twice now and it was time to harrow and sow seeding. The Mayor would like the council to discuss at the next meeting what should be done this coming summer. It was also mentioned that the other tree that had been purchased for the park opening would need to be planted as soon as the ground thaws out some.

2. The Mayor reported that the street signs had not been put up because the weather was freezing at the time. The Mayor went on to report that the road work had still not been completed on Shadyfield Lane. The Mayor stated that the speed bumps on New High Shoals road were still on the list to be taken care of. It was also reported that the gas company had redone the sinking areas on Shadyfield Lane.

3. Mayor Thomas at this time asked the Council to consider and set the new speed limits for the town. The proposals were as follows:

	Now	Set
Ray's Church Road	45	45
Hillsboro Road	35	35
Jefferson Road	35	30
Plantation Road	35	30
Gober Road	35	35
Frazier Hill Road	35	30
Elder Road	45	35
Shadyfield Lane		20
New High Shoals Road	45	35

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe to accept changes in the speed limits within the town as discussed and to have proper signage put in place. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Carter. All council members present approved the motion.

4. Councilwoman Dawe reported that the representatives fighting the rock quarry were at this point trying to raise enough money for an attorney. It was also reported that the EPD had not issued a permit for the rock quarry at this time.

5. Mayor Thomas reported that Donald Hansford, town attorney had sent a letter to Mr. Gunter concerning problems with his property, such as outside storage, etc.

Mayor Thomas instructed Mr. Hansford to let Mr. Gunter and his attorney know that he would expect Mr. Gunter to adhere to the agreement that was made with the town. At this time there has been no response. Mayor Thomas assured the council that he would get some type of answer within the next 30 days. Mayor Thomas asked Mr. Hansford to follow up with Mr. Gunter or his attorney as to their intentions.

New Business:

1. Mayor Thomas handed out copies of the 1999-2000 audit. The Mayor asked the council to review the audit and be prepared at the next meeting to approve the audit. It was requested that Mr. Briscoe be present to answer any questions that might come up. Mayor Thomas stated that he would request Mr. Briscoe's presence at the next meeting.

Mayor's Update:

1. Councilwoman Dawe reported that our new State Senator, Doug Haines is very interested in the water problems in the area.

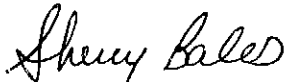
2. Councilwoman Dawe gave out copies of the new legislative delegation.

3. Councilwoman Dawe gave out a newspaper article on "Plans call for regional reservoirs".

4. Councilwoman Dawe noted that Wayne McGinnis, from the Farmland Trust, will be speaking at the Oconee County Civic Center on Thursday 1/18/02 at 7:30pm.
5. Councilwoman Dawe reported that there had been some burning of trash on a very windy day.
6. Councilwoman Dawe noted that there needed to be some repairs done to city hall before the problems got out of hand.
7. Councilwoman Dawe reported that there were still dogs running loose within the town.
8. Mayor Thomas reported that the loan for the park had been renewed.
9. Mayor Thomas noted that he was still working on getting the sign for the park done.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilman Carter to adjourn the January meeting. A second was made to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All council members present approved the motion.

Respectfully,



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) |
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| 1. <i>Leike Mueller</i> | |
| 2. <i>JH Huff</i> | <i>Speed limit on study field rd.</i> |
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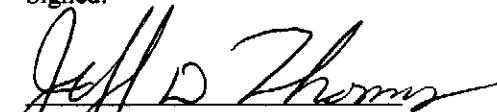
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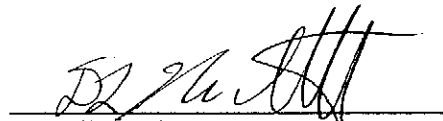
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The draft copy minutes of December 11, 2000 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals are hereby officially approved as of January 8, 2001.


Signed:



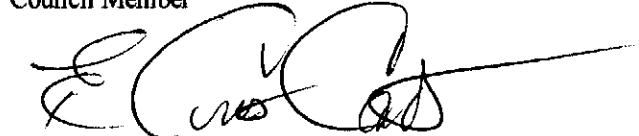
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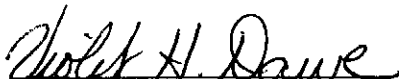
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Agenda

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Monthly Business:

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

Old Business:

1. City Park
2. Roads
3. Rock Quarry Update
4. Gunter Property

New Business:

Mayor's Update:

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

Plan calls for regional reservoirs

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A new report recommends that the state reactivate a 1989 plan to "drought-proof" north Georgia by building a series of regional reservoirs.

The report by the Environmental Protection Division this week aims to help cities and counties cope better with the next severe dry spell. The reservoir-building recommendation is one of six suggestions in the report.

The Water Supply Act of 1989 authorized state funds for 10 to 12 reservoirs envisioned by the EPD. The measure was never fully funded, and no dams were built, largely because of complications stemming from Georgia's dispute with Alabama and Florida over sharing river basins.

EPD's deputy director, David Word, said the new report is intended "to document the impact of the drought in Georgia so that we can learn some lessons for managing future droughts."

A series of regional reservoirs that would supply water to several jurisdictions would go a long way toward ensuring protection against drought, but there are several hurdles, including environmental ones.

In June 1990, Georgia asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to build the first of the dams, for the 3,800-acre West

Georgia Regional Reservoir near Bremen on the Tallapoosa River.

Alabama officials were concerned that the dam would trap water that was needed for their state's growth.

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Rookie legislators prepare for jobs

By Janis Reid
Staff Writer

Being the newest members of the Georgia General Assembly may not be as easy as it looks.

"They say we'll be sworn in on Monday and sworn at after that," joked Michael Beatty, state senator-elect for the 47th District.

Beatty and Pat Bell, state representative-elect for the 25th District, both Jefferson natives, have been making housing, office and travel arrangements in Atlanta in preparation for their first 40-day legislative session.

Through the campaigning, the election process and finally the trip to Atlanta Monday, both Beatty and Bell believe all the work and sacrifice is worth it.

"If we want good government, we have to stand up, demand it and be a part of it," Bell said.

"We've had a great legacy passed on to us from our parents and grandparents and we need to pass those values on to our children," Beatty said.

The displacement from her family during the legislative session will be an adjustment, Bell said, mostly for her husband, John, son, Greg, daughter-in-law, Kim, and granddaughter, Hannah.

"Living in hotels will be an adjustment too, but I feel you can't function as a legislator unless you live down there," Bell said, who added that she plans to return home on the weekends to spend time with her family.

To relax, Bell said she enjoys swimming, baking and spending time with her family, particularly her granddaughter.

"I try to teach her what I think she should know," Bell said. "I

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Legislative delegation

Senate District 46 ✓

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Party: Democratic
District: 46th
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SMITH

House District 88

Name: Louise
McBee
Party: Democratic
District: 88th
House District
Counties served:
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southern Athens-
Clarke County,
including



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- *How he helped protect other farms in the State of Maryland*



Guest Speaker

Wayne McGinnis

- *4th Generation Farmer.*
- *1,400 acres row crop, beef cattle operation*
- *1997 National "Steward of the Land" Awardee*
- *Community Leader on Land Planning Issues*
- *Involved at local, state, and national levels in promoting Farmland Protection*

Thursday, January 18, 2001

7:30 p.m. - Oconee County Civic Center

A question and answer period will follow guest speaker's presentation
Educational displays related to Farmland Protection will be presented

Sponsors:

Clarke-Oconee Cattleman's Association

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Oconee County Farmland Protection Partnership:

- Oconee County Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee
- Oconee River Resource Conservation & Development Council
- Oconee River Soil and Water Conservation District
- UGA Cooperative Extension Service Advisory Board
- USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee
- J. Phil Campbell Sr. Natural Resource Conservation Center

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