

## Town of North High Shoals

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### Minutes

July 9, 2007

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

Others Present:

#### **Monthly Business:**

1. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of May, 2007. Motion to approve by Councilman Cape and a second by Councilman Johnson. All in favor.
2. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of June, 2007. Motion to approve by Councilman Cape and a second by Councilman Johnson. All in favor
3. Presentation of the June 07 Draft Minutes. Motion to approve with minor corrections: Councilman Cape; Second: Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a vote of 3 in favor with two abstentions (Councilmen Thomas and Ivie were absent for the June meeting and therefore did not vote).

#### **Old Business:**

Tourism – Peggy Holcomb

Mayor Thomas and Council heard a report from Peggy Holcomb of the Oconee County Tourism Department concerning ideas to promote the city and the county. Council members offered suggestions including: the Apalachee River Falls, tour of the Dawe's horse farm, an annual field day in the park, tour of historic sites (homes).

## **City Park**

- a. Councilman Johnson reported on the work performed during the recent 'park clean-up day,' and suggested that it would be a good idea to ask the new 'tree service' to leave bark/mulch whenever possible.
- b. Councilman Cape made a motion that the 'base paths be 'sodded' to avoid future washouts of the base line. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and the motion carried unanimously (estimated cost of \$300).
- c. Councilwoman Dawe presented the cost of planting bulbs along the fence of the park and the Council agreed to move forward with an initial cost of \$400 (motion by Councilman Johnson; second by Councilman Ivie; all in favor).
- d. Councilman Cape again stated his desire to see a flagpole/flag in the park
- e. Mayor Thomas reported that the two new picnic tables purchased from Monroe Area High School were now in 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. .

Councilwoman Dawe suggested that the 'radar sign' should be placed on Plantation Road.

Resident Karl Berg asked the Council what could be done about an old, vacant house (Mallory house) located on Jefferson Road. He stated that the home was in disrepair and was a hazard. Mr. Berg also asked if there was an ordinance that would address the junk at a residence on Anthony Lane.

Concern of a vacant house on Hillsboro was also express by a resident of the city; and a ladder propped against another home on Jefferson Road.

The question was raised by a resident concerning whether a building permit had issued for an addition to a home on Jefferson Road – Mayor Thomas said "not at this time" and was not aware of an addition requiring a structure.

### **City Hall Painting:**

Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the contractor believed that the work would be complete in a matter of days.

### **Street Improvements:**

Mayor Thomas stated that he had received a request for lower speed limit signs and a 'No thru Truck' sign to be placed on Plantation/Jefferson Road as would be appropriate. Council agreed that these steps should be taken.

### **HSES:**

Mayor Thomas provided Council with an update of the current status of the school – noting that bids would be opened later in the month

### **Comprehensive Plan:**

Mayor Thomas reported that some meetings were schedule for August.

### **Historic Signs:**

Mayor Thomas reported that the new city limit signs designating the historic classification are in place.

### **Local business Owners Resolution Review:**

Council agreed to table the issue and remove it from next month's agenda

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **2007 Tax Mil Rate:**

The mil rate for the town was lowered from 1.469 to 1.279 on a motion by Councilman Cape with a second by Councilman Johnson. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Mayor's Update/Council concerns & request for next months meeting:**

Mayor Thomas informed the Council that Mr. Scott Wilson, a resident of the town, had informed him that he would be taking the advice of Council from a previous meeting and would be filing papers with the Planning Commission concerning the possible subdividing of his property.

The meeting was adjourned: by a unanimous vote after a motion by Councilman Cape and a second by Councilman Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor