

Town of North High Shoals

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**Minutes**

December 10, 2007

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

Others Present:

Tony Capomacchia	2320 Elder Road
Susan Marcantonio-C	2320 Elder Road
John Marcantonio	2320 Elder Road
Susan Burger	309 Iron Wood Way
Gaynor Bracewell II	707 Davis Street
Horst Klein	1150 Falcon Ridge Dr.
Heike Mueller	1150 Falcon Ridge
Steve Holzman	349 Jefferson Road
Steve Tucker	245 Shadyfield Lane
Marisa Tucker	245 Shadyfield Lane
David Lawrence	175 Hillsboro Road
Beth Sosebee	301 Hopping Road
Bill Sosebee	301 Hopping Road
Tara Clark	190 Shadyfield Lane
Felicia Kautz	180 Plantation Road
Catherine Graves	1150 Sam Cooper Road
Missy Peters	Parker Creek Road
Jason Presby	110 Frazier Hill Road
Jeff Huff	140 Shadyfield Lane
Karl Berg	307 Jefferson Road
Robin Pannell	P.O. Box 203 high Shoals

## **Monthly Business:**

1. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of November, 2007. Motion to approve: Councilman Cape; Second by Councilman Ivie. Four in Favor; one (Councilwoman Dawe) opposed.
2. Presentation of the November, 2007 Draft Minutes. Motion to approve with minor corrections: Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Ivie. Three in Favor; One opposed (Cape) and one abstention (Thomas).

## **Old Business:**

### **City Park**

1. Mayor Thomas had little to report in the way of improvements other than the regular maintenance items
2. Councilman Johnson advised that proposed clearing of the area around the barn include removal of undergrowth, etc...with the entire area being opened up and made accessible and would obtain a cost for this. It was also agreed that the old homestead well be completely filled-in at the same time. Councilman Cape suggested that it was not the initial cost of the cleanup that concerned him (\$200 allotted), but the long-term maintenance of the area.
3. Councilwoman Dawe has sought out six individuals to give a price on repairing the barn roof, but no one has responded at this time.
4. Councilman Cape stated that the flag pole has not yet been erected at the park.
5. Councilwoman Dawe reported that the Watkinsville Garden Club has donated \$250 toward the planting of the bulbs at the park.

## **Law Enforcement Update:**

1. After reading the resignation letter of Lt. Brooks (attached), Councilman Johnson suggested that a similar arrangement be sought with the sheriff's department. Councilwoman Dawe suggested that different shifts might be possible and mentioned Deputy Maxey as a possible replacement. Mayor Thomas will contact the sheriff. Also, Councilman Cape suggested that Lt. Brooks will be missed.

## **Street Improvements:**

1. Councilwoman Dawe suggested that the speed platforms were difficult to see at night and need to be repainted and that 'potholes on Jefferson and Plantation Roads need attention.
2. Mayor Thomas read a letter from a Hickory Lake resident concerning problems at a street entrance. Councilwoman Dawe will investigate.

## **HSES:**

Ms. Susan Burger, from Oconee County High School, offered information/clarification on the possible sign designs for the new elementary school.

## **City Web Site:**

Nothing new to report on the site; however, Mr. Holzman reminded all present that the site is listed as NorthHighShoals.org.

## **Audit Report Update:**

Mayor Thomas announced that Mr. Jerry Hawkins (of Winder) has now been contacted and has agreed to help get the past audit reports current, and the Mayor expected to have things completed rapidly.

## **Noise:**

After discussion, it was agreed that Councilman Cape would try to work on a solution concerning the current noise issue at residences located at Hopping Road addresses.

## **New Business:**

### **Lot Size Variance Request:**

Catherine Graves, representing Gaynor Bracewell II, etc... made a lot size variance request of council concerning lots adjoining Shadyfield Lane. Councilman Johnson made a motion to deny the request. The motion died for the lack of a second. After discussion and input from citizens, the issue was tabled at the applicant's request, until next months meeting while the applicant sought info from the Oconee Planning Department.

## **Tapes:**

Resident David Lawrence asked the council to consider improvements to the taping of the meetings including incorporating digital formats. A recommendation to keep the stored information for one-year was also offered.

## **Fire Department:**

Councilwoman Dawe stated that the fire department would be hosting a Christmas dinner on Thursday beginning at 6:30, and might be seeking assistance from the city to replace a missing pump in the near future. The fire department currently has 21-volunteers and has set a goal of 25 volunteers. The department responds to an average of 10-12 calls per month.

## **Building Code Enforcement:**

The Council agreed that Mayor Thomas should contact the County Code Enforcement Department to work out an agreement with them to conduct all building inspections.

## **Clerk Update:**

City Clerk, Sandy Brooks, presented the Council with a letter addressed to Pat Hayes, Oconee County Election Supervisor, contesting the right of two voters to vote in the November 07 election.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve additional pay to Mrs. Brooks for 35 hours of work performed as the election superintendent. Councilman Ivie seconded the motion and all members were in favor

## **Council/Conduct Issues:**

Councilman Cape offered that any member of the council identifying them self as such should be aware that they are representing the town.

## **Councilman Cape:**

Councilman Cape offered introductory comments and then proceeded to offer a resolution to the council calling legislation to be introduced to the Georgia legislature calling for a referendum vote of the citizenry concerning the town's existence. Councilman Johnson pointed out that the item was not on the agenda and not eligible for a vote of the council.

## **Mayor's Update/Council Concerns & Request for Next Month's Meeting:**

Mayor Thomas informed the council that he had spoken with Representative Paul Brown's office concerning the issue of city residents having to use a Bishop Street address.

Agenda item request were received for the January 08 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Ivie (second by Councilman Cape) all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor