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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
6:30 PM
The Anchor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:34 PM.

ROLL CALL:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Chase Moore, Sam Pearson, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

ABSENT: Carl Randall and Bobby Rhodes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Scott Kon–Police Chief, 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 June 6, 2023 Work Session Minutes: Ramzi Malek made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sam Pearson seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of June 6, 2023 Regular Session Minutes: Sam Pearson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of June 14, 2023 Special Session Minutes: Sam Pearson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Sid Nelson abstained and all others present voted yes. Motion passed
- Approval of June 14, 2023 Special Session Minutes-Budget Planning: Ramzi Malek made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sam Pearson seconded. Sid Nelson abstained and all others present voted yes. Motion passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

No Report – Carl Randall was out of town

Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush

Ramzi Malek gave a report about items that were discussed at their meeting on June 29, 2023.

Several projects were discussed at their meeting and the three that were identified as top priority included:

1. Dredging needs and recommendation to purchase a Dino Six dredging machine from GeoForm International. The amounts below are the 2023-2024 budgeting request for this project:
 - Dino Six dredging equipment and trailer estimated at \$165,000.
 - Storage awning \$3,000
 - Maintenance parts for the year \$1,000
 - Retention pond construction at the end of Sand Creek \$30,000 to \$50,000
 - Fuel expense \$4.00 per gallon
 - Man hours to train/operate equipment estimated at \$20-\$25 per hour based on town's needs
2. Repair of the path on the backside of the dam to prevent additional erosion
3. Formal inspection of the dam and spillway by a certified engineering firm
In 2022, a formal inspection was proposed for \$140,000.

There was also discussion about the need to reduce the fish population of certain sizes and species of fish. A few ideas to help with this concern that were discussed, included the possibility of having a local high school fishing tournament and the possibility of having non-resident permit holders participate in a survey about fish caught.

The Sugarland Lake Association needs to repair their dam. There was discussion of how this could impact Highland Lake and what we could do to help.

Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson

No Report

Public Safety Committee – Sam Pearson

A meeting was held July 10, 2023.

Roads Committee – Sam Pearson and Josh Beck

Bradley Harvey is working with Josh Beck on county related projects, that have already been approved.

Blountsville Landscape came in and cut trees in the park and vegetation along the roadside.

Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes

Bobby Rhodes was out of town, therefore there was no report given. However, a monthly handout was provided to look over.

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon reported that they had twenty calls and seven arrests last month. He clarified that of the seven arrests, six were for the same individual, not to alarm the residents.

He has been working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year for the department. The officers are having issues with the radios, but he is documenting the problems. and working on finding a solution for this. The skid steer is back from the shop and is working. Officer Kon reminded everyone that he will be out of town July 30 – August 3, 2023, for a chief's conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Status on Ordinance HL 14-05 verbiage on bladder boats

Still being discussed – No update

2. Discuss amendment to HL 16-02 (Zoning Ordinance Sec 2.4)

Still being discussed – No update

3. Reeves' and Rouse's request to have Allen's Aquatics remove lily pads and weeds from their properties

Andrea Rouse was at the meeting to explain the problems that the overgrowth was causing with swimming.

Ramiz Malek made the motion to allow Allen's Aquatics to remove lily pads and weeds on their properties, and Sid Nelson seconded. Sam Pearson abstained. All others present voted yes. Motion passed

4. Ordinance – Prohibition of Business Activities for which there is no in-force applicable business license

Still being discussed – No update

NEW BUSINESS:

5. George Fant's request to have Shoreline Creations add a small Floating swim dock to existing boat dock.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve adding the small floating swim dock, and Ramzi Malek seconded. All present voted yes. Motion passed

6. Quotes/Hiring someone for cleaning Town Hall and The Anchor

The following four quotes for cleaning the Town Hall and The Anchor were presented to the Council:

1. \$50.00 Anchor \$50.00 Town Hall each cleaning
2. \$200.00 Anchor \$100.00 Town Hall each cleaning
3. \$100.00 Anchor \$100.00 Town Hall each cleaning
4. \$175.00 Initial cleaning for both then \$75.00 Anchor \$75.00 Town Hall each cleaning

Sam Pearson made the motion to go with the \$50.00 per building per cleaning, and Sid Nelson seconded. Mayor Moore abstained. All others present voted yes. Motion passed

7. Purchasing a fan for the maintenance building

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve purchasing a fan for the maintenance building for \$250.00 or less, and Sam Pearson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion passed

8. David Butler's request to have boards replaced on existing dock by Quick Call Construction (Brandon Weston)

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the board replacement on David Butler's existing dock and Sam Pearson seconded. All present voted Yes. Motion passed

9. Rouse's request to have Mackey Docks build a boat dock

Once the plans are received, it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. Final Audit Bill

The final bill is \$797.00

Sam Pearson made the motion to make the payment for the Final Audit Bill, and Sid Nelson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion passed

11. Other business items as determined by the Council

Federal IRS Penalty

There was a penalty fee of \$470.20 charged for failure to make a proper Federal tax deposit back when Town Hall was closed in the winter.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the payment to the IRS, and Sam Pearson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion passed

Sid Nelson's request to replace a few boards on his pier

Sam Pearson made the motion to approve the replacement of the boards on Sid's pier, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Sid Nelson abstained, and all others present voted yes. Motion passed

With no other items to be discussed, Sid Nelson made the motion to adjourn, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor