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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
6:30 PM
The Anchor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:46 PM.

ROLL CALL:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Ramzi Malek,
Sid Nelson, Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes

ABSENT: None

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chief Scot Kon
Tim Moore-Building Inspector
Alex Smith-Attorney
Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Sid Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of January 9, 2024 Work Session Minutes:** Ramzi Malek made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sid Nelson seconded. Mayor Moore, Carl Randall, Sam Pearson, Ramzi Malek, and Bobby Rhodes voted yes. Sid Nelson abstained. The motion passed.
- **Approval of January 9, 2024 Regular Session Minutes:** Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Carl Randall seconded. Mayor Moore, Carl Randall, Sam Pearson, Ramzi Malek, and Bobby Rhodes voted yes. Sid Nelson abstained. The motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

No Report

Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush

No addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson

No Report

Public Safety Committee – Sam Pearson

No addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

Roads Committee – Sam Pearson and Josh Beck

They will be having a quarterly meeting this month.

Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes

Bobby Rhodes went over and answered any questions about the monthly and quarterly financial reports.

The field work for the FY-22 and FY-23 audits is complete, and Gregg Hollon should be able to present them at the March meeting.

The Raymond James Annual Report showed a profit of around \$8,500 for 2023.

The Finance Committee made a recommendation to the Council to move \$45,000 from the General Account to Raymond James. Attorney Alex Smith was concerned about what type of investments and Bobby Rhodes explained that Raymond James works with municipalities, so they are familiar with what can and cannot be invested.

Carl Randall made the motion to move \$45,000 from the General Account and invest in Raymond James, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee will have their next meeting Monday, February 26, 2024.

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon reported that the department responded to thirty-nine service calls for the month of January.

He reminded everyone that he would be attending the Chief's Conference at the end of the month and that Officer Rosenbaum would be attending a free training in Tuscaloosa on February 20, 2024.

Chief Kon explained that not just in Highland Lake, but in all areas, the transient population is showing an increase. He reminded people to be aware of their surroundings and to lock doors and not to leave keys, firearms, wallets, purses and other items in your vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Blount County 911 Service Contract

Sid Nelson made a motion to Table until next meeting, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Lady Lakers request to use the Anchor Sunday, March 3, 2024

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to allow the Lady Lakers to use The Anchor on March 3, 2024, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Lady Lakers request to place a Lady Lakers' Memorial Plaque in the Anchor

Carl Randall made the motion to allow the Lady Lakers to place a Memorial Plaque in the Anchor, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Need to fill 2-year term appointment on Laker Preservation Committee

Ramzi Malek made the motion to appoint Jake Smith to fill the appointment and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. New office chair for clerk

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to allow up to \$250 for the purchase of a new chair, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Recommendation on maintenance hours

Sam Pearson will meet with Johnny Robinson and present at the March meeting.

Carl Randall made the motion to Table maintenance hours until the next meeting, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Other business items as determined by the Council

Due to voting on March 5, 2024, it was suggested to move the council meeting to March 6, 2024.

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to move the council meeting to Wednesday, March 6, 2024, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no other items to discuss, Bobby Rhodes made the motion to adjourn, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor