

# Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015 at the Anchor. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Skip Davis gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Gail Bailey  
Council members Skip Davis, Shani Ort, Tim Peek and Connie Vice  
Absent: Council member Donna Hanby

**July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**July 13, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes** – the Town Clerk read the minutes. Vice made a motion to approve as read. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** – Council member Vice gave the monthly financial report. Ort made a motion to approve the financial report. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ordinances** – Chairman Shani Ort reported the committee met July 23 and continued discussions on the zoning ordinance. The committee reviewed the model ordinance that Town Attorney Alex Smith had provided and removed the sections that did not apply. The committee now has a working document and will continue to review and update.

**Lake** – Chairman Skip Davis reported we continue to install pilings/new signage for the buoys. Davis thanked the policemen, Tim Moore and Bill Rush for their help with this project.

**Roads** – Chairman Tim Peek stated he had no report.

**Finance** – Chairman Vice reported that work sessions need to be held to develop the 2015-2016 town budget. Monday, August 10 & Monday, August 17 @ 6:00 PM were scheduled for budget work sessions. All committees need to submit their budget needs for projects to Vice in preparation for the work sessions.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Dredging** – Bill Rush reported that a conference call with Tetra Tech was held today where preliminary information regarding avenues, processes and financial estimates were presented. The written report from

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Tetra Tech is expected in approximately two weeks. Once the report is received, the dredging committee will convene, review the information and make a recommendation to the council. Mr. Rush stated whatever avenue we go, it is going to cost some money. The Mayor stated that the council will discuss the report at the September meeting and a meeting with the town would need to be held in the October timeframe. Mayor Bailey added that we will be looking for grants that are available for dredging. On the conference call it was also learned that a permit was going to be required from the Corp of Engineers and that it could take up to one year for the permit to be processed.

## **OFFICER REPORT**

The Mayor stated that Chief Kon was in Gulf Shores attending a chief conference to meet training/certification requirements. Officer Franklin reported there have been no problems. The starter on the police boat is being repaired.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor announced that Mickey Hawkins was in the hospital. Also, two residents recently passed away, Frances Cox and Dick Hawkins.

**Highland Lake 5K Run and Wag Walk – October 10, 2015 – Sponsored by the Lady Lakers** – on behalf of the Lady Lakers, Cheryl Storey requested the council's approval for a 5K run on Saturday, October 10, 2015 as a fundraiser. The 5K run will be the same course as the Blount Sav-A-Life's run in April. It's estimated that Lakeshore Drive from the Anchor to Kennedy Drive will be needed for approximately two hours. A Wag Walk/Dog Costume Contest will also be included and held in the park. Peek made a motion to approve the plans for the 5K run and Wag Walk. Davis seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Concert in the Park – Labor Day Weekend – Sponsored by the Lady Lakers** – on behalf of the Lady Lakers, Cheryl Storey, requested the council's approval to use the park on Sunday evening, September 6 for a concert in the park. The Allen Tolbert Unit will play beginning at 6:00 PM until around dark. This will be a free event for the community. Peek made a motion to approve the concert. Davis seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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**Mark Sims – 59 Sunset** – Mark Sims addressed the council regarding his property at 59 Sunset. Mr. Sims plans to build a house and has started excavating to open it up a bit. Mr. Sims questioned the public road, Sunset Point. Approximately 200 feet of Sunset Point is unpaved/undeveloped. Mr. Sims stated he has done some excavating work on this road and has placed gravel on it. Mr. Sims questioned the council as to whether the town could help pave the 200 feet of road, or would the council approve a petition to close the road where the paving ends as long as Mr. Sims obtains permission from the affected property owners. Mayor Bailey committed to discuss the paving issue with Commissioner Calvert and obtain the cost for paving it. The county can only maintain the roads that exist.

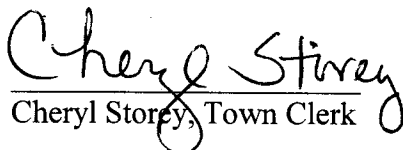
Mr. Sims also requested assistance with the placement of his boathouse. It was recommended that the boathouse not be placed on the point due to this being a high traffic area. The Mayor suggested he work with Building Inspector Tim Moore.

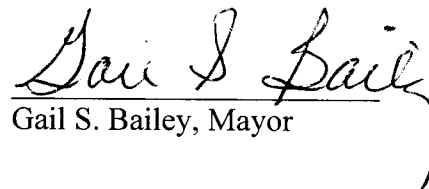
### **The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.**

Ramzi Malek requested the town's assistance with repairing the road next to Shuff Lane that was damaged during the storm cleanup last year. Mayor Bailey will discuss this with Commissioner Calvert.

With no other business to come before the council, Vice made a motion to adjourn. Ort seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

  
Gail S. Bailey, Mayor