

Town of North High Shoals

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WORK SESSION Minutes

April 10, 2006

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

Work Session:

Mayor Thomas began the meeting by reading the "purpose statement for the meeting (attached). Mayor Thomas provided copies of the plat to the members of the council along with a worksheet indicating items discussed at the regular August meeting that would need to be on the proposed preliminary plat (list attached).

Council reviewed the list and noted the corrections to the plat and discussed other items of the plat including: diameter vs. radius of the well/creek setback, buffer setback, proof of certification of the soil scientist performing the level 3 soil survey, etc. Mayor Thomas reviewed the types of businesses which might be allowed in a B-1 district and asked the members of council if they thought that such a district should be included in the PUD plans. No one spoke in favor of this.

After one hour and forty-five minutes of review and comments, the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

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Others: David Lawrence

Monthly Business:

1. Postponement of presentation of the financial statement for the month of March 06 (Eddie; B.J.; all in favor)
2. Presentation/approval of the March 06 Draft Minutes (Eddie, B.J; all in favor).

Old Business:

City Park

1. The Mayor and Council discussed the following topic(s) concerning the park:
 - a. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the City Park entrance sign has been repaired by Athens Sign Company, and Councilman Cape stated that the 'weather strip' for the rule sign still needs to be attached.

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.

Mayor Thomas and Council will revisit the idea of platforms (and there placement, number, etc) along Rays Church Road at the conclusion of the regular May meeting (day-light savings time being in effect by this time).

Work Session:

Mayor Thomas and Council agreed to postpone discussion of this item until the regular May meeting

Waterline Update:

Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the new waterline installation would probably be complete during the next thirty day – at which time the council would entertain a discussion of the work.

New Business:

Councilwoman Dawe reported that the Georgia Forestry Research grant application qualifying deadline is May 12th and questioned if we will be eligible.

Mayor Thomas asked members of the Council to present him with any proposals they might have for the upcoming budget before next months meeting.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Thomas reported a request from a citizen who will be seeking a variance request to subdivide a parcel of land at next months meeting

Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:

Councilwoman Dawe requested that a Garden Club resolution be adopted by the city and for the issue to be placed on the May agenda. Mayor Thomas asked Councilwoman Dawe to please prepare the resolution as she was most familiar with the subject.

David Lawrence, a resident of the town, stated his desire to present a list of his vision for the future of the town. Mayor Thomas asked if he would be willing to submit the list to the Mayor before next months meeting and he would then place the item on the agenda.

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

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

Others Present:

Bill Sosebee	302 Hopping Road
Steve Holtzman	349 Jefferson Road
Scott Wilson	427 Ray's Church Road
Karl Berg	307 Jefferson Road
Susan Marcantonio	1441 Arborwood Road
Linda Goad	299 Hopping Road
David Lawrence	175 Hillsboro Road
Heike Muller	1150 Falcon Ridge Road
Merritt Melencon	Oconee Enterprise

Monthly Business:

1. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of March, 2007. Motion to approve: Councilman Ivie; second: Councilman Thomas. All in favor.
2. Presentation of the January 07 Draft Minutes. Motion to approve with minor corrections: Councilman Ivie; Second: Councilman Thomas. All in favor

Old Business:

City Park

- a. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the recent cold weather may have taken a toll on the flowers around the city park sign had been completed.
- b. Councilman Johnson reported the two new picnic tables from the Monroe FFA were being built at this time.
- c. Mayor Thomas and Council agreed that the issue of parking on the side of the road near the park ball field was an issue that would need to be resolved before the next season (No parking signs, etc...).
- d. City resident Heike Mueller asked the council to consider something to help decorate the fence- perhaps planting daffodils – it will be considered at next months meeting.
- e. Mayor Thomas reported that the ‘birds’ have taken up their annual ‘roosting’ perch at the park barn.
- f. Recycle bins were discussed for use at the park
- g. Resident, David Lawrence, presented a possible city park ‘to do clean up list’ for Council’s consideration.

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. .

Residents continued to express concern about loud noises and speeding trucks (large truck) within the city.

A suggestion for painting speed platforms yellow was voiced and an additional speed platform to be placed on Hillsboro road was put in the form of a motion by Councilwoman Dawe – seconded by Councilman Cape and approved by the unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Thomas proposed that the council consider additional patrol hours – possibly with someone stationed out of the fire station.

Web Design:

Mayor Thomas informed Council that the web page was down at this time, but should be back up soon.

City Hall Painting:

Councilman Johnson reported that the contractor proposed to begin work in late April.

Street Improvements:

Mayor Thomas reported that the work which needed to be performed on Hillsboro Road will cost an estimated \$1594.50. Councilwoman Dawe made the motion to proceed and Councilman Cape seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ordinance:

Mayor and Council established April 30th as the date for a special meeting to discuss the adoption of the Unified Development Code of Oconee County for use by the city under certain circumstances.

HSES/Frazier Hill Road:

At the suggestion of the Mayor, the Council agreed to combine the HSES and Frazier Hill road issues. The Council and public discussed issues surrounding the proposed entrance off of Hillsboro Road and received a report on the type of septic drainage system that would be used by the school. After a brief discussion, Councilman Johnson made the motion to close a section of Frazier Hill road and deed the land back to the owners. A second was made by Councilman Ivie and the council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Stakeholders Committee:

The Council heard the report by Karl Berg concerning the Comprehensive plan and Mayor Thomas informed the Council of a May 3rd joint official's workshop.

Mayor's Update/Council concerns & request for next months meeting:

Mayor Thomas asked members of the Council to provide him with budget considerations before the next meeting.

Mayor Thomas stated that he had been approached by Susan Marcantonio about the possible adoption of a child protection ordinance and would place it on the May agenda. The question of historic sign designating High Shoals as an historic district will be discussed next month.

Concern about possible violations of the junk ordinance were broached by a citizen. Street repairs along Jefferson road and bush hogging of the park were items suggested for review at next months meeting.

The meeting was adjourned: by a unanimous vote after a motion by Councilman Cape and a second by Councilman Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

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