

Town of North High Shoals

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Minutes

February 12, 2007

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

Others Present:

Donald Dawe 300 Shadyfield Lane
Linda & Sammy Goad 299 Hopping Road
Horst Klein 1150 Falcon Ridge Dr.
Heike Mueller 1150 Falcon Ridge Dr.
Wesley Donegan 202 Plantation Rd
Karl Berg 307 Jefferson Rd
Karen Dietz 354 Rays Church Road
Felicia Kautz 180 Plantation rd
Susan Marcantonio 1441 Arborwood Ridge
Pansy Rivier 310 Crystal Court
A.B. Capomacchia 2320 Elder Road
Perry Glass 1020 Richards Ct. Statham, Ga.
Steve Holzman, 349 Jefferson Rd
Oconee Enterprise

Monthly Business:

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

Old Business:

City Park

- a. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the placement of mulch around the playground area had been completed.
- b. Mayor Thomas informed the Council of improvements to the baseball field area for the spring season included the placement of additional sand in the baseline areas, limb pickup, etc. Mayor Thomas also reported individuals climbing over the park fence.
- c. Mayor Thomas informed Council of ongoing fire-and control measures for the playground and ball field areas of the park.
- d. Mayor Thomas informed members of the Council of his findings concerning the 'barn site.' Mealor Construction was mentioned as a possible company to be contacted concerning cleanup around the barn site.

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. The town continues to face the issue of large trucks traveling Highway 186 at high speeds.

Mayor Thomas also reported that he had not yet investigated the possibility of obtaining a "speed flashing sign" from the city of Monroe.

A city resident, Ms. Karen Dietz, complained about unauthorized all-terrain vehicles possibly traveling on her property. Ms. Dietz later provided a name to Mayor Thomas to

forward to Sergeant Brooks. Another resident, Mr. Karl Berg, also reported a Honda 300 using Dickens Lane in an inappropriate manner.

City residents, Sammy & Linda Goad, complained about the noise being emitted from a neighbor's outbuilding and asked what measures could be taken. After discussion by Council, it was determined that a request be made for additional violations of the noise ordinance to require more than simply a warning from law enforcement i.e. a possible ticket.

Paint Contract Bids:

Mayor Thomas presented the council with the sealed envelopes from two prospective bids received concerning the advertisement for the painting of city hall. Councilman Johnson opened the bids, and after discussion, it was determined that additional information would need to be obtained from both bidders. Councilman Johnson agreed to solicit the additional information concerning such issues as brush verse spray, cleanup, type of paint, etc.

Bella Rosa Subdivision:

Mr. Perry Glass, developer of the proposed Bella Rosa subdivision, approached the Council to discuss his plans to 'bush hog' certain areas of the property. After discussion, it was determined that Mr. Glass, having the same rights as any other property owner, did not need the permission of the Council to proceed.

Mr. Glass also inquired about a possible Timber Permit and Road Bond during the development of the project. After discussion, the Council determined that Mr. Glass would need to post a bond similar to the one required by Oconee County.

Web Page Design:

Steve Holtzman presented the Council with the work he has completed to date on the new city website and solicited comments and feedback – which will be ongoing. Council also thanked Mr. Holtzman for his work.

Donald Briscoe – Audit:

Mayor Thomas presented the updates containing the corrections being made by Mr. Briscoe to the past due audits of 2002 and 2003, and informed Council that he expects additional information for next months meeting.

Violet Dawe – Farm Tenant Dwelling:

Mayor Thomas informed the Council of his findings concerning the farm tenant dwelling request by Councilwoman Dawe stating that the currently requested proposed home would require a waiver of the square footage ordinance as well as a wavier of the placement of a used mobile home ordinance. After discussion, Council was inclined not to wave the ordinances.

New Business:

Stakeholders Committee:

Mayor Thomas presented the one application by a city resident, Mr. Karl Berg, for consideration on the Stakeholders Committee. Councilman Cape made the motion to approve Mr. Berg's application and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor for Mr. Berg's placement on the committee.

Sign Ordinance:

Mayor Thomas informed Council of the city's need to consider the county sign ordinance for inclusion in the city's ordinances.

Oconee County Ordinances:

Mayor Thomas informed the Council that many other current county ordinances should also be considered, and Councilwoman Dawe specifically noted the need for the adoption of the soil erosion ordinance.

Recall Procedures:

Mayor Thomas informed the Council of the recall procedures which he obtained from the Oconee County Courthouse. A discussion of the merits of such action was discussed.

City Referendum:

Mayor Thomas informed the Council of the procedures that would need to be followed in the event anyone wished to request the revocation of the city charter.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Thomas informed the Council of the need to establish a voter qualifying fee for the upcoming 2007 November elections. Councilman Johnson made a motion to set fee limits at \$1.00. Councilman Ivie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Dawe presented a National Register of Historic Places certificate which included the raised seal of the State of Georgia and requested that it be framed.

Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:

Mayor Thomas entertained new items to be placed on the March agenda: Items included a tree ordinance, the proposed school and Speedway Lane

The meeting was adjourned: by a unanimous vote

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor