

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING

Town of Highland Lake Town Council

November 02, 2021

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 6:34 p.m. Chase Moore gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Greg Posey, Carl Randall

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

Chase Moore made the motion to accept the October Work Session Minutes, Ramzi Malek seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the October Regular Session Minutes, Chase Moore seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chase Moore made the motion to accept the October 20, 2021 Special Session Minutes, Ramzi Malek seconded, Sid Nelson abstained, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – No report. Tim Moore presented the mayor with preliminary drawings for the pavilion and amphitheater for the park. This project is being paid for from the Covid money received from the State. Also, playground equipment being donated by the City of Oneonta will take approximately 2 days to disassemble, load and transport to our park. Tim will coordinate. We are still pursuing playground mulch to apply after equipment is installed.

Lake Preservation: Bill Rush reported on the dam and spillway and noted that a one (1) gallon per minute leak coming from under the spillway had been observed and that MBA will inspect in the next few weeks. He also noted that Birmingham Water Works reports were being compared

and trends monitored by Wayne Bailey on a quarterly basis. Also, dredging of Sand Creek was discussed and whether pump dredging would be necessary as opposed to regular dredging by C & C. Also, an EMA extension has been approved until December 1, 2021 for the FEMA part of any additional dredging, if necessary. Full report is attached.

Lake: Sid Nelson - No report

Dredging: Ramzi Malek – no report

Ordinance: Sid Nelson reported that his committee met on Wednesday October 06, and discussed speed limit changes to Sunset Strip and Highland Dam Rd.

Public Safety – Jonathan Sims, Greg Posey No report

Roads Committee: Chase Moore and Gail Bailey - Gail Bailey discussed several items including their committee meeting on October 27th, where David Peek was added as a new member. She noted that culvert work at the Anchor was underway and it had been necessary to remove a large tree. She mentioned that prices had increased substantially since the initial start. Other areas of discussion included washing problems on Coleman Circle, Lakeshore Loop, and Sunset Point. Areas on West Sunset are holding water. Lakeshore Dr. to West Sunset needs to be replaced as soon as possible and is scheduled for the summer of 2022 and will be triple sealed.

Officer Report: Chief Kon reported that October had been a quiet month in the town. He mentioned working with the Ordinance committee on speed limit changes and maintenance work on the town pontoon to make ready for lake work. He also mentioned that the person responsible for mailbox theft outside the town limits had been apprehended.

Reading of Communications, etc.

Unfinished Business:

Sid Nelson gave a brief report on the progress of the Brasher Creek dredging and berm construction. The weather has permitted good progress and hopefully will soon move to the Sand Creek area.

The following expenses were discussed and Sid Nelson made the motion to approve with Chase Moore seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Seth Black, moving water meter – 400.00
2. Ashville Survey, survey at Anchor – 675.00
3. Southern Electrical, new lights in office and anchor – 945.00

New Business:

1. Sid Nelson made the motion to approve Garry Vincent/Lakeshore Boathouse request for building a new boat house. Chase Moore seconded and vote passed unanimously.

2. Sid Nelson made the motion to approve Dianne Arrington/Vance Morton request for permit to remove old seawall and rebuild. Chase Moore seconded and motion passed unanimously.
3. Planned discussion for reduction of next year's non-resident lake fee, due to lake closure, was tabled.
4. Planned discussion for reduction of non-resident lake use fee, for those living in police jurisdiction, in the event sales tax passes was tabled.
5. Connie Vice requested permission to create a fish habitat under her pier from trees cut from her property. Ms. Vice agreed to attach trees securely to the crossbars under the pier, to prevent the trees from coming loose and floating into the lake and over the dam. Sid Nelson made a motion to allow, Ramzi Malek seconded. A vote was taken and all voted yes, with the exception of Chase Moore who voted no. Motion passed.
6. Sonny Ferguson addressed the council in regard to an issue over large trees planted on town property and encroaching on his property, causing numerous problems. The trees were planted by Connie Vice as a barrier and have become very large. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Ms. Vice would remove all trees in question within a reasonable time frame.

Sid Nelson made the motion to adjourn and Chase Moore seconded. Motion carried and Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor