

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA

MINUTES of the MEETING Town of Highland Lake Town Council June 02, 2020

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

Regular Session

The Highland Lake Town Council held its Regular Session on Tuesday, June 02, 2020. Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Sid Nelson gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

A resignation letter was read by Mayor Hanby regarding Sharon Duke, place #3.

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

Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the May 05, 2020 Work Session minutes as written, Carl Randall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the May 05, 2020 Regular Session minutes as written, Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hanby read the Financial Report. Carl Randall made the motion to approve the May 05, 2020 Financial Report and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Dredging: Ramzi Malek – No report – Waiting for FEMA

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – Gazebo cameras installed.

Roads: Chase Moore, Gail Bailey - No report

Public Safety: Chase Moore – No report (Chase added to replace Sharon Duke)

Lake: Sid Nelson – No report

Officer Report:

Chief Kon reported there were 44 contacts made during the month and emphasized they are still very Covid-19 aware and taking necessary precautions. He has applied for monies for Public Safety to help reimburse the Town for Covid-19 expenses, such as hand sanitizer and masks. The Blount County Sheriff's Dept. has received a \$70,000 Covid-19 Grant and will be split between all Blount County Police jurisdictions. Also, the jail is now accepting prisoners on a somewhat limited basis.

Chief Kon assured those present, that indeed they were still patrolling the surrounding area and reminded everyone that the Town is using an unmarked car along with other Police vehicles and alternating hours in order to be less predictable. He announced the boat is still being serviced and the new motor should be operational in 3 to 4 weeks.

Chief Kon reminded the Council that the required Chief's Conference was coming up in July and would be \$1,000 - \$1,200 and also training classes for Buck Buchanan were scheduled soon and emphasized Officer's Safety First.

Unfinished Business:

Regarding parking on Right of Way, it was decided to pursue an Ordinance, setting a three-tier escalating fine of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 with monies being paid directly to the Town. Trash in yards will be handled the same way, possibly comparing a Town of Cleveland Ordinance.

Lake use fees not being paid, were briefly discussed with Attorney Alex Smith noting that the Attorney General would need to be contacted regarding making changes to the current Lake Use Ordinance. Sid Nelson made the motion to authorize the Mayor to contact the Attorney General for further instruction. Chase Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The landscaping cart has been received and a compatible hitch to connect to the riding lawn mower has been ordered.

Tim Moore will work with Greg Posey to install the Town's message board and the Security System will be reinstalled shortly.

New Business:

Resolution HL 20-04, (Annual permit for Kayak/Canoe) was presented and Chase Moore made the motion to accept, with Sid Nelson seconding. Motion passed unanimously and was signed.

Resolution HL 20-05 (Annual Property Tax Levy) was presented and Sid Nelson made the motion to accept, with Chase Moore seconding. Motion passed unanimously and was signed.

Greg & Kristy Posey's boat dock drawing was presented for Council approval. Sid Nelson made the motion to accept with Chase Moore seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

Johnny Elrod's revised pier drawing with no roof was presented for Council approval. Carl Randall made the motion to accept with Sid Nelson seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Startley for the excellent job he had done removing the trees on Lakeshore Drive and mentioned that additional work had been necessary and had increased the original proposal.

The Mayor announced that Chase Moore had been appointed to the Oneonta Chamber of Commerce. Also, she mentioned a contest promotion for Oneonta to encourage the return of business after the Covid-19 interruption.

The Mayor announced a proposed wage increase of \$1.00 per hour for Ashlee Miller-Maintenance and Joan Shirley-Town Clerk. Sid Nelson made the motion to approve and Chase Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor read aloud a Memorandum on Proposed Sales Tax written by previous members of the Council and a very brief response ensued. Chief Kon once again assured the audience that the Town and the surrounding area was being patrolled and that they were not necessarily noticed due to purposefully changing vehicles.

An announcement for a Celebration of Life service for James Bryson on Saturday June 20th at 1:00 p.m. was shared to be hosted by the Lady Lakers.

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion approved unanimously and Mayor Hanby adjourned meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor