

Town of North High Shoals

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Minutes **June 9, 2003**

Present:

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

Others Present:

Kate Parrott - Press
Residents:
Judy McCaleb
Nan & Don DeColaines
Suzanne Beall
Don Walter
Frank Schrum
Douglas Northrop
Patti Parks
Ayal Latz
Felicia Kautz
Christy Huff
Chuck McCaleb
Jeff Huff

Monthly Business:

1. Approval of the Financial Statement for the month of May. Mayor Thomas asked that the approval be tabled until next month's meeting due to the illness of the city clerk, Sherry Bales. There was a motion made to postpone the approval of the Financial Statement and a second was made in favor. All members present approved the motion.
2. Approval of the Draft copy of the May minutes (with corrections). Motion to approve with corrections made by Councilman B.J. Ivie. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Fred Johnson. Councilwoman Dawe abstained from the vote. Four council members were in favor, and none opposed.

Old Business:

1. **Speed Breaks:** Mayor Thomas began by inviting all present to have a chance to speak on this issue with consideration to time issues. The Mayor announced that he and the council had decided at the April meeting that the first of the speed breaks should be installed on Hillsboro Road near the entrance of the City Park due to the increased number of people traveling in this area. The Mayor also informed those present that once the first of the speed breaks was installed, then the members would decide if more speed breaks should be considered and where they would be located. Mayor Thomas asked for comments and opinions from the council members. The council members present made comments and suggestions about the speed break issue. Mayor Thomas invited the residents who were present to then make any comments or suggestions about the issue. Resident Jeff Huff presented a petition to the council regarding the issue of the speed breaks from people who were unable to attend the council meeting. After much discussion on the issue, Mayor Thomas brought it to a close by voicing his own comments and suggestions. The Mayor then informed the council that either they needed to decide to proceed with the speed breaks and make the necessary changes on the other roads or take up the one that is already in place. Mayor Thomas proposed to put a speed break at the stop sign to prevent people from running the stop sign on Jefferson Road and consider putting more on Plantation, Jefferson and Hillsboro Roads. Councilman Cape made a motion to implement the speed break at the three-way stop on Jefferson and Plantation roads and another speed break on Plantation road. Along with these speed breaks the implementation of proper signage and a lower speed limit on these roads was recommended. He also suggested revisiting the issue in six months to a year. Councilwoman Dawe asked to revisit sooner. There was a second to the motion. All members present approved the motion.

2. **Adoption of Budget:** Mayor Thomas discussed the items in the proposed budget with those present. Councilman Fred Johnson made a motion to accept the proposed budget and Councilman Eddie Cape seconded his motion. All members present approved the budget which will become effective as of July 1, 2003.

3. **City Park:** There was a motion to get bids on the pavilion and the basketball court for the city park. Councilwoman Dawe made a second to the motion.

4. Mayor Thomas informed the council that he would be sending a letter to the City of Bishop thanking them for participating in the Inaugural Game at the City Park.

5. Mayor Thomas stated that the Hickory Ridge path was going to try to go in.

6. Mayor Thomas informed those present that the three piles of trash would be burned once the burn ban was over in October. The fire department would also be willing to burn the house if all agreed.

7. Mayor Thomas also informed the council that the Fire Rating Exercise is finished and now are waiting on the report. The report should be received into the insurance

8. **Environmental Concern** - Council agreed to a work session on Tuesday, August 19, 2003, following the August meeting.

9. Councilwoman Dawe informed the council that the City of Bishop would like a copy of High Shoals ordinances. Mayor Thomas said that he had already began working on getting that information to them.

10. Councilwoman Dawe also mentioned a problem with a driveway on Gobcr Road. She brought a copy of pictures for the record. Mayor Thomas assured Councilwoman Dawe that he would handle it immediately.

11. Councilwoman Dawe also mentioned a problem with water flow on Shadyfield Lane, but Mayor Thomas informed her that there is nothing that could be done about that issue.

12. Councilwoman Dawe has received a letter from an acquaintance who had attended a small town planning conference and would be willing to provide services for the town.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilman Cape and a second was made by Councilman Johnson to conclude the June meeting. All members present approved the motion.

Respectfully;

Budget Income

**Proposed
2003-2004
Budget**

Income Source

Property Tax	\$ 25,000.00
Insurance Premium	\$ 17,500.00
Grants	
Franchise Tax	\$ 17,200.00
Business Licenses	\$ 650.00
Ad Valorem	\$ 900.00
Building Permits	\$ 2,000.00
Intangible Tax	\$ 400.00
Interest	\$ 500.00
Timber Tax	\$ 20.00
Misc.	\$ 1,550.00
Sub Total	\$ 65,720.00

Reserve Funds


Surplus 2002 funds	\$23,000.00
CD's	\$ 25,550.00
Sub Total	

Total Available Funds \$ 114,270.00

Budget Expenditure 114,270.00

Surplus 0

Ballfield Donations



Mayor
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Attested By: 

City Clerk

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Budget Expenses

**Proposed
2003-2004
Budget**

Administrative

Clerk	\$ 14,000.00		
Office Supplies/Misc.	\$ 2,000.00		
Dues	\$ 500.00		
Insurance	\$ 7,200.00		
Elections	\$ 700.00		
Tax Digest	\$ 300.00		
Attorney	\$ 1,000.00		
Audit	\$ 1,000.00		

Maintenance

Gas Power Co. (buildings)	\$ 750.00		
Southern Bell	\$ 750.00		
Grounds (buildings)	\$ 300.00		
Pest/Termite Control	\$ 100.00		
AT&T - Long Distance	\$ 200.00		
Bell South Mobility	\$ 700.00		
Inspection Department	\$ 450.00		
Gas/Heat (buildings)	\$ 800.00		
Building Repair/Upkeep	\$ 2,500.00		
Office Equipment	\$ 1,500.00		
Contingency Account	\$ 28,020.00		

Sub Total

Public Safety

Law Enforcement	\$ 1,000.00		
Environmental Protection	\$ 2,000.00		
Fire Safety	\$ 2,000.00		
Erosion Prevention	\$ 1,000.00		

Sub Total

Parks & Recreation

Mortgage (O.S.B.)	\$ 13,500.00		
Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00		
Capital Outlay	\$ 10,000.00		

Sub Total

Streets

Capital Outlay	\$ 8,000.00		
Street Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00		
Lighting	\$ 8,000.00		

Sub Total

Grand Total	\$ 114,270.00		
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Ball field expenses