

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING
Town of Highland Lake Town Council
June 01, 2021

Meeting Location:
The Anchor - 612 Lakeshore Dr. Highland Lake, AL 35121

The Highland Lake Town Council held its Regular Session. Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. Sid Nelson gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council Members Attending: Mayor Donna Hanby, Chase Moore, Greg Posey, Carl Randall
Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: Alex Smith, Attorney, Police Chief Scott Kon, Tim Moore, Building
Inspector, and Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Chase Moore made the motion to approve the May 04, 2021 Work Session minutes as written, Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – Noted the Grounds and Maintenance vacancy with Ashlee Miller resigning to move.

Lake Preservation: Bill Rush further commented on the quarterly dam inspection performed by John Hand. He noted that the lily pad problem was being further evaluated with alternative methods of eradicating the problem and that Tetra Tech will wait to begin their work in the dryer summer months. Bill Rush noted that the Town will need to work with the Core of Engineers to extend our dredging permit, which expires September 2021.

Lake: Sid Nelson – Discussed the need for a lake cleanup day and noted that Bill Rush had purchased an older pontoon that will soon be modified to clean debris and fallen trees. It is Bill’s intention to donate pontoon to the Town.

Dredging: Ramzi Malek – no report

Public Safety - Greg Posey discussed a safety issue with boats making large veering motions too close to piers. Scott Kon suggested possibly placing buoys on long chains that could be retracted after a busy holiday weekend, which is mainly when the problem occurs. Further discussion ensued.

Roads: Chase Moore & Gail Bailey. Chase Moore noted that the recent road work on the Sunset roads and Lakeshore Circle had been completed.

Officer Report:

Chief Kon noted that as the community grows, there are many new boaters who do not necessarily know the boating rules. He asked that a map of the lake and basic lake rules be sent to all new residents. Also mentioned was the need to enforce that the Town does not allow bladder boats on the lake and the need to add that verbiage in plain sight for next year’s boating season. Chief Kon announced that LESO has approved 3 generators for the Town. These will to be used in the event of a power outage for the Anchor, Town Hall and garage. Also, a Polaris UTV has been awarded from LESO. Anchored Logistics will transport the generators for \$1,200.00. Chase Moore made the motion to approve the amount and Greg Posey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A discussion resulted in deciding that Greg Posey will accept delivery at his shop at no charge. Chase Moore made the motion to approve and Sid Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sid is currently working on the disposition of the barge.
2. Donna will list police boat on Govdeals.com
3. Breach letter was mailed to all residents and 1099 vendors.

New Business:

1. Ashley Miller has resigned and has moved to South Alabama. She will be missed and her position now needs to be filled.
2. Sunset roads and Lakeshore Circle have been resurfaced at a cost of \$45,638.89.
3. FEMA money for roads and berm has been received for a total of \$59,894.84. Tim Moore presented a detailed breakdown on the FEMA money received during the work session.

The Park and berm area will receive \$22,646.07, with the remaining \$37,248.77 going to road work.

4. New computer has been installed and all data recovered from offsite backup.
5. Large hole on West Lakeshore has been temporarily fixed. Cause of problem has yet to be determined.
6. Eddie Dunn requested a floating dock permit. Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Rodney Murphree requested a single slip dock permit. Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously, subject to Tim Moore's approval.
8. Jake Smith addressed the Council regarding the dredging issue in the Sand Creek area. Jake noted that he cannot launch his pontoon or jet ski because of the silt buildup around his pier. One estimate indicated the cost of pumping this silt out will run between \$7,500 and \$10,000. He feels that the problem is partly due to the Town's stopping work on the berm in the Sand Creek area. The silt is now being funneled towards his property. The Council asked that he get a second bid and the issue will be further discussed to determine liability. A special session may be called before the next Council meeting.

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Greg Posey seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously and Mayor Hanby adjourned meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor