

## **Town of North High Shoals**

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### **Draft**

## **Minutes**

February 13, 2006

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

Others: Karl Berg – resident

### **Monthly Business:**

1. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of December 2005. Motion to approve: Eddie; second: B.J.; all in favor
2. Postponement of presentation of the financial statement for the month of Jan. 06 (Eddie; Violet.; all in favor)
3. Presentation/approval of the January 06 Draft Minutes (Eddie, Fred; all in favor).

### **Old Business:**

#### **City Park**

1. The Mayor and Council discussed the following topic(s) concerning the park:
  - a. Councilman Johnson's reported that the new playground equipment installation has been delayed while Mr. Joe Della Torre waits on parts.
  - b. Mayor Thomas informed Council that the 24' x 24' Pavilion has been erected at a cost slightly under budget.
  - c. Mayor Thomas reported that the installation of a second driveway entrance for the park has been completed and that a cable gate would be in place tomorrow. Mayor Thomas will issue keys to each member of the Council.
  - d. Mayor Thomas recommended that the Council consider the preservation of the old red barn located on the park property.
  - e. Mayor Thomas reported the need to trim some low-lying branches on trees located in the parking lot extension area.

- f. Councilman Cape suggested that limbs along the right-of-way blocking the view of the driveway should be trimmed as well.
- g. Councilman Johnson reported that the two new picnic tables to be purchased from a local school were almost ready.
- h. Mayor Thomas informed the Council of a Park reservation request by High Shoals Christian Church for Easter Sunday afternoon. The Council also discussed the possibility of establishing fees/bonds for park use. Councilman Cape will investigate the matter.
- i. Councilman Cape reported that he had been in touch with Athens Sign Company and that they will be repairing the City Park signs during the next few days.

### **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 prompted addition discussion on the speed platform issue, and Councilman Johnson suggested that Council revisit the idea of platforms (and there placement, number, etc) along Rays Church Road – if the speed limit was to remain at 45mph.

### **Work Session:**

Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the proposed work session scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00pm will fall on a holiday (President's Day). After discussion, Councilman Johnson recommended that the meeting date remain as established ("we'll call it a work day rather than a holiday"). Councilwoman Dawe suggested that the Council members meet at 6:00 at the park to look at the old barn. A list of topics was presented for discussion during the work session including such items as (1) roads, (2) erosion control, (3) tree ordinance, (4) annexation, (5) museum, (6) Green space, (7) Historical signs, (8) local postal delivery, (9) establishment of a business center, (10) town center, (11) air-monitoring, (12) speed limits, (13) drainage, (14) zoning/subdivision regulations.

### **New Business:**

- 1. Mayor Thomas reported on his meeting with representatives of FEMA at a five-county/municipality forum in Barrow County
- 2. Mayor Thomas informed Council that the new waterline project along Highway 186 is expected to become a reality during the next thirty days.

### **Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Thomas had no additional items to present to the Council:

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

Councilwoman Dawe requested that Air monitoring equipment be placed on next months agenda if time did not permit its discussion during the planning session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor