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MAYOR: STEPHEN GOAD
POST1: ERIC CARLSON
POST 2: FRED JOHNSON
POST 3: ERIC WRIGHT
POST 4: STEVE HALL
POST 5: PATRICIA SIBLEY

**January 29, 2026 - rescheduled from 1/26/26 due to Inclement Weather
7:00 PM
Regular Council Meeting APPROVED Minutes**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goad at 7:00 PM.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was present.

**Members Present: Mayor Goad, Council members Carlson, Johnson, Kurtz and Wright in person.
Council member Cundiff arrived late.**

Members Absent: None

Guests present: Beth Butler, Oconee County Commission Chairman John Daniell, North High Shoals County Planning Commission representative Ann Evans, Steve Hall (to be sworn in as new Council member) : David Lawrence, Adam Ledford, Julie Memler, Pat Sibley (to be sworn in as new Council member)

Agenda Setting:

**A motion was made by Council member Johnson to accept the Agenda as presented.
Seconded by Council member Kurtz.
Vote: 4 – 0.**

Planning Commission Report: Ann Evans, North High Shoals representative with the Oconee County Planning Commission provided information on items that were discussed and voted on at the most recent Planning Commission meeting.

Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the Council meeting of December 15, 2025.

**A motion was made by Council member Carlson to accept the Minutes of December 15, 2025, as presented.
Seconded by Council member Johnson.
Vote: 4 – 0.**

Presentation of Financial Statement for December 2025.

**A motion was made by Council member Wright to accept the December Financial Statement as presented.
Seconded by Council member Carlson.
Vote: 4 – 0.**

Swearing in of newly elected Council members.

**Mayor Goad swore in
Reelected Council member Wright and newly elected members Hall and Sibley**

Motions and vote on Mayor Pro Tempore and Presiding Officer

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to elect Council member Wright to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 4 – 0.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to elect Council member Carlson to serve as Presiding Officer.

Seconded by Council member Johnson.

Vote: 4 – 0.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item(s):

Julie Memler requested an update from the Mayor regarding the status of the UDC with a view to addressing neighbor issues in her area of the Town.

Beth Butler questioned the Council about what can be done on Gober Rd. regarding the excessive speed of vehicles near her neighborhood, making it difficult to turn out of the neighborhood.

Unfinished Business

Presentation of IGA regarding proposed SPLOST 2027.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to accept the IGA for SPLOST 2027 as presented by the County.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 5 – 0.

The document was presented by Commission Chairman Daniell to the Mayor and the Town Clerk for their signatures.

Updates by Pat Sibley.

There are a series of events being planned by the County and the Municipalities to celebrate the founding of America 250 years ago. North High Shoals will have its own event on June 20th.

New Business

Reading and voting on the Code of Conduct / Approve dates for Council meetings for 2026

Members of the Council took turns reading The Code of Conduct completely.

A motion was made by council member Johnson to accept the following dates for Council meetings in 2026

January 26, 2026,	February 23, 2026,	March 23, 2026,	April 27, 2026,
May 25, 2026,	June 22, 2026,	July 27, 2026,	August 24, 2026,
September 28, 2026,	October 26, 2026,	November 23, 2026,	December 28, 2026

With the following changes:

May 25th moved to May 18th – due to Memorial Day

November 23rd moved to November 16 – due to Thanksgiving

December 28th moved to December 14th – due to Christmas Break

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 5 – 0.

Vote on position appointments for 2026.

**A motion was made by Council member Johnson to appoint
Frances Arnold for Town Accountant
Joe Reitman for Town Attorney
Bureau Veritas for Building Inspections
Tom Eades for Town Historian
Sue Bishop for Town Clerk and Treasurer
Seconded by Council member Sibley.
Vote 5 – 0.**

Mayor's Update

The Mayor addressed the edges of Hillsboro Rd. being damaged by large trucks coming through the Town.

We will put out a bid request for repair and improvement.

Cross walks to be added and re-covered on Hillsboro and Elder Roads, respectively.

With no further business to transact, a motion was made by Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Goad at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sue Bishop
Town Clerk**