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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

May 18, 2026

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, Hall, Johnson, Sibley, and Wright in person.

Members Absent: None

Guests present: Jeff Hunnewell, Kip Jones, Julie Memler, Victoria Pressley

Pledge of Allegiance:

Agenda Setting:

Council member Wright made a motion to add two items to the agenda prior to the Mayors update

1. To consider adding beach sand to the volleyball court to make it more useable
2. To consider the addition of a Municipal Court to the Town. Documents presented to lay the groundwork.

Seconded by Council member Johnson

Vote 5 – 0. The items were added to the agenda.

Planning Commission Report: There was no Planning Commission meeting in May, thus no report.

Presentation of DRAFT Minutes for the Council meeting of February 23, 2026.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of April 18, 2026.

Seconded by Council member Sibley

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

Presentation of Financial Statement for February 2026.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to approve the April 2026 Financial Statement

Seconded by Council member Johnson.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item(s):

A question was asked by a resident regarding any headway on arranging for disputes to be addressed in a legal manner. The Mayor stated that he had information to be presented later in the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Update on 250th Celebration by Pat Sibley.

Report on the happenings for North High Shoals with respect to America's 250th anniversary
Ms. Sibley reported that everything is moving along nicely with the expectation of 200 to 250 people attending.

New Business

Councilman Johnson would like the Council to consider putting the Sidewalk project out for bid again.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to put the sidewalk project out for bid again.

Seconded by Council member Wright.

Vote: 4 – 1. Council member Sibley opposed.

Preliminary Proposed budget for FY 2027, to be published for three weeks prior to June meeting with a potential Public Hearing on June 15th at 7:00 PM to be followed by another on June 22 at 6:30 PM prior to the 7:00 meeting at which time a final vote will be taken.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to accept the preliminary budget and submit it for publication with 2 public hearings to be held prior to the final vote at the June Council meeting.

Seconded by Council member Johnson.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

NOTE: The preliminary budget will be submitted to the Oconee Enterprise for publications on May 28th, June 4th, and June 11th, with Public Hearings on June 15th at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall, and June 22nd at 6:30 in the Town Hall, just prior to the June Council meeting.

Consider adding beach sand to the Volleyball court to make it more usable.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to arrange to have beach sand added to the Volleyball court.

Seconded by Council member Johnson.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

To consider the addition of a Municipal Court to the Town. Documents presented to lay the groundwork.

A motion was made by Council member Wright to add a Municipal Court to the Town of North High Shoals. The primary purpose would be to address code violations, trash in yards, people defying rules that are stated and in place, neighbor issues, etc.

Seconded by Council member Johnson.

There were significant comments and many questions regarding the cost, how it would function, etc. Some questions were of a legal nature and could not be addressed.

Council member Wright made a motion to table the discussion until the June meeting

The table motion was seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote 5 – 0. Unanimously approved. The item is tabled until the June meeting.

The Mayor will contact Mr. Reitman and request his presence at that meeting to address any legal questions or concerns.

Mayor's Update

With no further business to transact, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Council member Carlson.

Vote: 5 – 0. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Goad at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted

**Sue Bishop
Town Clerk**