

# Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Anchor. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Carl Randall gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Gail Bailey  
Council members Donna Hanby, Shani Ort, Tim Peek and Connie Vice  
Absent: Council member Skip Davis

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also present.

**May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** – Council member Vice gave the monthly financial report. Peek made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ordinances** – Chairman Shani Ort reported the committee did not meet because she was out of town. The committee will meet Thursday, June 23 at 5:00 PM.

**Roads** – Chairman Tim Peek stated he had no report.

Mayor Bailey stated she rode the town roads with Commissioner Calvert. Calvert is going to present the cost for re-paving Lakeshore Drive by Mrs. Nelms house up to Sunset, and cutting into the blind curve on West Lakeshore by the Campbell's. The plan is to do this road work during this summer.

**Lake** – Police Chief Kon reported the “No Trespassing” signs have been installed at the dam. 8” pipe has been ordered, and once received the “Danger Spillway Ahead” sign will be installed. Kon recommended that we need additional marking at the spillway and suggested that we use the yellow booms that were provided free of charge. There were no objections.

Mayor Bailey presented proposals from Bearden Vegetation Management regarding spraying the dam. The proposals were for (1) treat remaining brush on back side of dam - \$300.00, (2) rip-rap on face (lake side) of dam for all vegetation - \$300.00, (3) only spray brush/trees (mostly mimosas) at end of dam by spillway - \$375.00, (4) water lilies around boat ramp and docks by Town Hall with aquatic approved herbicides - \$550.00, and (5) cut trees/brush at end of dam by spillway with chainsaw and treat all cut stumps with herbicide - \$925.00.

Hanby made a motion to accept all the proposals except the \$925.00 to cut trees/brush at end of spillway. The total cost will be \$1,525.00. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Dredging** – the Mayor reported that permits are being obtained. This process could take nine months to one year to complete.

## OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported the Memorial Day holiday was relatively safe. They did notice that some residents have not changed out their state decals on their boats. Kon is coordinating with the Marine Police on a date to have a boat safety class. The police department also dealt with a safety issue with someone placing rubbish in the lake. The Mayor asked Kon to follow up on the rubbish issue.

Kon stated the boat ran great over the Memorial Day weekend.

Kon requested authorization to attend the annual chief conference in South Alabama in August. Ort made a motion to approve this request. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Ed Underwood – Pier at 171 Martin Drive** – The Mayor provided an update that Mr. Underwood is obtaining estimates for encapsulated Styrofoam for the pier located at 171 Martin Drive.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Greg Posey – 16 x 20 deck at point of property** – the uncovered deck is above the 900 ft. contour line but will connect to the existing boathouse with steps – Peek made a motion to approve the plans. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Jon Doss – variance request to build barn/equipment shed on Sunset Circle** – Mr. Doss was unable to attend the meeting. Peek made a motion to table this request until additional information can be provided, such as the use of the structure. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes to table. Motion carried.

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**Louanne Kon – Memorial Day Incident in the Park** – Mrs. Kon addressed the council to make them aware of an event that happened in the park on Memorial Day. As a property owner in the Town of Highland Lake, Mrs. Kon and her children and new grandchild visited the park and took shelter under a small patch of trees across the boardwalk/bridge on a finger piece of the park measuring maybe 10 x 10 at the widest. A lady on a riding lawnmower rode up. The blade was not engaged, however, it was slinging rocks/gravel. The lawnmower was loud, clanging and motorized. It was emitting noxious carbon monoxide fumes into the narrow path up into the area where we were sitting. A lady in a bathing suit almost ran us over, pulled her lawn mower up into the shaded area and began off-loading her “pool supplies” and decided to swim where we planned to fish. This person was later verified by a town employee as Mrs. Parenteau. A resident actually using their noxious lawnmower as a mode of transportation is totally unacceptable, not to mention what frequent use this does to the lawns on the same path. Mrs. Kon expressed this is a safety issue, noise nuisance and aesthetically disturbing. People visiting the park should not have to be exposed to this.

The Mayor stated she appreciated Mrs. Kon bringing this to the council’s attention. Councilmember Peek apologized that his happened. The Ordinance Committee will review.

**Donation of Generator to Run Town Hall & Anchor** – Greg Posey, with Power Systems Services, is going to donate a generator that will service both Town Hall and the Anchor. The generator will be four to five years old with very low hours. Discussion took place regarding meters and a transfer switch. Vice made a motion to accept the donation of a generator from Greg Posey. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried. The Mayor thanked Mr. Posey for his generous donation. Posey will get with Tim Moore to look at the loads on both buildings to properly size the generator. Posey stated the generator will require inspections and maintenance.

**Donation of pontoon boat** – Denise Adams is donating a 1988 – 24’0” Sweetwater Pontoon boat to the town. Hanby made a motion to accept the donation of the pontoon boat. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Donation of barge** – Ginger King has donated a barge that can be used to remove debris from the lake. Vice made a motion to accept the donation of a barge. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Grant writing class** – Ort made a motion for the town to send Councilmember Vice to Grant Writing Boot Camp in August for \$200.00. Hanby seconded. Roll call. Peek, Hanby, Ort and Bailey voted yes. Vice abstained. Motion carried.

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**The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.**

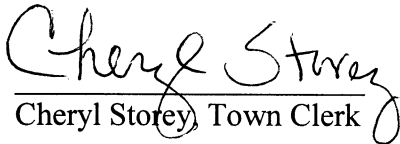
On behalf of the Lady Lakers, Cheryl Storey asked the council for their thoughts on Bama Carry coming to the annual Fall Festival to man a BB gun range. Bama Carry has had booths in the past at events in Oneonta. Bama Carry works with each person shooting the BB gun and teaches them gun safety. Their booth is an inflatable with the target at the end of the booth. There is no charge for this event. There were no objections from the council.

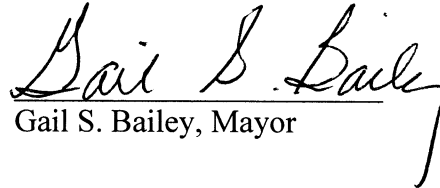
Greg Posey questioned the dredging timeline. The Mayor responded we are going through the permitting phase right now and then the final design. Once we have a final design a town meeting will be held to communicate the plans.

Carl Randall suggested that when the lake is lowered after Labor Day that the town hire someone to start removing the sediment from the Brasher Creek area. The Mayor responded the issue would be where to dispose of the sediment, but the Lake Committee can discuss.

With no other business to come before the council, Vice made a motion to adjourn. Ort seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

  
Gail S. Bailey, Mayor