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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
6:30 PM
The Anchor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:41 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Ramzi Malek

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

Invocation was given by Carl Randall

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Approval of March 7, 2023 Work Session Minutes: Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes and Carl Randall seconded. All present votes yes and motion passed.
- Approval of March 7, 2023 Regular Session Minutes: Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes and Sam Pearson seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

Carl Randall reported that all of the trees were planted and survived the freeze that we had right after they were planted.

Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush

The committee had a meeting on March 24, 2023. Bill Rush presented items that were discussed during their meeting. He reported that the Birmingham Water Works surplus dredging equipment is not available at this time, but that they collected some good information on the visit. Bill passed out a handout and price quote on the Dino Six Sediment Removal System from Geofirm International for the council to look over.

He also presented some items that would need to be taken into consideration if purchasing this equipment.

Bill explained that Jake Lemley has agreed to review the 2018 fish study and make any recommendations if needed.

Once the pontoon boat is repaired, then spraying of the water lilies and other invasive grasses can continue.

Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson

No additional updates

Public Safety Committee – Jonathan Sims and Greg Posey

No updates

Roads Committee – Josh Beck and Sam Pearson

Josh Beck had looked at areas or talked to residents about areas of concern and is looking in to the best way to correct the problems. One was on Vista Road, one at the intersection of Sunset and Lakeshore Drive.

He also discussed the damaged culvert on West Lakeshore. The two options that were mentioned to repair it were to replace the band, but there is a waiting period on getting the band or repair it using one continuous 40-foot piece which could cost around \$9,000.

Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes and Carl Randall

In addition to what was presented during the Work Session, Bobby Rhodes went over and discussed the financial report and the Raymond James statement for March.

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon was not present, but Mayor Moore reported for him. Chief Kon requested to have the council approve to spend up to \$10,000 to have the motor replaced in the Tahoe. He also explained that the Bobcat needs to be repaired and Sam Pearson is going to check on pricing. It was reported that the tractor should be back next week. Chief Kon has also located an eight-foot bush hog through the LESO project.

Carl Randall made the motion to spend up to \$10,000 for a motor to be put in the Tahoe and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Pontoon repair status:

No update

2. Status on HL 14-05 verbiage on bladder boats

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

3. Discuss and potential vote on amendment HL 16-01

Attorney Alex Smith is going to review the amendment by the next meeting.

4. Alexander Anderson request to build a dock

Since the last meeting, all fees had been paid and the plans had been approved by Tim Moore, Building Inspector.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the request of Alexander Anderson to build a dock and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. Mayor Moore, Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes, Carl Randall voted yes and Sid Nelson abstained. Motion passed

5. Josh Beck request to build a boat house on neighbor's property

A lease agreement is being worked on between Josh Beck and the neighbor.

6. Discuss and potentially vote on continuing Resolution HL 22-02 (Non-Res Lake Use Permit for Kayak/Canoe)

It was discussed since no problems occurred from the resolution during this past year to continue it for another year. Carl Randall made the motion to continue Resolution HL 22-02 for another year until May 2024 and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Request by John Dampman to build a boat house

Carl Randall made the motion to approve John Dampman's request to build a boat house as long as Tim Moore, Building Inspector, approved the proposal once he was able to go look at the plans and property. Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes and the motion passed.

8. Discuss and potentially vote on moving alternate to the Zoning Board

Sid Nelson made the motion to move Steve Hammett, the Zoning Board alternate, to the vacant spot, and Carl Randall seconded the motion. All present voted yes and the motion passed.

9. Discuss and potentially vote on finding an alternate for the Zoning Board

Sid Nelson made the motion to appoint Sonny Ferguson as the alternate on the Zoning Board and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. All present voted yes and the motion passed.

10. Discuss and potentially vote on moving May meeting back a week

Mayor Moore would not be available the week of the regular scheduled meeting so it was discussed to move the meeting to Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Since Attorney Alex Smith would not be able to attend on this date at 6:00 PM, it was discussed to change the time of the meeting to 7:00 PM for the May meeting.

Carl Randall made the motion to change the May meeting to Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes and motion passed.

11. Discuss and potentially vote on Movie in the Park May 27, 2023, showing Jurassic World

No addition to the presentation at the Work Session

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to approve Movie in the Park on May 27, 2023 showing Jurassic World and the motion was seconded by Sam Pearson. Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes, Carl Randall and Sid Nelson voted yes; Mayor Moore abstained. Motion passed.

12. Discuss and potentially vote on having Ashley Allen, local teacher and Paleontologist, give a fossil presentation before the movie May 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM

No addition to the presentation at the Work Session

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to approve Ashley Allen to give a fossil presentation Before the movie at 6:00 PM. Sam Pearson seconded the motion. Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes, Carl Randall and Sid Nelson voted yes; Mayor Moore abstained. Motion passed.

13. Discuss and potentially vote on using PayWerx for the Town's payroll

Nothing in addition to discussion during Work Session

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to use PayWerx for the Town's payroll as recommended by the Finance Committee and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes and motion passed.

14. Discuss and potentially vote on adjustments to the Town's Budget

Nothing in addition to discussion during Work Session

Carl Randall made the motion to accept the adjustments made to the Town's Revamped Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. All present voted yes and motion passed.

15. Discuss proposal and potentially vote on auditor proposal

Nothing in addition to discussion during Work Session

Carl Randall made the motion to accept the proposal from Hollon Accounting Services, Inc. and hire them to do the audits. Sid Nelson seconded the motion and all present voted yes. Motion passed.

16. Other business items as determined by the Council.

There were no other items discussed.

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor