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Mayor

## Town of North High Shoals

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### Minutes May 12, 2003

**Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

*Steve Holtzman - Res*  
*Kate Parrott - Occasional*

**Monthly Business:**

1. Approval of the Financial Statement for the month of April. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Ivie. Fred Johnson made a second to the motion. All members present approved the motion.
2. Approval of the Draft copy of the April 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. All members present approved the motion.

**Old Business:**

1. **City Park:** Mayor Thomas announced that the new baseball field now has a scoreboard – courtesy of the Pepsi Cola Company. The Mayor announced that the grass around the trees in the park had been sprayed, that the ball field has been fertilized, that “yard work” in the park required 22-hours in the past month and that he believes that for the rest of the summer the averages weekly maintenance should be about 2-hours. Councilman Cape suggested a release form for anyone working for the city – even in a volunteer capacity. Councilwoman Dawe asked if the red Coca Cola wagon would remain at the park. Mayor Thomas explained that the ‘wagon’ was a short-term experiment to see if the selling of concessions would generate revenues. Concern was

also voiced concerning parking area for the park. Suggestions contributed by members of the council included lining the park, <sup>positioning</sup> of post, etc. Mayor Thomas stated that this would be a growing process. Councilwoman Dawe suggested that this issue be considered when establishing next months budget.

2. **Speed Break:** Mayor Thomas announced that the company hired to erect the first speed break was 'running behind' due to the weather, but that the signs were up and the 'breaker' should be going up next week. Further discussion by members of council indicated that the next location in need of a speed break should be near the Stop Sign at the 'fork' of Jefferson and Plantation Roads.
3. **Dedication of Ball Park:** Councilwoman Dawe announced that the Bishop Council would not know if they could come until after their meeting (which is being held tonight). Council agreed to provide refreshments and drinks for the event. The event will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2003.
4. **Budget:** Mayor Thomas asked the council for their ideas of what should be done and how the money should be allocated for the coming year.

Suggestions included (not in order of priority):

- Playground equipment
- Basketball surface (full court paved)
- Walking path through the woods (use woodchips)
- Tree dedications (memorial/remembrance area)
- Benches
- Parking lot expansion
- Street Lights
- Permanent Park Sign
- Speed Breaks
- Building maintenance
- Historic District Sign
- Low landscaping and small children play area
- Walking trail for Hickory Ridge
- Waterline extension
- Jefferson Road resurfacing
- Pavilion
- Batting cage
- Lower speed limits (signs)
- Fence around old house
- Law Enforcement/First Responder
- Insurance
- Work Sessions
  - (Waterline plan)
  - (Environmental Protection Position Paper)
- Renovate existing Barn
- Protect Apalachee River Corridor

Mayor Thomas then reviewed his budget income expectations for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, and asked the council to present him with their ideas at least one week before next months meeting so that he can pass their ideas along to other members of the council.

5. Oconee Enterprise: request for the Town to purchase an add for the graduates of all Oconee County Schools. Councilman Johnson made a motion not to purchase this advertisement. Councilman Dawe seconded the motion. Councilman Cape, Ivie and Thomas abstained. The motion carried.
6. Mayor Thomas announced Homecoming services for High Shoals and announced that this years newsletter would include pictures of the members of the council. Councilman Johnson made a motion to have the city reimburse Mayor Thomas for the cost of production. Councilman Ivie seconded the Motion. Councilwoman Dawe abstained. The motion carried.
7. Web Site: resident Steve Holtzman suggested a Web site for the Town and said he would be willing to help establish this site. Mr. Holtzman also voiced his concern about speeding along Jefferson Road. Mr. Holtzman was advised that the city council would be addressing this issue at next months meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilman Ivie and seconded by Councilman Cape to conclude the May 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
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 65,720.00</b>

**Reserve Funds**


Surplus 2002 funds	\$23,000.00
CD's	\$ 25,550.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	

**Total Available Funds** \$ 114,270.00

**Budget Expenditure** 114,270.00

**Surplus** 0

Ballfield Donations

  
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Mayor  
6-9-03

Attested By:   
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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**

Ga. 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		
Inspections 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	\$ 6,000.00		
Street Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00		
Lighting	\$ 8,000.00		

**Sub Total**

<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 114,270.00		
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Ball field expenses