

Work Session of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held a work session on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Connie Vice

Council members Donna Hanby, Greg Posey, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek

ABSENT: Council member Chase Moore

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also present.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Review and discussion of the March 6 regular meeting agenda items took place.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Goodner Farm Road – Partial Road Vacation – Mayor Vice stated she discussed with property owner, Steve Smith, the survey he provided of Goodner Farm Road. Based on the survey, it appears Goodner Farm Road is entirely on his property. The property owner disagrees. Further review and clarification of property lines is the next step.

Work session suspended at 6:30 pm for public hearing on vacating Sunset Circle.

Work session resumed at 6:45 pm after public hearing conclusion.

Maintenance Salary – Mayor Vice stated the maintenance salary currently consists of \$6500 for grass cutting/entrances and \$6000 for general maintenance. There is a gap in duties, such as caring for the flower beds, shrubs, etc. A few years ago, the town hired an individual for \$75 a week to handle these type duties. Mayor Vice suggested we move part of the general maintenance salary to cover hiring an individual to handle these type tasks to ensure the park/grounds are completely maintained. There were no objections.

Ordinance Amendment to waive building permit fees in the event of a FEMA disaster. Discussion took place. The suggestion was made to waive building permit fees if the event was declared a state or federal disaster.

Work session suspended at 7:00 pm for regular monthly meeting.

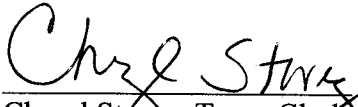
Work session resumed at 7:20 pm after regular monthly meeting conclusion.

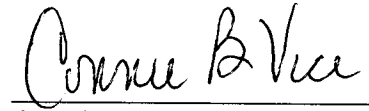
Annexations – Discussion took place regarding annexations. Attorney Alex Smith stated there are two ways to annex: (1) petition by landowners and property has to be contiguous and (2) local legislation. With local legislation, property does not have to be contiguous. Also, city population has to be at least 1000 to vote wet/dry.

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Business License Fee Schedule (HL-07-03) – discussion took place regarding the need to update the business license fee schedule to be in line with the zoning ordinance. Home occupation/home based business also needs to be further defined, Valor Catering as an example. Several questions surfaced about home occupation guidelines. The Ordinance Committee will meet and provide an updated draft fee schedule for the April meeting.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Connie B. Vice, Mayor