

## Town of North High Shoals

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### Minutes

March 12, 2007

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

Others Present:

Stephen Arnold 1160 Arborwood Ridge  
Donald Dawe 300 Shadyfield Lane  
Felicia Kautz 180 Plantation rd  
Susan Marcantonio 1441 Arborwood Ridge  
A.B. Capomacchia 2320 Elder Road  
Steve Holzman, 349 Jefferson Rd  
John & Joey Westin 221 Hillsboro Road  
David Lawrence 175 Hillsboro Road  
Thomas Little 119 Jefferson Road  
Kate George 1080 Arborwood Ridge  
Scott & Jennifer Wilson 427 Ray's Church Road  
Horst Klein 1150 Falcon Ridge Drive  
Heike Muller 1150 Falcon Ridge Drive  
Merritt Melencon Oconee Enterprise

### **Monthly Business:**

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

## **Old Business:**

### **City Park**

- a. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the placement of flowers around the city park sign had been completed.
- b. Councilman Cape reported the minimum cost involved for using Mealor Construction to clean up the barn area. Council determined this cost to be too much at this time.
- c. Councilman Johnson proposed the purchase of two new picnic tables from the Monroe FFA and Council agreed.
- d. Mayor Thomas reported that the High Shoals Christian Church has reserved the city park pavilion for Easter Sunday afternoon at 2:00 for an Easter egg hunt

## **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. .

Addressing some concerns from last months meeting concerning noise, Mayor Thomas reviewed the noise ordinance – specifically citing times when the ordinance was enforceable.

A suggestion for reflectors to be placed on the speed bump located on Hillsboro Road adjacent to the city park entrance was proposed

## **Paint Contract Bids:**

Councilman Johnson presented his updated finding concerning paint bids for the painting of city hall. After some discussion by Council and the concern of Councilman Cape of the Council not adhering to its resolution to accept local contractors when applicable, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to accept the bid from Tools for Life in the amount of \$4475. Councilwoman Dawe seconded the motion. Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Dawe voted in favor of the motion, Councilman Ivie was opposed. Councilman Cape recused himself, and Councilman Thomas abstained.

## **Web Page Design:**

Steve Holtzman presented new information to the Council concerning the web page and the Council determined to have several items added to the site including, minutes of the past six months, upcoming agenda items, application forms, historic designation/documents, etc.

## **Donald Briscoe – Audit:**

Mayor Thomas had no new information to present.

## **Ordinances:**

Council discussed the adoption and possible use of Oconee County Ordinances and agreed to hold a public hearing on the issue.

Councilwoman Dawe cited several concerns that she had concerning the current Oconee County Sign Ordinance especially noting the possibility of certain public/private signs in the right-of-way, no trespassing signs, etc...

## **New Business:**

### **HSES:**

The Council and public discussed issues surrounding the proposed entrance off of Hillsboro Road for the new elementary school. Concern for traffic congestion, etc was discussed. One possible solution recommended that the school board might revisit the idea of having two entrances off of Highway 186 if one end of Frazier Hill Road was terminated. This suggestion will be placed on the April agenda for consideration by the Council. Other issues concerning drainage fields, playgrounds, etc were also discussed.

## **Stakeholders Committee:**

Mayor Thomas presented the Council with a resolution concerning the Comprehensive plan (attached) which the Council adopted unanimously.

## **Speedway Lane:**

David Lawrence stated that while his desire would be to see Speedway Lane closed to all but pedestrian traffic, that one of the adjoining property owners would not be in favor of this and thus he would not pursue the issue.

## **Division of Land Request:**

Scott Wilson of Ray's Church Road presented Council with his request for input and consideration by the Council to subdivide a 5-acre tract of agriculturally zoned property so that he could place a second home on the property. After discussion, the Mayor and Council recommended that one of two avenues might be pursued – either of which would require an appearance before the Oconee County Planning Commission: apply for a rezone to a residential zoning or apply for an agricultural subdivision rezone which would include a variance request for aggregate lot sizes of less than 5 acres.

## **City Referendum:**

Mayor Thomas stated his belief that the work performed by the City government, as demonstrated tonight, was an example of why the government should remain; however, Mayor Thomas also stated that if the town became a burden due to increased taxes, he might reconsider his position.

## **Garage Variance Setback Request:**

Mayor Thomas asked resident David Lawrence to present his understanding on a potential problem with a proposed garage being built on the adjacent property if it did not meet the necessary five-foot setback requirement. Mr. Lawrence was not in favor of a variance.

## **Council Concerns/Requests for Next Months Meeting:**

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

Items included a tree ordinance.

City resident Susan Marcantonio questioned the emailing of 'city minutes' with comments.

City resident Felicia Kautz asked if the Council has considered the placement of Historic city limit signs.

City resident David Lawrence suggested a possible city park clean up day.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff D. Thomas - Mayor