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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

February 23, 2026

7:00 PM

Regular Council Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order: Called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Goad.

Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was present.

Members Present: Mayor Goad, Council members Carlson, Hall, Johnson, Sibley, and Wright in person.

Members Absent: None

Guests present: Eleshea Borders, Ann Evans, Brian and Ashley Newsome, Blake Sailors

Agenda Setting:

A motion was made by Council member Carlson to accept the Agenda as presented.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimously approved

Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the Council meeting of January 29, 2026.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to approve the Minutes of January 29, 2026 as presented.

Seconded by Council member Sibley.

Vote: 5-0. Unanimously approved.

Presentation of Financial Statement for January 2026.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to approve the Financial Statement as presented.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 5-0. Unanimously approved.

Planning Commission Report: Ann Evans, North High Shoals representative with the Oconee County Planning Commission presented information that the Planning Commission considered at their last meeting.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item(s): None

Unfinished Business

Update on 250th Celebration by Pat Sibley.

Report on the happenings for North High Shoals with respect to America's 250th anniversary. North High Shoals will hold its Summer Bash as part of the celebration on June 20, 2026. More details next month.

New Business

Cell Tower – Building Permit Blake Sailors

**A motion was made by Council member Johnson to grant approval to the Cell Tower company to change out nine cell tower antennas to grant better service to area users. Seconded by Council member Carlson.
Vote: 5-0. Unanimously approved**

Moss – Building Permit – moved to March meeting.

Caudle – Building Permit - moved to March meeting

Newsome/Kraeling – Properties resurveyed

**A motion was made by Council member Wright to approve the resurveyed plat for 2401 and 2371 Rays Church Rd.
Seconded by Council member Johnson.
Vote: 5 – 0 Unanimously approved.**

Council member Johnson has requested the following:

That the Mayor would provide more information/explanation regarding the “widening” of Hillsboro Rd.

The Mayor addressed the questions and explained the expectations

That the Council consider planting trees in the Park. This was discussed and will be discussed at a later date.

That the Council discuss adjusting the amount the Mayor can spend without Council approval. There was much discussion, but nothing decided. The issue is tabled until next month.

Budget Amendment

**A motion was made by Council member Wright to approve the 2026 Budget Amendment as presented.
Seconded by Council member Johnson.
Vote: 5-0. Unanimously approved**

Mayor's Update

Mr. Culp is expected to provide a proposal to clear the ditch along the park side of Hillsboro Rd. to address the water runoff which continues to damage the Sosebee property between the Town Park and highway 186.

The Mayor has been in discussions with Oconee County to use the County Courts to address violations that occur within the Town. The County, Chairman Daniell, has refused.

There was no motion to adjourn the meeting. It was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting was officially adjourned by the dropping of the gavel by Mayor Goad at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sue Bishop
Town Clerk**