

# Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016 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, Donna Hanby, Shani Ort, Tim Peek and Connie Vice  
Absent: none

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also present.

**January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**January 18, 2016 Work Session Minutes** – the Town Clerk read the minutes. Ort made a motion to approve the minutes, as read. Davis seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** –Vice gave the monthly financial report. Hanby made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ordinances** – Chairman Shani Ort reported the committee did not meet in January, but will plan to meet this month. The committee will continue working on the Zoning ordinance.

**Lake** – Chairman Skip Davis reported the committee will meet next Monday night.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chairman Donna Hanby reported the committee did meet January 14th. The Lakeshore Drive/River Road entrance sign will be repaired once weather permits. Tennessee Valley Metals (TVM) measured the Library door today and will provide an estimate for an awning. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11th at 5:30 PM.

**Roads** –Chairman Tim Peek stated he had no report. The Mayor stated the county will work on the underbrush on the side of Lakeshore Drive in the next couple of weeks.

The Mayor announced the town hired a new employee, Tim Baker in the maintenance department.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Dredging** – Chairman Bill Rush reported the committee met on January 18, 2016 and discussed various methods of dredging. The committee made the following recommendation to the town council:

Dredge Brasher Creek area around the Anchor, as well as the Sand Creek bay area as outlined in the Tetra Tech Feasibility Study document. First choice is Dredging/Disposal Option M-1 (Two bays, open water disposal) at \$344,000. Second choice is Dredging/Disposal Option M-3 (One bay, open water disposal) at \$234,000. Third choice is Dredging/Disposal M-2 (Two bays, open water disposal in two phases) at \$384,000. The committee recommends that the town council take action as soon as possible because the permitting could take up to one year to complete.

Chairman Rush added that the disposal is mechanical, and would be placed in the deepest parts of the lake. The lake would not need to be lowered to do the mechanical option. Brasher Creek is priority one.

Discussion took place. The following points were made:

- Disposal will not affect the lake.
- Retention ponds could be built between the Brasher Creek Bridge and mouth of the lake to help prevent silt from entering the lake.
- Talk with the person who is upstream who has tomato fields. He is currently building ponds.
- Bid process to do the actual work may add 60 to 90 days to the process.
- The town could borrow against the money we currently have at a low interest rate. Council member Connie Vice and John Hanby to discuss with banks.
- The estimated cost of \$344,000 includes permitting.

Vice made a motion to move forward with dredging. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Davis made a motion to approve Dredging/Disposal Option M-1 (Two bays, open water disposal), estimated cost of \$344,000, and contingent on financing being available. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Bill Rush will contact Tetra Tech to begin the process of obtaining permits.

## OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported the town had an opportunity to obtain free of charge approximately 300 feet of turbidity curtains that will be used to create the dam marker that is required by the state on our dam. There are six 50' banners. The marker will be a 6 x 6 float after the drapes are cut. The curtains have been temporarily stored on town property. Chief Kon also suggested that the town obtain through a grant program a large storage container. There were no objections for Kon to investigate this item.

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution HL-16-01 – Electronic Vote Counting Devices** – the Town Clerk explained the town is required to file a resolution with the Secretary of State indicating the vote counting machines that will be used during the August 2016 municipal elections, if they have changed from the last election. Hanby made a motion to approve Resolution HL-16-01. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Blount Sav-A-Life 5K Run on April 23, 2016** – Vice made a motion to approve the 5K Run at Highland Lake. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the town will schedule a lake clean-up day around the first of March, and that help is needed from the community. A dumpster will be rented to place all the debris recovered from the lake. Any items recovered from the lake during the clean-up day will need to be claimed that day, or they will be placed in the dumpster. The clean-up day will be advertised to ensure property owners are aware of this and to encourage volunteers to help.

When the lake is lowered after Labor Day 2016, concrete work at the dam will also be done.

Jason Fuller, candidate for Board of Education Representative District 5, introduced himself and asked the council and meeting attendees for their support at the March 1 primary.

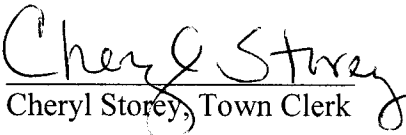
Chris Latta, incumbent for Board of Education Representative District 5, introduced himself and asked for support at the March 1 primary.

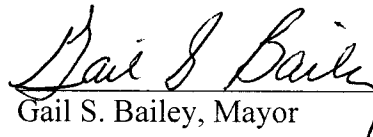
### **The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.**

Marlin Vest commended the council for accepting the Dredging Committees recommendation for Brasher Creek.

With no other business to come before the council, Vice made a motion to adjourn. Ort seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

  
Gail S. Bailey, Mayor