



TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE

The Anchor – 612 Lakeshore Dr., Highland Lake, AL 35121

Minutes of the

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 06, 2022

The Town of Highland Lake held their regular council meeting and Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- Invocation was given by Chase Moore
- The council led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call: Present Mayor Donna Hanby (1) Chase Moore (2) Greg Posey (3) Carl Randall (4) (Sid Nelson (5) Ramzi Malek, Absent
- Approval of August 02, 2022 Work Session Minutes; Carl Randall made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Greg Posey and Chase Moore abstained, all others voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of August 02, 2022 Regular Session Minutes; Carl Randall made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Greg Posey and Chase Moore abstained, all others voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of August 02, 2022 Financial Statement; Sid Nelson made the motion to accept and Greg Posey seconded. Greg Posey and Chase Moore abstained, Carl Randall voted NO, all others voted yes and motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds – Carl Randall noted he would be contacting his committee within the next few weeks to arrange a committee meeting.

Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush mentioned one of the bumpers on the boat launch has come loose and will be repaired. He has contacted Keith Clements to install (2) 4 x 4 wood posts for gate installation. Afterward, signage will be needed. The dredging equipment purchase was discussed, along with the cost of housing, maintenance and operator. Bill Rush noted the budget did not contain enough funds to purchase the equipment. Sid Nelson and Greg Posey indicated they were not opposed to seeking an alternate purchasing plan with monthly financing. The final budget to be submitted will include additional funds. Bill will move forward with scheduling a time with the BWWB to see the equipment.

Lake Committee – Sid Nelson – stated he will be contacting C & C to sod/seed the berms. He and the mayor also discussed weed growth around the lake and possible options for

removal and if the cost should be shared with roads.

Dredging – Ramzi Malek – nothing additional.

Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson – Sid Nelson will submit changes to **Resolution 18-06** at the next meeting. This change would modify the current schedule with an established minimum starting pay for maintenance and police officers.

Public Safety Committee – Jonathan Sims, Greg Posey - none

Roads Committee – Chase Moore & Gail Bailey – Gail Bailey detailed the changes being proposed to Ordinance 19-02 regarding term length for the road committee. Mrs. Bailey, Chairperson place (1) and Bill McDavid (5) are retiring from their positions at the end of the fiscal year, and will continue until the October meeting. Place (1) & (5) replacements will be voted on. The Committee will elect a new chairperson in October at their meeting. There will be two (2) year term members and three (3) year term members. The candidate for place (1) is Jake Lemley and place (5) is Josh Beck. The Ordinance will now go to the Ordinance Committee.

Officer Report

Chief of Police - Scott Kon – Scott reported the Labor Day holiday was quiet and uneventful on the lake this year. In regard to the town's tractor, Scott stated he had talked with Dale Dickey and was advised to hire an independent mechanic familiar with tractors as opposed to going to a John Deere dealer. He has taken the tractor to someone in Ashville to perform basic inspection of belts, hoses etc. and assess the tractors viability. He will charge \$250.00 for this service at which time it will be discussed whether to put in service or trade/sell. Scott noted the Suburban acquired from LESO needs tires and stated the bid is \$700.00. Also, Officer Rosenbaum has completed his recertification for firearms instructor. Herb fronted the cost of \$395.00 for ammunition, which will need to be reimbursed. In addition, Scott presented the departments need for new body cameras, stating that the ones we have, were original to his hiring. He has located functional equipment for \$600.00 for (3) three cameras. Sid Nelson made the motion to approve up to \$2,000 to purchase the above items. Chase Moore seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Additionally, Scott discussed getting with Kelly Holt and Joel Drake for price on gate for berms.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sid Nelson will contact Jay Bates to determine the problem with the town pontoon not cranking. Lilypad control will proceed when pontoon is running.
2. Post installation for police dock barrier along with sign were discussed in Lake Committee business.

3. There has been no news regarding the grant in which the mayor applied for.
4. Options for barrier to keep cars off berm were discussed. Some ideas were cross-ties, shrubs, large rocks and wood post with chain or gate. No final decision was made.
5. Greg Posey has lined up an electrician that will be onsite next week to complete installation of the town generator.

New Business:

1. Chase Moore made the motion to appoint Jake Lemley to place (1) and Josh Beck to place (5) to the roads committee. Also, to reappoint Rick Fernambueq to Place (3), and Steve Smith to Place (4) Sid Nelson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.
2. Sid Nelson made the motion to approve a single slip boat house for Carmen Jenson at 62 River Oaks Circle. This approval was contingent upon final approval per Tim Moore, Building Inspector. Greg Posey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.
3. Carl Randall made the motion to approve Noise Ordinance HL 22-03. Greg Posey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Ordinance will now be posted for 30 days before it becomes effective.
4. The position of Financial Chairperson was discussed. The exact duties of that position will be discussed and voted on at a later date. These duties have been performed by the mayor since Jane Lamb held that position. This position will be in addition to the mayor.
5. A special budget meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm in the library.
6. At this time, Attorney Alex Smith reminded the council that the minutes were not voted on earlier. Motions and vote took place and are indicated at the beginning of the minutes. It was requested by Carl Randall, that in addition to emailing monthly reports, a hard copy be available at council meetings.
7. Chase Moore made the motion to adjourn and Greg Posey seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor