

# **TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA**

## **Regular Session**

### **MINUTES of the MEETING**

#### **Town of Highland Lake Town Council**

**July 05, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

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 6:38 p.m. and Chase Moore gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

Council Members Attending: Mayor Donna Hanby, (1) Chase Moore, (2) Greg Posey (3) Carl Randall (4) -- (5) Ramzi Malek

Council Members Absent: Sid Nelson

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

Greg Posey made the motion to accept the June 07, Work Session Minutes, Ramzi Malek seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

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#### **Committee Reports**

**Building & Grounds:** Carl Randall – Discussed the need for signs and cameras to be installed at each berm to discourage people from driving onto the berms, causing damage. He also noted the large rocks which prevent erosion, are being thrown into the lake. The Town appreciates Curtis with C & C Construction for replacing the missing stone. Mayor will order new signs. He also mentioned that additional lighting for the area has been ordered from Alabama Power.

**Lake Preservation:** As previously discussed, Bill Rush is pursuing a demonstration from the Birmingham Water Works for their dredging equipment. Although, not available for a hands-on

demonstration due to insurance limitations, the equipment will be on display at the Hwy 280 location. An appointment will be scheduled when all parties are available.

Lakeside Boathouse has completed new dock for police boat and removed excess poles in lake. New signage and gate need to be ordered to keep any trespassers out, possibly citing Criminal Mischief fines for abuses. Also needed is dock signage with new fishing non-resident rate of \$450.00. A surveillance camera was also discussed.

**Lake:** Sid Nelson – No additional report

**Dredging:** Ramzi Malek – No additional report

**Ordinance:** Sid Nelson – Noted that his committee met June 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss changes to noise ordinance. No final decision was made.

**Public Safety** – Greg Posey discussed the need for an electrical switch installation for generator at townhall. Bids are being taken. Greg also noted that a bucket for the skidder has been located through the LESO program and is pending delivery.

**Roads Committee:** Gail Bailey/Chase Moore - Gail Bailey reported that all of the projects on the 5-year plan have been completed, except for the reclamation of Lakeshore Drive. Since this project will be finished under the supervision of a new County Commissioner, she proposed putting it off for a year to give him a chance to get settled. A detailed report is attached discussing road committee members replacement for those vacating their position in the fall.

**Officer Report:** Chief Scott Kon reported that the Town has been awarded a 2003 Chevy Tahoe with 39,000 miles through the LESO program. He and officer Herb Rosenbaum will be transporting it back from Huntsville. Chief Kon commented, 4<sup>th</sup> of July on the lake went smooth with no incidents. He also asked that the proceeds from the sale of the police boat go towards replacing the much-needed police computers at a cost of approximately \$1,000 each. Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Chase Moore seconded with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Boat launch tie-ups and side covering is complete. However, residents need to use their own padded bumpers for additional protection to their water craft. Winter rye grass will be sown in the fall and fescue in the Spring of 2023. The town would like to thank Jim Robertson and Davis Stevens for their help completing the boat launch.
2. Police boat dock has been completed by Lakeside Boathouse and signs will be ordered to prevent trespassing along with the installation of a gate.
3. Jay Bates completed the pontoon service and repair at a cost of \$600.00. The pontoon is now ready to be put into service to perform lake maintenance. Chase made the motion to accept Bill Rush's proposal of purchasing chemicals locally at the co-op along with an industrial sprayer to treat the lily pads. Ramzi Malek seconded. Greg Posey abstained and all others voted yes. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

1. Grant package has been submitted. Items requested include police radio's, vehicles, lights, and additional security measures.
2. Chase Moore made the motion to approve Resolution HL 22-04 for the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan contains the necessary verbiage for any future FEMA emergency. Carl Randall seconded and motion passed unanimously.
3. The mayor reminded everyone of the picnic and movie in the park at 6:00 pm on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The movie will be Pirates of the Caribbean.

Chase Moore made the motion to adjourn and Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:20. PM

Respectfully submitted:

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Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

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Donna Hanby, Mayor