



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE

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### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
6:30 PM  
The Anchor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:32 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Sam Pearson

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Chief Scot Kon, Alex Smith-Attorney,  
Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Carl Randall

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

Mayor Moore recognized Veterans and thanked them for their service to our country.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Approval of October 18, 2023 Work Session Minutes:** Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Mayor Moore, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek voted yes. Bobby Rhodes abstained. The motion passed.
- **Approval of October 5, 2023 Regular Session Minutes:** Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Mayor Moore, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek voted yes. Bobby Rhodes abstained. The motion passed.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Lisa Baker, Grant Writer

There were no additional discussion or questions from the Work Session discussion.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building and Grounds - Carl Randall**

No Report

**Lake Preservation Committee - Bill Rush**

The quarterly inspection of the dam/spillway had been done and copies of the report were available to view.

As discussed during the Work Session, it was mentioned that the road needed to be repaired.

There is not enough vegetation growth at this time, so it will probably be spring time before Kellis Management will need to come do the second spraying.

The three-year term is ending December 31, 2023, for the Lake Preservation Committee. Jake Smith and John Hand will rotate off.

**Ordinance Committee - Sid Nelson**

No Report

**Public Safety Committee - Sam Pearson**

The Public Safety Committee will meet Monday, November 13, 2023.

**Roads Committee - Sam Pearson and Josh Beck**

No Report

**Finance Committee - Bobby Rhodes**

The Finance Committee had their monthly meeting on October 30, 2023.

Gregg Hollon was at the meeting and reported that it should take about six weeks to finish the FY22 and FY23 Audits.

Bobby went over the year-end budget report and Raymond James report and answered any questions.

**OFFICER REPORT - Chief of Police - Scott Kon**

Chief Kon reported that they had thirty-two service calls for the month of October. He commended the community on how well they came together during a great time of need to help a family that had lost their home to a fire. The officers worked with the situation of a wandering gentleman and were happy to report he was located safe.

The mobile radios have not been purchased at this time.

The Dodge Charger is ready to be sold. It is not a LESO vehicle and he suggested to sale with a no reserve price.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Executed FY-24 Expenditures that need to be Council approved:**

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham \$249  
Blount County Communications \$2,302.66  
Donation: Appalachian School \$1,000  
Donation: Animal Adoption Center of Blount County \$1,000  
Donation: Blount County Economic Development Council \$1,000  
Donation: Community Arts Council of Blount County \$1,000  
Donation: Straight Mountain Fire Department \$1,000

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to approve the payment of the seven above items from the Budget and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek, and Bobby Rhodes voted yes. Mayor Moore abstained. Motion passed

### **2. Discussion and possible vote on the Finance Committee's recommendation to move the COVID-19 funds from the General Fund Bank Account to the Special Projects Bank Account**

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to move the COVID-19 funds from the General Account to the Special Projects Account and Carl Randall seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

### **3. Discuss and possible vote on the Finance Committee's recommendation pertaining to hiring a grant writer for the Town**

Carl Randall made the motion to hire Lisa Baker, grant writer, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

### **4. Approval to purchase of a gas-powered pole driver**

Tabled to look for something less expensive than the one presented during the Work Session

### **5. Approval of \$750 expenditure to the Lady Lakers for Christmas decorations**

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the \$750 expenditure to the Lady Lakers for Christmas decorations and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. Mayor Moore, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, and Ramzi Malek voted yes. Bobby Rhodes abstained. Motion passed

## **6. Other business items as determined by the Council**

### **Straight Mountain Fire Department had emailed a letter Asking the Town to set a Burn Ban.**

After discussion it was decided to send an email to the residents with the letter attached.

Carl Randall made the motion to have an email sent to the residents with the letter attached and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

### **Concern about Fire Hydrants**

A resident asked about the lack of fire hydrants especially on Lakeshore Lane, Echo Lane, and Highland Dam Road. It was discussed that the Utilities Board decides on the location and that the infrastructure probably wouldn't support the flow. Mayor Moore is going to check further into this.

With no other items to discuss, Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

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Chase Moore - Mayor