

Town of North High Shoals

Jeff D. Thomas
Mayor

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Minutes July 9, 2001

ORIGINAL

Members Present:

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

Town Clerk: Sherry Bales

Town Attorney: Donald Hansford

Others Present:

J. Ritzler	Press
Joseph Bennett	Resident
Bill Sosebee	Resident
Heike Mueller	Resident
Don DeColaines	Resident
Nan DeColaines	Resident
Ann Brooks	American Tower
Fred Johnson	Resident
Guillermo Salinas	Verizon Wireless
Henry Munneke	Resident
Benjamin Ivie	Resident
Mark Ennis	Monroe Utilities

Monthly Business:

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

3. Approval of the *June* Financial Statement. Motion to approve by Councilman Cape. A second to the motion by Councilman Thomas. Councilmen Thomas and Cape approved the motion and Councilwoman Dawe opposed the motion.

Old Business:

1. **City Park:** Mayor Thomas reported that the area of the park that had been cited by the EPA has already been resowed. The Mayor also noted that the person doing the bulldozing work was bonded and that he had just made an error in judgment.

At this time the Mayor asked the Council members if they had any input. Councilman Cape commented that he had heard from several citizens about their concern over the bulldozing work being done at the park. Councilwoman Dawe was concerned about the large number of trees that were barked up. Councilwoman Dawe also stated that she did not think there was going to be any heavy equipment brought into the park in the forested area. Councilwoman Dawe noted that she was waiting for the UGA class to come in and give their recommendation. Councilwoman Dawe also stated that she was in favor of a park committee.

Some other concerns were putting up wood fence vs. hog wire fence, also concern as to whether there was a plan for the upcoming year. It was recommended that a list be made for this upcoming year in accordance with the budgeted amount.

Mayor Thomas stated that a public hearing would be held in August to discuss the upcoming plans for the park.

Councilman Cape noted that he was not pleased with the bulldozer work and suggested that maybe a contract would be better for future work.

The idea was discussed as to whether there should be a fence along the front of the property. It was noted that a fence would keep children out of the road.

2. **Historical Society:** Mayor Thomas reminded the Council that the Town had agreed to support the Historical Society in 1999. At this time there were more expenses that needed to be covered. After some discussion, Councilman Cape asked about what area is covered in this application for a Historical District.

Nan DeColaines explained that the area covered would be on both sides of the Apalachee river. Nan also reminded everyone that this would not impose regulations on residents as to what they can and can't do with their property.

It was suggested that Oconee, Walton and Morgan county be contacted for possible donations.

After the budget was approved for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, a motion was made by Councilman Cape and was seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve \$1350.00 be given to the Historical Society. Councilwoman Dawe abstained from voting on this issue due to conflict of interest.

3. **Cell Tower:** Mayor Thomas turned the floor over to Ann Brooks.

Ms. Brooks explained that American Tower would like to possibly move the requested cell tower to a different location on the Stiving property. If this move is made it would then be necessary to increase the height of the tower to 250' which would mean having a light on top of the tower.

Councilman Cape asked about the space that the tower would then cover as far a phone service was concerned. Councilman Cape asked about the proposed tower in Walton county and also about the tower at the end of Snows Mill Road and Lane Creek. Councilman Cape asked if the council could get a propagation overlay of the proposed service area.

Some concern was noted about the light being placed on top of the tower.

Mayor Thomas explained that either a vote would have to be taken at this time that would cover the original request or the issue could be tabled and American Tower would have to go back to the Planning Commission for the new proposal.

At this time Ms. Brooks asked that the issue be tabled.

A motion was made by Councilman Cape and was seconded by Councilman Thomas to table the issue until further notice. All other Councilmembers present approved the motion.

4 Budget: Mayor Thomas asked that the Council members vote to approve the budget set forth for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Councilman Cape and was seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve the budget as presented. All other Councilmembers present approved the motion.

Councilman Cape did request, per a resident, that the rumble strips be taken up at the end of New High Shoals Road during this budget year.

5 Gas Line: Mayor Thomas noted that Mr. Mark Ennis was in attendance and discussed with him the original agreement between the Town and Monroe Utilities.

It was proposed by Mr. Ennis that the tap fee would be waived as long as you have heat and one other appliance in your home that uses gas.

It was noted that the gas line had not been run on Ray's Church road or in the Hickory Ridge or Hickory Lake subdivisions.

New Business:

1. **State Flag:** Mayor Thomas reported that the Town had purchased a new state flag for city hall.

2. **Hickory Ridge:** Mayor Thomas reported that the residents of Hickory Ridge subdivision were requesting speed limit signs and sidewalks.

The request for speed limit signs was for 25mph signs. The request also included not having the signs in the common area over 6'. The Mayor explained that there would have to be a public hearing to discuss the speed limit signs. The Mayor asked the Council to approve the 25mph signs pending the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Cape and was seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve the signs, pending the public hearing. All other Councilmembers present approved the motion

The Hickory Ridge Homeowners Association also asked about the possibility of have a crosswalk between Hickory Ridge and Hickory Lake.

It was discussed that there could be a 4' wide sidewalk and using asphalt which would be cheaper.

Mayor Thomas noted that there would have to be prices gotten together and measurements as to what was needed. The Mayor also noted that putting signs up on Elder Road would have to be approved.

3. **Cable Franchise:** Mayor Thomas reported that a letter had been sent to the cable company expressing dissatisfaction with the cable service within the town. The Mayor reported that after speaking with the representative from the company, it is very important that the residents call every time their cable goes out.

Councilman Cape noted that he had heard that it was rumored that the city had turned down a request for franchise from another company. Mayor Thomas assured the resident that that was not the case, that no company had ever requested a franchise and that the city would welcome another franchise.

Mayor Thomas asked the clerk to call the company back and get a statement in writing as to what would be done if a resident is having a continuous problem with his/her cable service.

Mayor's Update:

1. Councilwoman Dawe requested that the sides of the road be cut within the town. Councilwoman also report that there was dirt coming into the ditches and into the culverts on Gober Road. Mayor Thomas stated that the county should be able to help with that and that he would check into it.

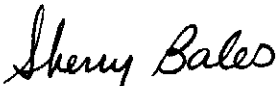
Councilwoman also reported that the road signs and speed limit signs needed to be put up. Councilwoman Dawe reported that there was speeding on Hillsboro Road.

2. Councilman Cape expressed his concern over the dead trees in the area due to the utility work being done. Mayor Thomas stated that Councilman Cape should call Melvin Davis with this problem.

Councilman Cape also noted that he would like to see some type of banners put up when there is an upcoming public hearing or council meeting.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councilman Cape to conclude the July 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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~~June 11, 2001~~
July 9, 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. Don & Nan DeColaninis 769-9304	Historic High Shoals Committee
✓ 2. Joseph R. Bennett 769-5747	
✓ 3. Fred Johnson 769-2569	
✓ 4. HEIKE MÜLLER 769 2763	
✓ 5. Henry Munncke 769-0182	
✓ 6. Guillermo Salinas 4/217 1628	
✓ 7. Ann Brooks 8770-970-2049	Cell Tower
✓ 8. Benjamin Ivie 706-765-8659	

9. Bill SOSEBEE
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
May-01

	MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	GENERAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$25,954.17	\$16,947.98
INCOME		
INTEREST - GENERAL		\$12.28
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	\$75.70	
Miscellaneous		\$25.00
Ad Valorem Tax		\$81.65
Intangible Tax		\$21.65
Building Permit		\$662.97
2000 Taxes		\$23.28
1999 Taxes		\$777.85
1995 Taxes		\$318.15
TOTAL INCOME	\$75.70	\$1,922.81
EXPENSES		
Internal Revenue Serv.	1st quarter taxes	\$97.13
Ga. Dept. of Revenue	1st quarter taxes	\$70.36
Cingular	Cell Phone	\$53.55
Bell South	Phone	\$63.35
Walton EMC	Street Lights	\$51.00
Georgia Power	City Hall	\$30.85
OC Board of Comm	Speed Limit Signs	\$49.92
Georgia Power	Street Lights	\$312.03
Brian Sheinutt	Bushogging	\$900.00
Athens Seed Co.	Grass Seed	\$558.00
Gerald Penn	Preparing Speed Limit Signs	\$75.00
Baldwin Engineering	Survey	\$1,000.00
Mellon Leasing	Copier	\$80.25
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$273.86
Houseman Pest Control	Annual Inspection	\$75.00
Donald Hansford	Retainer	\$150.00
OC Clerk of Court	Record Plats	\$16.00
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$265.62
Bell South	Phone	\$64.19
Georgia Municipal Asso	Dues	\$398.48
Jeff Thomas	Building Inspection	\$70.56
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Oconee State Bank	Loan Payment	\$1,201.99
Total Expenses	\$1,201.99	\$4,800.05

GRAND TOTAL

\$24,827.88

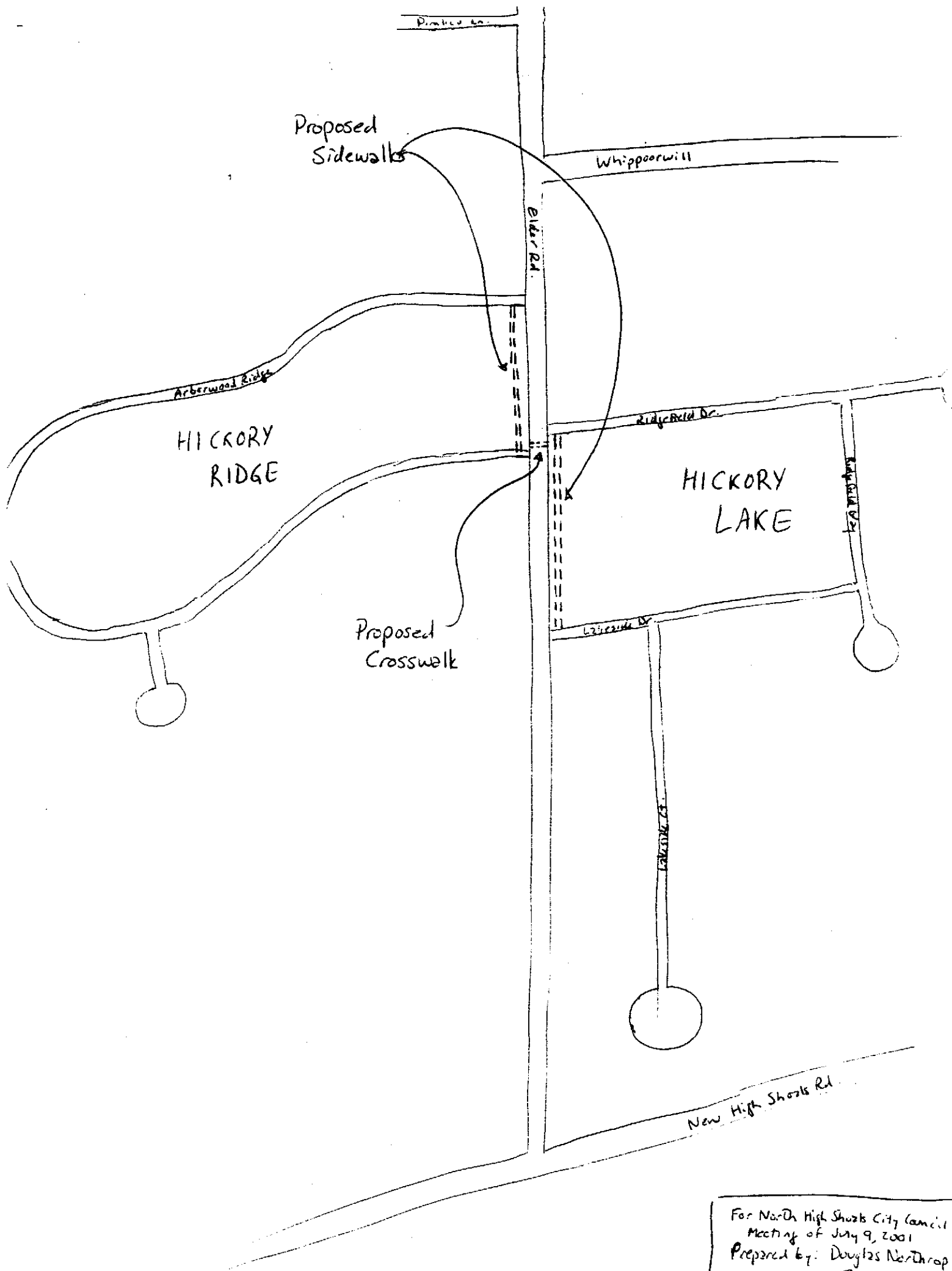
\$14,070.74

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Jun-01

	MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	GENERAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$24,827.88	\$14,070.74
 INCOME		
INTEREST - GENERAL		\$8.66
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	\$72.30	
Business License - Insurance		\$15.00
Ad Valorem Tax		\$97.67
Real Estate Transfer Tax		\$97.29
Building Permit		\$1,526.38
2000 Taxes		\$35.40
TOTAL INCOME	\$72.30	\$1,780.40
 EXPENSES		
Straw Boss	Bulldozer Work at Park	\$1,012.50
Jack Daniel	Maintenance	\$25.00
Oconee Feed & Farm	Fencing Materials for Park	\$1,756.10
Cingular	Cell Phone	\$49.02
Georgia Power	City Hall	\$27.72
Jessica Tyrell	Codifying of Minutes	\$154.00
Sherry Bales	Reimbursement for Purchase of State Flag	\$10.72
Mellon Leasing	Copier Lease	\$80.25
Georgia Power	Street Lights	\$563.95
OC Chamber of Comm	Dues	\$277.50
Walton EMC	Street Lights	\$51.00
Tailored Bus. Systems	Deposit on Tax Bills	\$84.75
Oconee Enterprise	Advertising	\$78.00
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$323.42
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	\$68.00
Office Depot	Supplies	\$117.44
Donald Hansford	Attorney fees	\$200.00
Jack Daniel	Maintenance	\$25.00
Donald Hansford	Retainer for June	\$150.00
Jeff Thomas	Building Inspection	\$96.00
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Jeff Thomas	Building Inspection	\$130.00
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$252.19
Cingular	Cell Phone	\$100.99
Bell South	Phone	\$84.22
Jack Daniel	Maintenance	\$25.00
Oconee State Bank	Loan Payment	\$1,201.99
Transfer to Tax Acct	135381	\$200.00

Total Expenses	\$1,201.99	\$6,052.77
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,698.19	\$9,798.37



For North High Shoals City Council
Meeting of July 9, 2001
Prepared by: Douglas Northrop
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