

## Town of North High Shoals

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### Draft

## Minutes

May 8, 2006

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

Others: David Lawrence

### Monthly Business:

1. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of March, 2006. Motion to approve: Eddie; second: BJ.
2. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of April 06. Motion to approve: Eddie; second: B.J.
3. Presentation/approval of the April 06 Draft Minutes. Motion to approve: Eddie; Second: Fred.

### Old Business:

### City Park

1. The Mayor and Council discussed the following topic(s) concerning the park:
  - a. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that he had requested the Oconee County Little League remove the Portable-potties from the scoreboard area
  - b. Councilman Johnson requested that the playground area – particularly those areas near the slides have some form of mulch placed
  - c. Mayor Thomas asked members of council to be considering what playground equipment should be installed during the next fiscal year.
  - d. Mayor Thomas stated that the new budget (to be presented later) includes repairing the roof of the barn located within the park.

## **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.

Councilman Johnson stated that he did feel that "islands" or speed-platforms would be appropriate for Ray's Church Road.

## **Work Session Topics:**

Mayor Thomas and Council discussed possible Erosion and Green Space options for the city. A clear management plan has not yet been developed and the issue will remain on the city agenda.

Mayor Thomas and Council discussed the possibility of city annexation of property especially along Cole Springs Road. The Council discussed possible incentives for land owners, including no taxes for ten years, a garbage collection contract, etc... No firm decisions decided upon, but the Mayor agreed to initiate discussions with the local developer.

## **Waterline Update:**

Mayor Thomas and the Council discussed the new waterline installation, and Councilwoman Dawe expressed her displeasure with the work and cited several issues that she felt were not in compliance with standard EPD regulations. After further discussion, Mayor Thomas stated that the Council will wait for the final reports from the engineering firm, the Oconee County Utilities Department and AWS Developmental Services.

## **New Business:**

A subdivision of land request for property located at 427 Ray's Church Road request was post-poned.

Mayor Thomas introduced a draft copy of the 2006-2007 fiscal year budget and requested comments from the council, as well as the public. The Mayor further asked members of the Council to present him with any proposals they might have for the upcoming budget before next months meeting.

Councilwoman Dawe introduced a resolution thanking the Watkinsville Garden Club and the High Shoals Post Office for their civic service. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

David Lawrence, a resident of the town, presented a letter (and comments) to the Council indicating his desires for the future of the town (letter attached).

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Thomas informed the Council that he would not be available for the June 12<sup>th</sup> regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council. After a brief discussion, the Council determined to move the date of the June meeting to the third Monday in June (starting time to remain the same). The motion to change the date was made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Ivie – all approved.

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

Councilman Johnson informed the Council of a new website being created by Steve Holtzman, the North High Shoals discussion site on Yahoo.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor