

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING
Town of Highland Lake Town Council
October 06, 2020

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

The Highland Lake Town Council held its Regular Session on Tuesday, October 06, 2020. Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Chase Moore gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

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

Chase Moore made the motion to approve the October 06, 2020 Work Session minutes as written, Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the October 06, 2020 Regular Session minutes as written, Greg Posey seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Hanby announced that the Financial Report will no longer be read aloud in the monthly meetings. The report will continue to be emailed quarterly to each Councilman and will be available to anyone who wants to come to the office to view report or purchase a copy.

Committee Reports

Dredging: Ramzi Malek - No report

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall - No report

Roads: Chase Moore – Gail Bailey gave the financial status of the various road funds and shared in detail the status of the upcoming road projects including the road resurfacing which began October 1st.

Public Safety: Chase Moore – No report

Lake: Bill Rush spoke and suggested that the Lake Committee and Lake Preservation Committee be combined to be known as the Lake Preservation Committee. Greg Posey made the motion, Chase Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance: Sid Nelson – No report

Officer Report:

Chief Kon commented on the LESO program and suggested getting back into the program. He talked about looking into more community services assisted by the Police department, such as CPR and gun safety. After his report, Chase Moore made the motion to get back into the LESO program and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Message board will be installed by Jeff Brodock as soon as possible.

Excess poles left over from parking lot installation need to be discarded, along with old buoys behind garage. A sign needs to be installed requesting “no climbing on poles.”

Karen Nicholes and Karen Murphy have fallen trees that need cut up and discarded. Greg Posey commented that he has the equipment and will help when weather allows.

Scott Kon discussed short-term and long-term storage for the boat. Straight Mountain Fire Dept. is willing to house the boat until the Town can make other arrangements. Scott contacted Tennessee Valley Metals to price the cost of erecting a permanent structure and the estimate was \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a permanent structure to be built behind garage. Also discussed was a boat house. This need will be further researched. The current rising cost of lumber is also an issue and the temporary shelter at Straight Mountain Fire Dept. will allow the Town to hold off possibly until prices stabilize.

Grass and brush along roadways remain a problem as the County is still having equipment shortages. Options and contractors were discussed.

Boat pier repair will require 13 boards to be replaced and Jeff Brodock will be contracted to complete job.

It was decided that a brass nameplate to affix to the new picnic table recently added to the park in honor of Geneva Ferguson and Gene Crumpton, will be ordered.

Increasing the Ad Valorem taxes was discussed and Greg Posey will be researching. Also, discussed was possible restrictions on building structures to conform to certain agreed upon standards.

Lake use fee Ordinance HL 14-05 and collection of fines was discussed again and will be voted on at the next meeting. A daily boat fishing option was introduced by Scott Kon to be available

during the off season after Labor Day and before Memorial Day. He suggested \$35.00 per day to be paid and maintained online. He suggested trying it for one year to see how beneficial it is to the Town. Carl Randall expressed concern of increasing fishing pressure if day licenses are approved. At this time the Mayor also noted that the Town was looking into accepting credit cards to pay for items such as business license and permits.

Sid Nelson brought up further dialogue on the need for a Noise Ordinance. Pros and cons of such an Ordinance were discussed. Mayor Hanby requested a written format to be submitted by the Ordinance Committee for further discussion.

New Business:

Resolution HL 11-01 for cost of public records was introduced to increase price of copies to the public.

Mayor Hanby noted that the Blount County MOU regarding debris removal and monitoring Catastrophic events needed approval and signatures. Chase Moore made motion to approve and Carl Randall seconded, motion was unanimously approved.

The need for accepting credit card payments was brought forward by the Mayor. A suggestion for PayPal was brought forth and it was decided to pursue pricing options for this service.

The need of a utility trailer for potholes was addressed and prices were discussed. It was decided to wait until next meeting while Greg Posey searches the surplus market for a used trailer. Tim Moore noted that pictures must be taken before and after of potholes due to FEMA's current project.

The need for replacing the old ink jet printer with new laser printer was discussed. Chase Moore made the motion to approve the purchase and Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that due to the 2020 National Election being held on November 3rd, it would be necessary to change the November Council meeting to the following Tuesday. Chase Moore made the motion to change date and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chase Moore made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Sid Nelson seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously and Mayor Hanby adjourned meeting at 8.40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor