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Town of North High Shoals

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Minutes
February 11, 2002

Members Present:

Mayor Jeff Thomas
Councilman Wade Thomas
Councilwoman Violet Dawe
Councilman Fred Johnson
Councilman B.J. Ivie
Councilman Eddie Cape

Town Clerk: Sherry Bales

Others Present:

Scott Papanu	Galaxy Cable
Karen Dietz	Resident
Heike Mueller	Resident
Douglas Northrop	Resident
Ann Brooks	American Tower

Monthly Business:

1. Approval of the **January** Financial Statement. Motion to approve by Councilman Johnson. A second to the motion by Councilman Ivie. All Councilmembers present approved the motion.
2. Approval of the **Draft Copy** of the **January** minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman Johnson. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. Councilwoman Dawe, along with Councilmen Ivie, Johnson and Thomas approved the motion. Councilman Cape abstained.

Old Business:

1. **Cell Tower:** Mayor Thomas introduced Ms. Ann Brooks with American Tower then went on to read the Oconee County Planning Commissions recommendations and their recommended approval of the cell

tower. Mayor Thomas reported that he had reviewed the application. The Mayor went on to state to the council that this request would require a Conditional Use Permit.

Ms. Ann Brooks reviewed with the council that the tower would be 199ft in height and there had been a unanimous approval by the Oconee County Planning Commission. Ms. Brooks went on to state that the company had met all the requirements and that they had FAA approval.

Councilwoman Dawe asked about franchise fees.

Ms. Brooks was unable to give any information on franchise fees but agreed to check on this.

After some discussion between the council, the public and Ms. Brooks, A motion was made by Councilman Cape to approve the Conditional Use Permit due to the recommendation of the Planning Commission and with the understanding that a bond be issued for the removal of the tower if ever such removal becomes necessary. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. At this time all councilmembers approved the motion with the exception of Councilwoman Dawe who abstained.

2. **Galaxy Cable:** Mayor Thomas reported that a request had been made to renew the Franchise for Galaxy Cable. Mayor Thomas then introduced Mr. Scott Papanu who was the State Manager for Georgia.

Mr. Papanu explained that there were 122 subscribers between Bishop and High Shoals. He went on to explain the plans for the updates for the cable company. Mr. Papanu did explain that Galaxy Cable had filed a Chapter 11 and were reorganizing the company.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the request for renewal. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Cape. At this time all councilmembers approved the motion.

3. **City Park:** Mayor Thomas reported that he had received a check in the amount of \$350.00 for the purchase of two basketball goals. Mayor Thomas also reported that he had met with Mr. Pool from Car Pool Paving and he reported that the weather needed to be at least 50 degrees outside and would prefer a weekend. The Mayor noted that once the walking trail was done a ballfield could be laid out.

The Mayor went on to note that he had commitments for the fencing for the backstop and that he had a commitment for planing of the poles for the backstop. Councilman Ivie stated that he could possibly get the poles donated.

Councilman Johnson asked that the barbed wire be taken down for several reasons. One reason being human safety. Also his concerns were for the deer, the fact that it looks like a prison and just the fact that it would look more friendly.

After much more discussion a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to remove the barbed wire from the top of the hog wire fencing along the park property line. A second to the motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe. Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Dawe voted in favor of the motion. Councilmen Ivie, Thomas and Cape opposed the motion. The motion was denied.

Councilwoman Dawe asked when the sign will be put up. It was discussed that there would need to be posts for the sign and 2x4s along the top and bottom of the sign.

Councilwoman Dawe made a motion that the sign be up by the end of the month. After some discussion the council agreed to put the sign in place.

Resident, Heike Mueller asked about the plan for the park and if there was any drawing of the proposed plan.

Mayor Thomas explained to Ms. Mueller that the working plan was as follows:

Walking Trail	Baseball Field	Basketball Goals
Parking Area	Push Down House	Planting Bushes

Councilwoman Dawe stated that she was working on the lists for the trees and shrubs and lists of the former Mayors and Council Members. Councilwoman Dawe thought that it would be a good idea to put the plans for the park on the bulletin board outside.

4. Cell Tower and Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Mayor Thomas had the second reading for the amendments for the Cell Tower and Zoning Ordinances. These ordinances are the Oconee County Ordinances that the town has adopted and now changing the wording to state that the governing authority be the Mayor and Council for the Town of North High Shoals rather than the Oconee County Board of Commissioner.

5. Sidewalks: A work session was scheduled for Tuesday night, February 19, 2002 at 7:30pm. It was noted that the Gun Discharge Ordinance be discussed at the same meeting.

6. Speed Limits: A motion was made by Councilman Fred Johnson to approve the setting of the speed limit in Hickory Lake subdivision. The speed limit will be set at 25mph. A second to the motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

7. Rock Quarry: Mayor Thomas reported that there would be a meeting concerning the rock quarry at the Christian Church on February 12, 2002.

Mayor Thomas reminded the Council that there was already a resolution on the books stating the towns opposition. The Mayor felt like the Mayor and Council should reaffirm their opposition at this time.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe to ask for a voter referendum in the adjoining three county area. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Cape. All council members present approved the motion.

A motion was then made by Councilman Cape to reaffirm the Mayor and Council's opposition to the Rock Quarry and to include the concerns with the noise integrity in the town. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Johnson. All councilmembers present approved the motion.

Mayor's Update:

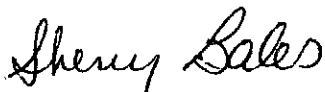
1. Mayor Thomas reported that Ms. Karin Dietz had asked for a Business License. The name of the business would be A& K Gifts and Home Accessories.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the Business License. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Ivie. All council members present approved the motion.

2. Councilwoman Dawe reported that she had applications for the Georgia River Network Conference. Councilwoman Dawe also reported that there would be a meeting on septic tanks at the County Library on March 21st. Councilwoman Dawe asked that the Stop Ahead sign on Shadyfield Lane be replaced.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to conclude the February 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