

Town of North High Shoals

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Minutes

August 8, 2005

Present: Councilman Fred Johnson
Councilman Eddie Cape
Councilman B.J. Ivie
Councilwoman Violet Dawe

Stewart Hendrick – Oconee Enterprise Rep.

Monthly Business:

1. Postponed presentation of the financial statement for the month of July (Eddie; B.J.; all in favor)
2. Approval of the July Draft Minutes (Eddie, Fred,; all in favor {Violet Dawe abstention due to not being present at July meeting})

Old Business:

City Park

1. The Mayor and Council discussed the following topics concerning the park:
 - a. Planting of fall/winter flowers under park sign.
 - b. Cutting more of the park grass inside of the track (will begin this fall)
 - c. Planting of "native shrubs" (junipers, privy hedge, box woods, etc...)
 - d. Budgeting of \$2000 each year for "minor" playground equipment improvements.
 - e. Nature trail improvements this winter
 - f. Park work day (date to be established)
 - g. Possibility of bleachers to be placed at the ball field
 - h. After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Eddie Cape to keep horses out of the city park area. Councilman Ivie seconded the motion. Councilmen Cape and Ivie voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Dawe opposed. Mayor Thomas cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion.

Law Enforcement Update:

Mayor Thomas reported that Sgt. Brooks continues to patrol our city streets: performing license checks and enforcing No Thru Truck procedures in accordance with the Oconee County Sheriff's Department regulations.

Streets:

1. Mayor Thomas asked members of Council for their recommendations concerning the L.A.R.P. program. Council agreed that no changes have been made and that the list should remain the same.
2. Ongoing concerns with water drainage off of Highway 186 were discussed, and Mayor Thomas requested that Councilwoman Dawe assist him with information pertinent with preparing a letter for the state D.O.T.

New Business:

Tax Milage Rate:

1. The Mayor and Council voted to lower the Milage rate for the 2005-2006 year. The rate was lowered to 1.623 mils. The motion was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Ivie. All were in favor of the motion.

BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST

1. A building permit request was made by Phyllis Rother, 2331 Ray's Church Road, for the placement of an Atlas Greenhouse (20' x 48'). The council agreed to the request with the proviso that the "setback requirement would be thirty-five (35) feet from the interior utility easement boundry.

FEMA

1. Mayor Thomas reported to the Council that he would be submitting FEMA form 81-29 to the Department of Homeland Security per FEMA's request. Mayor Thomas noted that after consulting with Councilwoman Dawe he had checked the "yes" box asking for technical assistance in improving local floodplain management.

Mayor's Update:

1. Mayor Thomas announced that three council seats would be up for election in November. Post 4,5 & 6

Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:

No new items were

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor