

## Town of North High Shoals

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## Minutes

June 4, 2007

Present: Councilman Fred Johnson  
Councilwoman Violet Dawe  
Councilman Eddie Cape

Others Present:

### **Public Hearing: Unified Development Code of Oconee County**

1. Mayor Thomas called the public hearing to order for the discussion of the UDC. At the conclusion of the discussion, the hearing was closed.

### **Public Hearing: 2007-2008 Fiscal Budget**

1. Mayor Thomas called the public hearing to order for discussion of the 2007-2008 fiscal budget. At the conclusion of the discussion, the hearing was closed.

### **Monthly Business:**

1. Presentation of the financial statement for the month of May, 2007 was tabled after a motion from Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Cape. All in favor.
2. Presentation of the May 07 Draft Minutes. Motion to approve with minor corrections: Councilman Cape; Second: Councilman Johnson. All in favor

## **Old Business:**

### **City Park**

- a. Councilman Cape requested consideration by the Council to place a flagpole in the park – preferably near the entrance. The possibility of a contest to design a ‘city flag’ was mentioned by Councilwoman Dawe.
- b. Councilman Cape also suggested that the ‘base paths be ‘sodded’ to avoid future washouts of the base line.
- c. Councilwoman Dawe volunteered to check into the cost of planting bulbs along the fence of the park and the possibility of a ‘buy a bulb’ fundraiser was discussed.
- d. Councilman Johnson stated that he would attempt to find someone to bush-hog a path around the park and all members of the council present voiced their opinion that the time has come to proceed with the walking trail through the woods.

### **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 rumble strips on New High Shoals Road were mentioned, and Mayor Thomas stated that it would be best to leave them in place until the road is resurfaced in order to avoid legal concerns.

### **City Hall Painting:**

Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the painter contracted to paint city hall has stated his intention to return to work on Tuesday. The contractor believed that the work would require approximately two weeks and he was asking the council for 1/3 of the money at this time. The Mayor and Council did not wish to pay for any work until the job is completed.

### **Street Improvements:**

Mayor Thomas reported that the work performed on Hillsboro Road needed more resurface work and that he has already talked to the road department about this.

### **Ordinance:**

The Mayor and Council approved the adoption of the Unified Development Code of Oconee County for use by the city under certain circumstances (resolution attached). The motion for approval was made by Councilman Cape and seconded by Councilman Johnson – all approved.

### **HSES:**

Mayor Thomas provided Council with an update of the current status of the school – including the presentation of the submitted construction plans. Mayor Thomas also noted that Dr. Jackson of the OCS system had made provisions for sidewalks and stated his willingness to work with council concerning the use of suggestions for native plants in the landscaping of the school.

### **Comprehensive Plan:**

City representative Karl berg stated that the plan was beginning to ‘jell’ as they got into the ‘meat & potatoes’ of the issues.

### **Budget:**

The Council approved the fiscal budget for the 2007-2008 year (budget attached). Councilman Cape made the motion, Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### **Historic Signs:**

Mayor Thomas and Councilman Cape provided information concerning the cost of new city limit signs, and after a brief discussion, the Council agreed to purchase new city limits signs that incorporated the new historic classification of the town. Signs will be placed at each entrance to the city. The motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe and seconded by Councilman Cape. All were in favor

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

Council agreed to consider this matter in more detail at next months meeting when information was available.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Suggestions for a community day were considered and will be added to the agenda for the July meeting

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