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Minutes

April 11, 2005

Present: Councilman Fred Johnson
Councilwoman Violet Dawe (arrived after the financial statement's approval)
Councilman Eddie Cape
Councilman Wade Thomas
Councilman B.J. Ivie

Nan DeColaines – resident
Kelly McInterry – Oconee Enterprise Rep.

Monthly Business:

1. Approved the presentation of the financial statement for the month of March (Fred; Eddie.; all in favor)
2. Approval of March Draft Minutes – with corrections (Eddie, B.J., all in favor).

Old Business:

City Park

1. Mayor Thomas reported he had recruited some help and completed the construction of the baseball field dugout roofs, the scorer's table as well as the placement of the wooden fences separating the park area from the parking area. The Council voiced their approval of the work.
2. Councilwoman Dawe suggested that flowers be planted under the City Park Sign.
3. Mayor Thomas asked the Council to consider a small pavilion area for the fall season.
4. Councilman Johnson asked what improvements might be possible to alleviate the "baseball Saturday" overflow which often results in cars parking on the side of the road. This was discussed, and it was determined that the Council would have time to work on this issue after the current baseball season is over.

5. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that he had placed some *Over & Out* fire-and-killer out in the play ground area. Councilwoman Dawe suggested a sign notifying park visitors when insecticides were applied.
6. Mayor Thomas presented the Council with a list of former council members.

Historic Preservation Committee Designation:

1. Mayor Thomas recognized Nan DeColaines at this time and asked the Council to Allow Nan to update the Council concerning new developments. The Council agreed. The High Shoals district application will be considered by the state on May 13th. One more public hearing is required. Nan requested the use of the High Shoals Christian Church for a 6:30 meeting on April 27th. Mayor Thomas agreed to have the church reserved, and Nan stated that she would take care of the necessary advertising.

Audit Update:

1. Mayor Thomas reported that we are still waiting on the state to return an "all okay." Councilman Cape reminded the Council that it was time to seek bids for the next fiscal audit, and Mayor Thomas recommended that the City begin seeking bids for the next fiscal audit.

Painting City Hall, etc.:

Mayor Thomas reminded the Council that bids for the painting of City Hall remain open until the end of May.

Mayor Thomas further recommended that Mr. Berry be retained to paint the tops of all the speed platforms – if the financial considerations are acceptable.

Law Enforcement Update:

Mayor Thomas reported that Sgt. Brooks continues to patrol our city streets.

Tree Ordinance Update:

Mayor Thomas informed Council that this item will need to be postponed for two more months. The Council agreed.

Streets:

1. Mayor Thomas stated that he would contact the county road department about scrapping Speedway Lane.
2. Councilman Cape asked if the state road department could exam that section of Highway 186, adjacent to Councilwoman Dawe's property and see if the flow of water across the highway can be stemmed. The water is a hazard. Councilwoman Dawe stated that the road is crowned improperly. Councilman Dawe agreed to speak with the road crew that is currently working on the shoulders.

Modular Home Ordinance:

1. After an informative discussion, the Mayor called for a vote on the Modular Home Ordinance. Councilwoman Dawe made a motion for denial. Councilman Cape seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

New Business:

Budget Request:

1. Mayor Thomas reminded the Council to prepare their budget requests before next months meeting.

Resolution of Issuance:

1. Mayor Thomas presented a Resolution that would require that the Mayor and Council approves any permit request for a residential structure not constructed and erected on site before the issuance of a permit. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Cape and seconded by Councilman Ivie. All Approved.

Mayor's Update:

1. Mayor Thomas reminded the Council that the qualifying fee for the upcoming election, and all further elections, continues to be one dollar (\$1) for each post. This fee, established several years ago, will remain in effect unless someone on the Council desires to change. The Council agreed that the fee should remain as is.
2. Mayor Thomas declared today *Henri Louis Lease Johnson Day* in honor of Councilman Johnson's presence at the Council meeting on the evening of his son's birthday.

Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned: by a unanimous vote (B.J; Fred; all in favor)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor