

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA

MINUTES of the MEETING Town of Highland Lake Town Council May 05, 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, May 05, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 virus, the meeting was held remotely using Zoom to facilitate the Council's attendance. Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Ramzi Malek gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Others Present: Police Chief Scott Kon, Town Clerk Joan Shirley

Left Early: Chase Moore 7:15

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the April 07, 2020 Work Session minutes as written, Chase Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the April 07, 2020 Regular Session minutes as written, Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hanby read the Financial Report. Carl Randall made the motion to approve the April 07, 2020 Financial Report and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Dredging: Ramzi Malek – No report

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – General discussion on flood damage to park and possible creek dredging to divert water to be addressed at later time after FEMA inspects.

Roads: Chase Moore, Gail Bailey - No report

Public Safety: Sharon Duke - No report

Lake: Sid Nelson – No report

Officer Report:

Chief Kon reported that the boat is being serviced and new motor would be operational shortly. The future disposition of the old boat will be determined later. Any needed part will be removed prior. Complaint on bushes obscuring view has been addressed and bushes are gone. Pampas grass is still an issue. Town truck is being used at least once a week to keep active. Chief Kon announced a recent purchase of a large quantity of hand sanitizer for the Town's use.

Unfinished Business:

Sharon Duke will work to set definitions and fines for yard trash and Attorney Alex Smith will be consulted on verbiage for new Ordinance.

Sources of revenue regarding current Lake Use Fee enforcement, a possible new Town Maintenance Fee and increasing Boat Fees were discussed. The need for new ideas from others to find a source of revenue for road maintenance was encouraged.

The land donation by Byrom Worhan is completed and Deed has been received.

New Business:

The Mayor announced that the Town received a 2019 Gold Risk Award from Municipal Insurance Corp. representing a less than 5 percent loss ratio.

2020 Municipal Calendars were distributed for upcoming August election.

Informational Packets were distributed to Council from the League of Municipalities regarding Covid-19.

\$4,962.08 was received from the State of Alabama for Special Projects and must be used for Capital Expenditures.

Lou Ann Kon was named as Zoning alternate.

A landscape cart has been ordered for park maintenance.

The broken flagpole has been fixed and the flag re-installed.

In the event of an August election, the cost of \$2,500.00 for voting machine usage was accepted unanimously after motion was made by Sid Nelson and seconded by Carl Randall.

Building plans for Bob and Brenda Neal, and repairs for John and Cheryl Storey were approved.

The Rules were suspended to bring forward a late entry for Eddy Dunn's storm damage repair. Sid Nelson made the motion and it was seconded by Ramzi Malek. Motion to suspend rules passed

unanimously. Carl Randall made the motion to approve repairs and Sid Nelson seconded. Repairs were approved unanimously.

It was decided to establish a Resolution for an Annual Non-Resident Lake Use Permit for Kayaks and Canoes. It was determined to be for a trial period of one year beginning May 2020 and would allow a maximum of 10 kayaks. The cost of one kayak is \$200.00 and a second one would be \$150.00. A life vest would be required. The Resolution will be presented at next meeting.

The poles on Lakeshore were removed.

The Town is still awaiting FEMA to inspect flood damage.

Sharon Duke made the motion to suspend the rules to present the disposal of two (2) rotted picnic tables, Ramzi Malek seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Carl Randall made the motion to accept, Ramzi Malek seconded and motion passed unanimously.

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