

# Town of North High Shoals

**Jeff D. Thomas**  
Mayor

**Office of the Mayor**

108 Jefferson Road  
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High Shoals, Georgia 30645  
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## **Minutes** **MAY 14, 2001**

### **ORIGINAL**

#### **Members Present:**

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

Town Clerk: Sherry Bales

Town Attorney: Donald Hansford

#### **Others Present:**

J. Ritzler	Press
Douglas Northrop	Hickory Ridge
Karen Dietz	Resident
Joseph Bennett	Resident
Bill Sosebee	Resident
Heike Mueller	Resident
Bill Taylor	Resident
Gina Taylor	Resident
Ann Brooks	American Tower
Clark Davidson	American Tower
Guillermo Salinas	Verizon Wireless
Donald Dawe	Resident
Darrel Monroe	Resident

#### **Public Hearing:**

At this time there was some discussion concerning the upcoming 2001-2002 budget. The floor was then open to the public for discussion.

After the discussion concerning the upcoming budget, a motion was made to end the public hearing portion of the meeting. The motion was made by Councilman Cape and was seconded by Councilman Thomas. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

### **Monthly Business:**

1. Approval of the *April* 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 *April* minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman MacIntosh. A second to the motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe. Council persons, Dawe, MacIntosh, Thomas and Cape approved the motion. Councilman Carter abstained.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Historical Society:** Mayor Thomas reported that a request had been made for some financial support from the town. The moneys are needed for the gentleman who is getting the contract ready to turn in to the Atlanta office. The moneys would also help with copies that are needed of all the necessary paperwork.

Mayor Thomas asked the council members to be prepared to vote on this request at next months meeting. The Mayor recommended that the council ask residents of the town what they think about the request.

2. **Cell Tower:** Mayor Thomas reported that the Planning Commission, at their last meeting recommended, with stipulations, that the proposed cell tower be approved. The Mayor reminded the council that the proposed cell tower would be placed off Highway 186 on part of the Stiving property.

At this time, Mayor Thomas introduced Ms. Ann Brooks from American Tower.

Ms. Brooks explained that American Tower would like to construct a 193' Monopole for cellular use. Ms. Brooks went on to explain that this would preclude having a lighted tower. After Ms. Brooks explanation to the Council and public, several questions were raised.

Some of the questions were; How far would the tower be from any property line? What would the possibility be of moving the tower to other property the Stivings' owned that would not be so close to other property owners? Would American Tower be willing to pay for an independent study on the effects a cell tower may have on the surrounding area? Why could the cell tower going up in Walton County not be used instead of putting up another tower? How would a cell tower effect health and environment in the area? Are there any law suits pending due to a problem with a cell tower? Would American Tower be willing to pay the difference in what a homeowner would want to sell there house for and what they could actually sell there house for?

Some of the comments made were; Residents in the area who already have Verizon Wireless (which would be one company attaching to the tower) have no problem with current service, therefore do not see the need for additional coverage. Some residents feel that it would have an adverse effect on homeowners in the area.

The Council members had the following requests; A copy of the Georgia Tech Study and information showing if this information would be good through at least the year 2003. What effect the tower would

have on people with pace makers. Get information concerning the tower in Walton County. An overall plan for the area in the next 2-3 years. What is the benefit for the city.

As the discussion came to a close, Ms. Brooks agreed to do research on the following and get the information back to the Council prior to next months meeting.

- Will the company fund a land appraisal

- Provide a copy of the Georgia Tech Study plus fund an independent study

- Provide an invoice as to what the company paid for their study of the area and a number of how many studies the company has done for them.

- Information on the Walton County Tower

- What are the health effects from having a tower in the area

- What effect would the tower have on pace makers

- Specific studies about health and environment

- What would it mean if the tower was moved approximately 1/4 mile away to a more remote area

- What is the large scale planning for cell tower companies in the area.

At this time there was a request by Ms. Brooks to have this discussion tabled until next month. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe to table the discussion until the June meeting. A second was made to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All council members present approved the motion.

3. **City Park:** Mayor Thomas reported that more ground had been plowed at the park and some grass seed had been sown. The Mayor also reported that there had been metal stakes put up marking the land. The Mayor noted that fencing was being placed around the borders of the property and that a load of gravel was to be delivered and placed on the driveway. Mayor Thomas reported that he was still having problems with someone on a four-wheeler and with someone on a horse.

4. **Gunter Property:** Mayor Thomas reported that he and Mr. Hansford had met with Mr. Gunter and his attorney concerning his property. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Gunter would indeed move his business back across the street. Mr. Gunter also agreed to clean up the debris around the property and plant borders around the property. Mr. Gunter also noted that he would make sure that the erosion problem was taken care of. It was agreed that the trucks could remain on the property because they could easily be moved in case of a flood.

### **New Business:**

1. **Bill & Gina Taylor:** Mayor Thomas reported that Mr. And Mrs. Taylor were asking for a variance in order to split their property, which has two houses on it. The Taylors' would like to be able to sell each house individually. The current property has 2.042 acres.

After some discussion, it was decided that because this particular piece of property was grandfathered in, the property could be divided and each house sold individually as long as each piece of property has at least one acre. It was also decided that this property might fall into a mini subdivision, depending on the original split of the land, and it that is the case the Taylors' would have to go to the planning department and apply for the split to be a mini subdivision.

Therefore, the discussion was tabled until all information needed was obtained.

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

1. Mayor Thomas reported that Jefferson Road had been approved for the LARP program. The estimated cost should be \$4533.00.

2. Councilman Carter expressed his concern that maybe the cell tower issue should be tabled until July which would give everyone more time to study the issue.

Councilman Carter also noted that he had a site on the internet where the town could get an aerial photo. The sight is [www.terraserver.com](http://www.terraserver.com). Councilman Carter also noted that you could get topo maps from this sight.

3. Councilwoman Dawe reported that she could get a GIS disk which would provide water shed information. Councilwoman Dawe also gave the council an update on the river.

Councilwoman Dawe reported that Shadyfield Lane was being torn up by the school bus at the end of the road where the bus is turning around. Councilwoman Dawe also noted that the bus was speeding down Shadyfield Lane.

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

Respectfully;

Sherry Bales  
Town Clerk

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May 14, 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      | PO Box #  | Agenda Item to Address (if any)  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| 1. Joseph A. Alvarez  | Elbert High Shoals Rd.                                | Relay Tower  |
| 2. Bill SOSEBEE       | PO BOX 185<br>High Shoals 30645                       | 301 Hillcrest  |
| ✓ 3. Douglas Northrup | P.O. Box 2<br>High Shoals 30645                       | Alderwood Ridge (if discussed)   |
| 4. Heike Mueller      | High Shoals   | city ordinance fire census<br>recommutation<br>welcome letter<br>Park plan |
| 5. Bill Taylor        | 150 Drexel Ln<br>B-75 Hwy GA 30621                    | > land separation  |
| 6. Gina Taylor        | "   | "  |
| 7. ANN BROOKS         | 3200 COBBGAWERIA PKWY, SUITE 205<br>ATLANTA, GA 30339 |  |
| 8. Clark Davidson     | 829 Pickens Industrial<br>MARIETTA, GA 30060          |  |

9. Guillermo Salinas

4151 Ashford Dunwoody Rd  
Suite 140, Atlanta GA 30319

✓ 10. John Ritzke

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✓ 11. Karen Dietz

12. Donald Dawe

13. David Monroe

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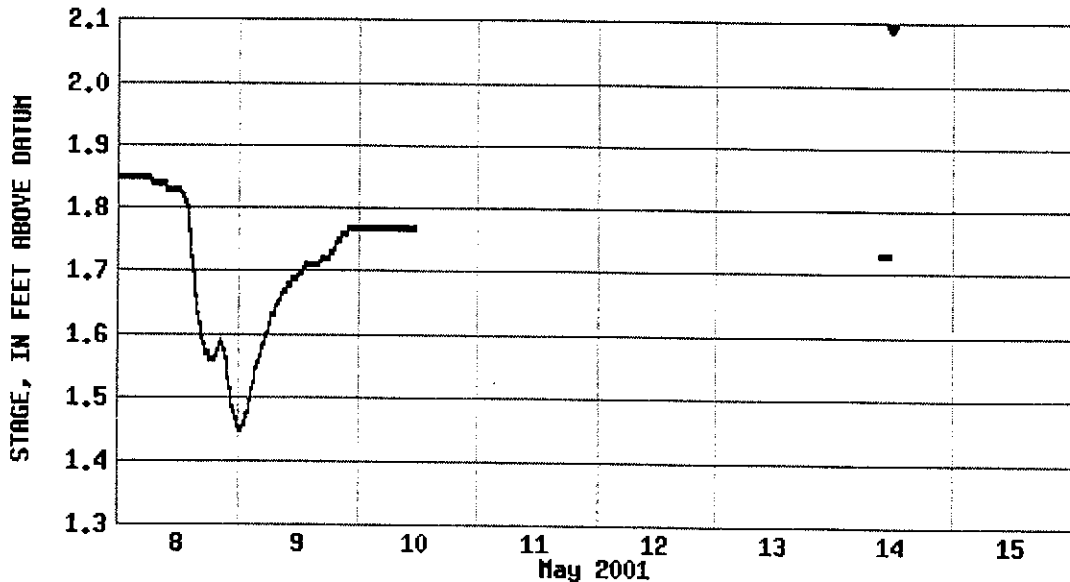
## PROVISIONAL DATA SUBJECT TO REVISION

02219000-- Apalachee River near Bostwick, GA

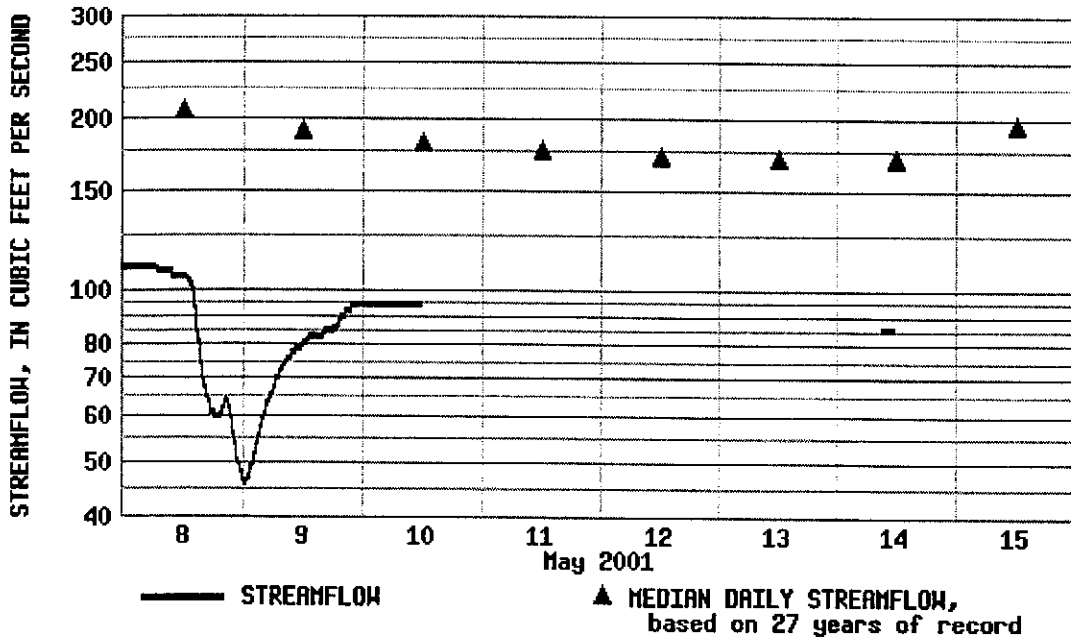
### Current Conditions

Flow (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	Stage (ft)	Date	Time
86	1.73	05/14	11:45

**Stage** -- updated Mon May 14 11:45 2001 -- [download presentation-quality graph](#)



**Streamflow** -- updated Mon May 14 11:45 2001 -- [download presentation-quality graph](#)



**Daily Mean Flow Statistics for 05/14 based on 27 years of record, in ft<sup>3</sup>/s**

Latest flow 05/14 11:45	Minimum	Mean	Maximum	80 percent exceedance	50 percent exceedance	20 percent exceedance
86	65	200	443	118	170	269
Percent exceedance means that 80, 50, or 20 percent of all daily mean flows for 05/14 have been greater than the the value shown.						

-- Graph of rainfall temporarily unavailable --

● [Data used in graph](#)

**Station Description**

02219000 APALACHEE RIVER NEAR BOSTWICK, GA.

LOCATION.--Lat 33°47'17", long 83°28'27", Morgan-Oconee County line, Hydrologic Unit 03070101, on left bank 1,000 ft upstream from bridge on Price Mill Road, 3.0 mi southwest of Bishop, 4.0 mi upstream from Jacks Creek, and 4.0 mi northeast of Bostwick.

DRAINAGE AREA.--176 sq mi.

PERIOD OF RECORD.--July 1944 to December 1949, April 1977 to current year.

REVISED RECORDS.--WDR GA-91-1: 1946(M), 1949(M).

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder. Datum of gage is 544.14 ft above sea level (leveling by Global Positioning System equipment).

REMARKS.--Records good. Some regulation at low flow from High Shoals powerplant.

● [Historical daily mean or peakflow data for this station](#)

● [Return to Current Streamflow Conditions table](#)

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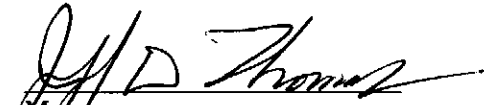
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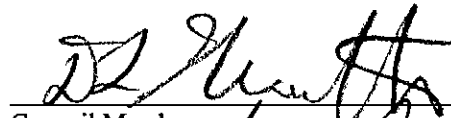
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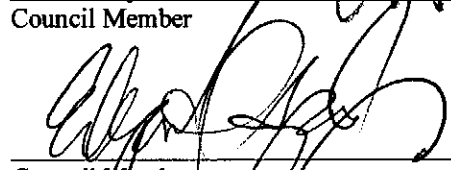
The draft copy minutes of April 9, 2001 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals are hereby officially approved as of May 14, 2001.

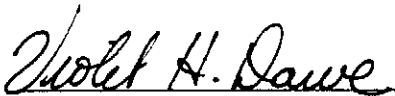
Signed:

  
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Mayor

  
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Council Member

  
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Council Secretary



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April 9, 2001

**Proposed Fiscal Budget for 2001-2002**

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**Budget Income**

<u>Income Source</u>	<u>2001-2002 Budgeted</u>	<u>2000-2001 Budget</u>	<u>2000-2001 Received*</u>	<u>2000-2001 Adjusted Income</u>
Property Tax	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 18,487.27	
Insurance Premium	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,573.10	\$ 573.10
Grants				
Franchise Tax	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 9,984.96	\$ (1,515.04)
Business Licenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 557.50	\$ (142.50)
Ad Valorem	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,415.04	\$ (584.96)
Building Permits	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,695.00	\$ 3,864.20	\$ (830.80)
Intangible Tax	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 367.65	\$ (132.35)
Interest	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,311.18	\$ (188.82)
Timber Tax	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.75	\$ 10.75
Misc.	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,237.35	\$ 1,232.35
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 53,875.00</b>	<b>\$ 53,925.00</b>		
<b><u>Reserve Funds</u></b>				
Surplus 2000 Income	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
CD's	\$ 23,073.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 23,073.45	\$ 3,073.45
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,073.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 99,948.00</b>	<b>\$ 93,925.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,907.45</b>	
<b>Budget Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 99,948.00</b>	<b>\$ 93,925.00</b>		
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		

\*2000-2001 Received Income through March 30, 2001

**Proposed Fiscal Budget for 2001 - 2002 Year**

**Budget Expenses**

	<b>2001-2002 Budgeted</b>	<b>2000-2001 Budget</b>	<b>2000-2001 Spent*</b>	<b>2000-2001 Remaining Balance</b>
<b><u>Administrative</u></b>				
Clerk	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,770.74	
Office Supplies/Misc.	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,459.44	
Dues	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 65.00	
Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,040.00	
Elections	\$ 750.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 85.00	
Tax Digest	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 189.09	
Attorney	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,350.00	
Audit	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	
<b><u>Maintenance</u></b>				
Ga. Power Co. (buildings)	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 503.24	
Southern Bell	\$ 700.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 573.45	
Grounds (buildings)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 195.00	
Pest/Termite Control	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	
AT&T - Long Distance	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Bell South Mobility	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 500.21	
Inspections Department	\$ 300.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 501.13	
Gas/Heat (buildings)	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 524.08	
Building Repair/Upkeep	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Office Equipment	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,173.92	
Contingency Account	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,815.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,865.00</b>		
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>				
Law Enforcement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Fire Safety	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Erosion Prevention	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>		
<b><u>Parks &amp; Recreation</u></b>				
Mortgage (o.s.B.)	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 13,927.00	\$ 9,367.46	
Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 200.00	
Capital Outlay	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 898.33	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,927.00</b>		
<b><u>Streets</u></b>				
Capital Outlay	\$ 21,133.00	\$ 21,133.00	\$ -	
Street Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,014.00	
Lighting	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 6,133.01	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,533.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,933.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,147.01</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 99,948.00</b>	<b>\$ 93,925.00</b>		

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April 23, 2001

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

RE: Legal Ad for paper

Dear Maridee:

Please run the following ad in your paper on May 3, 2001 and May 10, 2001.

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The Town of North High Shoals will hold a Public Hearing, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, on Monday, May 14, 2001. The meeting will be held for the express purpose of discussing the proposed budget for the upcoming year. The meeting will begin at 7:15pm.

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

FAXED 4-23-01 11:25 AM

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30645

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Apr-01

	MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	GENERAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$27,082.03	\$16,938.02
<b>INCOME</b>		
INTEREST - GENERAL		\$13.46
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	\$74.13	
Franchise Tax		\$1,255.15
Ad Valorem Tax		\$153.23
Intangible Tax		\$70.27
Building Permit		\$50.00
2000 Taxes		\$350.50
1999 Taxes		\$593.97
TOTAL INCOME	\$74.13	\$2,486.58
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Top Notch	Sign Lumber and Bolts	\$286.08
Jack Daniel	Maintenance	\$25.00
Cingular	Cell Phone	\$49.22
Barbara Hamby	Overpayment of Taxes	\$8.70
Bell South	Phone	\$63.62
OC Board of Comm.	Street Signs	\$164.00
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$273.86
Georgia Power	Street Lights	\$584.85
Georgia Power	City Hall	\$33.22
Walton EMC	Street Lights	\$51.00
Printz Plus	Mailing Envelopes	\$72.23
UGA	Municipal Election Training	\$85.00
J & M Ltd.	Office Supplies	\$83.35
Mellon Leasing	Copier	\$80.25
Donald Hansford	Retainer	\$150.00
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$260.43
Jack Daniel	Maintenance	\$25.00
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Sherry Bales	Salary	\$155.81
Oconee State Bank	Loan Payment	\$1,201.99
Total Expenses	\$1,201.99	\$2,476.62
GRAND TOTAL	\$25,954.17	\$16,947.98

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# Agenda

(REVISED)

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### **Public Hearing:**

1. 2001-2002 Budget

### **Monthly Business:**

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

### **Old Business:**

1. Historical Society
2. Cell Tower
3. City Park
4. Gunter Property

### **New Business:**

1. Variance Request

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

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