

## Town of North High Shoals

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### Draft

### Minutes

February 14, 2005

Present: Councilman Fred Johnson  
Councilwoman Violet Dawe  
Councilman Eddie Cape  
Councilman Wade Thomas

Kelly McInternee: Oconee Enterprise  
--: Athens Banner Herald  
--: Resident

### Public Hearing:

The Mayor called the public hearing on the Modular Home Ordinance to order after announcing that this hearing was advertised in the Oconee Enterprise for two consecutive weeks. The proposed Ordinance was discussed by sections, public input was solicited, the public portion of the meeting was closed, final thoughts by Council were considered and the First Reading/Public Hearing of the proposed Modular Home Ordinance for the Town of North High Shoals was concluded. Mayor Thomas noted that a second public hearing would take place immediately proceeding the regularly scheduled March meeting.

### Monthly Business:

1. Approved the presentation of the financial statement for the month of December (Fred; Eddie.; all in favor)
2. Council agreed to postpone the presentation of the January financial statement until the February meeting.
3. Approval of January Draft Minutes – with corrections (Fred, Eddie, all in favor).

## **Old Business:**

### **City Park**

1. Mayor Thomas reported that Joe Dele Torre had proposed some towers, crawl spaces and slides for the park. Mayor Thomas will be providing the pictures to council as soon as he has them – and if necessary, a special meeting will be called to discuss the issue.
2. Mayor Thomas reported on the cost of a City Park ‘Welcome’ and ‘Rule’ sign. The Cost of both signs installed would be \$910. Councilman Johnson made the motion to purchase and Councilman Cape seconded. All were in favor.
3. Mayor Thomas recommended to the Council that the Oconee County Little League be Allowed to use the ball field if they maintain the field as well as to keep the grass cut between the field and parking lot. Mayor Thomas also recommended a schedule be provided by OCLL that allows for some ‘travel league teams’ an opportunity to use the field (and of course some open times for individuals. Councilwoman Dawe recommended that teams practicing should ‘take their trash’ when they leave. Councilman Cape also suggested trash containers with covered lids. Finally, telephone poles were requested to inhibit people from driving across the walking track.
4. Councilman Cape also recommended that the city go ahead and place a roof over both dugouts at an approximate cost of \$500. A motion by Councilman Cape with a second by Councilman Johnson received a unanimous vote by the council.
5. Mayor Thomas reported that city/park insurance for the year would cost \$8400.

### **Street Lights:**

1. Mayor Thomas reported that the street lights have been ordered.

### **Audit Update:**

1. Mayor Thomas reported that Mr. Briscoe would not be at the meeting, but expected him for next months meeting. Mayor Thomas would like to give Mr. Briscoe the opportunity to speak to the Council but also reported to the Council that this was the last year of Mr. Briscoe’s current three year agreement.

## **New Business:**

### **Painting City Hall, etc.:**

Mayor Thomas presented one bid from Mr. Berry (Berry Coating Inc.) that was presented by Councilwoman Dawe. Councilwoman Dawe also stated that one other party stated no interest. Mayor Thomas stated that he would continue to solicit bids for a couple of months.

Mayor Thomas will also solicit bids for painting the tops of all the speed platforms.

### **Law Enforcement:**

Mayor Thomas informed Council that Sgt. Frank Brooks continues his patrols on a monthly basis.

### **Tree Ordinance:**

Councilwoman Dawe stated that she would like to postpone a presentation of a draft suitable for the Town until the April meeting.

### **Variance Request:**

Gaynor Bracewell II requested a variance from the Council to allow for a mobile home to be placed on a recently divided property located on Frazier Hill Road (property divided by a Council variance during the December 2004 meeting). Mayor Thomas stated that the current zoning for the property is R-2. A general discussion followed this request. Among the items of concern by members of the Council was the issuing of a variance to a variance, the property would be for rental use rather than as a homestead, petitioner has another property suitable for development at this time (the old school house). Mayor Thomas recommended to the petitioner, Mr. Bracewell, that he request a one-month postponement of the issue in order for the Council to research the issue. Mr. Bracewell agreed. The item will be placed on the March agenda.

## **Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:**

**The meeting was adjourned: by a unanimous vote (Fred; Eddie; all in favor)**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor