

Town of North High Shoals

Jeff D. Thomas
Mayor

Office of the Mayor

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Minutes November 12, 2001

Members Present:

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

Town Clerk: Sherry Bales

City Attorney: Donald Hansford

Others Present:

J. Ritzler	Press
Bill Sosebee	Resident
Wanda Moody	Resident
Douglas Northrop	Resident
Heike Mueller	Resident

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing was held for the first reading of two proposed issues.

The first reading was to amend the zoning ordinance for the town to be able to refer back to the Oconee County Zoning Regulations when the town's own ordinances did not cover particular issues.

The first reading for the second issue was to adopt a Telecommunications Antennae and Tower Standards for the town.

A request was made to have copies of the Oconee County Zoning Regulations and the Oconee County Cell Tower Ordinance available to anyone who would like to look them over prior to the next meeting.

After some discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Monthly Business:

1. **Approval of the October Financial Statement.** Motion to approve by Councilman Thomas. A second to the motion by Councilman Cape. All Councilmembers approved the motion with exception of Councilman Carter who abstained.
2. **Approval of the Draft Copy of the September minutes.** Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman Cape. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Carter. All Councilmembers approved the motion with the exception of Councilman MacIntosh who abstained.

Old Business:

1. **City Park:** Mayor Thomas reported that he had met with Mack Carter who is with Car Pool Paving and will be moving his equipment into the park in the next week and would be completing at least half of the walkway. The Mayor went on to report that a person could walk around the largest majority of the park at this time. The Mayor noted that after the walking trail had been laid, he would then start on the basketball goal and the ball field.

Mayor Thomas reported that the fencing was up around the house.

Councilwoman Dawe expressed her concern over the barbed wire on the fencing.

2. **Audit:** Mayor Thomas reported that Mr. Briscoe would be available for questions about the audit at next months meeting.
3. **Cell Tower:** Mayor Thomas reported that at this time there had been no application filed.
4. **Sidewalks:** Mayor Thomas turned the floor over to Douglas Northrop from the Hickory Ridge Subdivision.

Mr. Northrop stated that at this time he was not pursuing the Hickory Lake side of the street in their request for a sidewalk.

Mr. Northrop went on to state that the Homeowners Association had agreed that in principal that it would be ok to share in the cost of the sidewalks, maybe 1/3 of the cost, but would need to have a more definite amount before agreeing to anything. Mr. Northrop went on to note that a new Board would be taking over as of 1/1/02. Mr. Northrop also questioned as to whether it would be better to move the location of the sidewalk to the common space due to the gas lines that have been run.

Councilman Carter asked about the crosswalk and was told that the crosswalk had been striped already. Councilman Carter also asked what would happen if Hickory Lake came to the Council and asked for the same thing. Councilman Carter felt it would be necessary to find out what Hickory Lakes interests were.

Councilman Cape asked how it could be justified to put in a sidewalk for walking purposes when there was an ongoing project to pave a walking area at the city park.

Councilman MacIntosh felt that both projects could be done but just not at the same time, but felt like we should be able to put in the sidewalk at this time and felt it was a sign of good faith that Hickory Ridge was willing to help financially.

Councilwoman Dawe felt that the project would be a good start to a vision for the town.

Councilman Cape feels like we need a future plan before we can make any type decision for just one section of town.

Mayor Thomas requested that Mr. Northrop go back to the subdivisions and see if maybe we could divide up the cost by 1/4ths. This would entail the two subdivisions, the town and the county.

Councilwoman Dawe suggested that the town use the "windfall" that the town received this month from the Insurance Premium Tax to fund the sidewalks.

Mayor Thomas requested that each council member submit their ideas in order to compile information so that some decision can be made.

New Business:

1. **Tax Notifications:** Councilwoman Dawe asked if certified letters could be sent out when the town is notifying a tax payer that a FIFA is being placed against their property for failure to pay taxes.

The Mayor reported that in order to send a certified letter the cost would be \$3.60 per letter.

After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Carter to send a certified letter when a FIFA letter is necessary with a 30 day notice and when the taxes were indeed paid add a \$5.00 charge to cover the cost of the letter. A second to the motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe. All council members present approved the motion.

Mayor's Update:

1. Mayor Thomas reported that Galaxy Cable had filed for bankruptcy.

2. Mayor Thomas reported that the town needed to adopt the Uniform Chart of Accounts. The Mayor explained that this set of account numbers was a system the entire state would put into effect this year.

A motion was made by Councilman Carter and was seconded by Councilman Cape to adopt the Uniform Chart of Accounts for the town. All council members present approved the motion.

3. Councilwoman Dawe expressed her concern over the gun discharge problem within the town. Councilwoman Dawe explained that in the recent past some primitive firearms were discharged near her barn which caused injury to one of her horses.

Councilman Carter also expressed his concern with discharge of certain types of firearms within the city limits.

After some discussion, Mayor Thomas asked that town attorney, Donald Hansford look into coming up with an ordinance for the town. Some of the suggestions were that there be a 100yd limit for a shotgun, no high-powered rifles, no handguns except BB guns, no shooting on someone else's property.

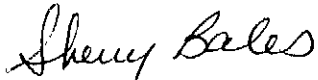
Mayor Thomas stated that he would like to have a public hearing prior to next months meeting to discuss this issue.

4. Councilwoman Dawe asked that the future of the Apalachee River be checked into for next months meeting. Also, check into the situation with the rock quarry.

5. Councilwoman Dawe asked about getting a aerial map if the cost was not over \$50.

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

Respectfully;

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

Sherry Bales
Town Clerk

1st reading

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAE & TOWER STANDARDS FOR CITY OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS

AN ORDINANCE pursuant to Section 1700 of the Zoning Regulations of The City of North High Shoals, Georgia, dated March 12, 1990 to adopt Telecommunications Antennae and Tower Standards for the City of North High Shoals, Georgia;

Section 1. Title. An Ordinance regulating Telecommunications Antennae and Towers located within the corporate limits of the City of North High Shoals, Georgia.

Section 2. Enactment Clause. For the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the City of North High Shoals, Georgia and to further the purposes set forth herein, the Mayor and Council of the City of North High Shoals, Georgia does hereby ordain and enact into law the following Telecommunications Antennae and Tower Standards.

Section 3. The Oconee County, Georgia Telecommunications Antennae & Tower Standards Ordinance dated September 1, 1998, first amended by an Ordinance Amending the Telecommunications Antennae & Tower Standards Ordinance of Oconee County, Georgia dated December 5, 2000, and last amended by an Ordinance Amending the Telecommunications Antennae & Tower Standards Ordinance of Oconee County, Georgia dated September 4, 2001, is hereby adopted as the Telecommunications Antennae & Tower Standards of the City of North High Shoals, Georgia.

Section 4. All regulations and parts of regulations in conflict with this Amendment are hereby repealed.

Section 5. A Public Hearing having been held at least fifteen (15) days but no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, the same is hereby offered as proper for adoption.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective on _____, 2001.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED under the authority granted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia by the Mayor and City Council of The City of North High Shoals the day and year set forth below.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2001.

APPROVED:

By: _____
Jeff D. Thomas, Mayor

Member of Council

Date of Public Hearing

Member of Council

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Member of Council

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ATTEST:

Town Clerk

1st reading

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS

AN ORDINANCE pursuant to Section 1700 of the Zoning Regulations of The City of North High Shoals, Georgia, dated March 12, 1990 to amend said Zoning Regulations to adopt as zoning regulations for the City of North High Shoals, Georgia, such zoning regulations of Oconee County, Georgia that regulate all zoning issues not already regulated by the Zoning Regulations of The City of North High Shoals;

Section 1. Title. *Article XIX Additional Regulations* to Zoning Regulations of the City of North High Shoals, Georgia.

Section 2. Enactment Clause. For the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the City of North High Shoals, Georgia and to further the purposes set forth herein, the Mayor and Council of the City of North High Shoals, Georgia does hereby ordain and enact into law this Ordinance.

Section 3. The Zoning Regulations of Oconee County, Georgia, as amended, dated December 7, 1999, are hereby adopted as Article XIX Additional Regulations to the Zoning Regulations of the City of North High Shoals to regulate those zoning issues that arise within the City of North High Shoals, Georgia, where the Zoning Regulations of the City of North High Shoals, dated March 12, 1990, as amended, are otherwise silent and fail to provide for regulation.

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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. Bill Sisker | PO Box 145 High Shoals |
| 2. Wanda A. Morby | 198 Shafteid Lane |
| 3. Douglas Northrop | PO Box 2 |
| 4. Leike Mueller | Falcon Ridge Dr. High Shoals |
| 5. J. Ritzler | Oconee Enterprise |
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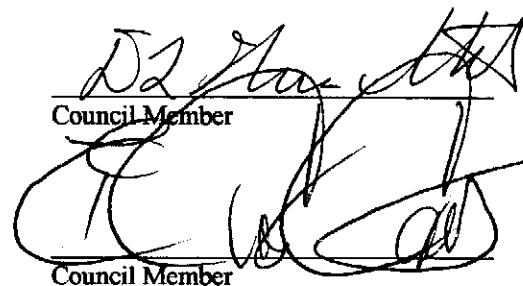
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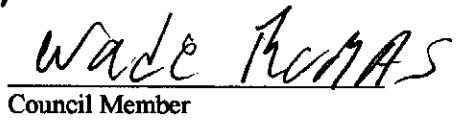
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The draft copy minutes of October 08, 2001 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals are hereby officially approved as of November 12, 2001.

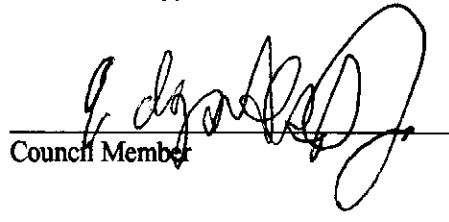
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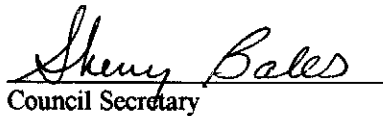

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Curtis Carter
Council Member

Whereas the Town of North High Shoals desires to follow the established rules and procedures mandated by the State of Georgia for the keeping of financial records

Eddie Cape
Council Member

And Whereas the Public good demands it, the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals do hereby ordain and establish the **Uniform Chart of Accounts** as the official form of record keeping for maintaining the financial records of the Town.

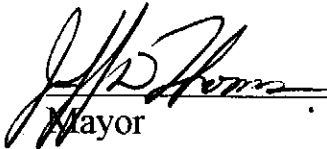
Violet Dawe
Council Member

David McIntosh
Council Member

Adopted this 12 day of November, 2001 by the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals.

Wade Thomas
Council Member

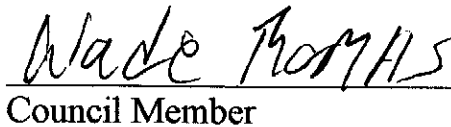
Donald Hansford
City Attorney



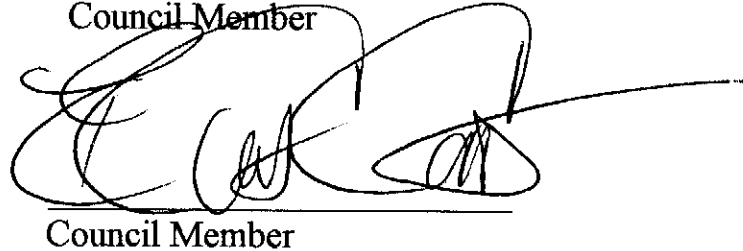
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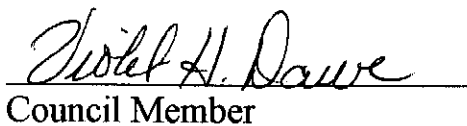
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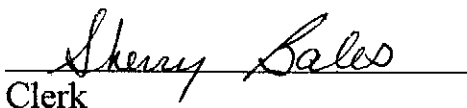
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Clerk