

Town of North High Shoals

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Minutes

November 13, 2006

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

Others:

Donald Dawe 300 Shadyfield Lane
Kim Kraeling Ray's Church Road
Pansy Rivier 300 Crystal Ct. Athens
Perry Glass 1020 Richards Ct, Statham, Ga.
Karl Berg 307 Jefferson Road
Steve Holzman, 349 Jefferson Rd Bishop, Ga.
A.C Capomacchia 2320 Elder Rd
Susan Marcantonio 1441 Arborwood Ridge

Monthly Business:

1. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of September, 2006. Motion to approve: Councilman Cape; second: Councilman Johnson. All in favor.
2. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of October, 2006. Motion to approve: Councilman Cape; second; Councilman Johnson. All in favor
3. Presentation/approval of the October 06 Draft Minutes. Motion to approve with minor corrections: Councilman Ivie; Second: Councilman Johnson – three members approved the motion and one abstained (Eddie Cape not at October meeting) and one opposed (Violet Dawe).

Old Business:

City Park

- a. Councilman Cape suggested that the missing park signs need to be replaced as soon as possible.

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 then introduced Sgt. Brooks and Oconee County Engineer, Mike Leonas, to discuss the feasibility, time and financial concerns the city would face in attempting to have the state allow for radar detection devices on city streets. To wit: the cost study is estimated in the fifteen to twenty thousand dollar range. Such a study would include items such as visibility, sight distance, speed analysis, grades, etc. The County Engineer recommended that the city should first determine which roads might meet the minimum criteria and stated that the process would be long – upwards of 18-24 months. Mayor Thomas thanked Mr. Leonas for his time.

Councilwoman Dawe stated that the local tree farm was using Hillsboro Road to reach Highway 186. Sgt. Brooks responded that there was little to be done since the farm was located on the roadway.

Tree:

Mayor Thomas stated that he has not yet received a response from Melvin Davis, Oconee County Commission Chairman, concerning the potential hazard of a tree located at 221 Hillsboro Road.

Paint Contract Bids:

Mayor Thomas stated that new bids have not yet been advertised for the painting of city hall. Councilman Johnson suggested that he felt the building would need to be painted as soon as possible..

Proclamation:

Mayor Thomas presented Council with a final draft of the May Proclamation recognizing the Watkinsville Garden Club for their beautification project in connection with the High Shoals Post Office.

New Business:

Bella Rosa Subdivision:

Preliminary plat review for corrections:

Mayor Thomas and members of council viewed the preliminary plat (with modifications/corrections suggested by the council at an earlier meeting). Among items still of concern/discussion were:

- 1) Should the well located on adjoining property be identified
- 2) Question of existing septic system
- 3) Should 1' no access buffer be on interior as well as exterior boundary
- 4) Covenants

Mayor Thomas stated that he would check on these items fore relevancy and accuracy before signing off.

Mr. Glass, the applicant for the proposed subdivision, questioned if there was a conflict of interest in the discussion in view of Councilwoman Dawes relationship to Donald Dawe and the current lawsuit against the town. Mayor Thomas acknowledged the question and then moved on with the proceeding noting only that he would have to check on it.

Construction Drawings:

Mayor Council reviewed the submitted construction drawings with the applicant and members of council. There was some concern about final placement of drainage pipes, detention ponds and runoff. Other items under discussion:

1. Who will maintain the drainage ponds, have access to them, etc
2. Hydrology report needed
3. Flow arrows (are they needed)
4. Is dam analysis needed
5. N.O.I. monitoring plan
6. Erosion and Sediment Control plan
7. Should adjacent property owner's well be on the plans.

Mr. Glass stated that he would work with Mayor Thomas on any issues required.

Web Page Design:

Councilman Johnson presented a list of recommendations to be included on the soon to be Town of North High Shoals webpage. Mayor Thomas suggested that other members take the list and add their suggestions for discussion at the December meeting.

Christmas in the Park:

Councilman Johnson asked if we would be lighting a tree in the park this year during the Christmas Season. Mayor Thomas asked for a motion (made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Cape – all in favor)

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Thomas informed the Council of his findings concerning when a member of Council had to announce why they were taking the position of recusing.

Mayor Thomas informed the Council of the Oconee Board of Educations desire to know the name which the town might feel appropriate for the proposed elementary school to be located off of Highway 186. After a brief discussion, council agreed that High Shoals (or North High Shoals) Elementary school would be most appropriate.

Mayor Thomas thanked Councilman Ivie for his work on the entrance way to city hall.

Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:

Mayor Thomas entertained new items to be placed on the December agenda:

Historic Preservation District

The meeting was adjourned: by a unanimous vote (Johnson; Cape; all in favor)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor