

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also present.

February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes – Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report –Town Clerk Cheryl Storey 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

Lake – Chairman Skip Davis reported the committee met February 8 and reviewed the latest dredging report, discussed a lake clean-up day, signs for the dam, and uses for the buoys. A lake clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 AM.

Ordinances – Chairman Shani Ort reported the committee met February 24 and reviewed the draft zoning ordinance. A council meeting to continue review of the draft zoning ordinance was scheduled for Monday, March 21 at 5:00 PM. The Mayor asked Ort to review all ordinances to ensure a penalty is stated for each violation.

Buildings & Grounds – Chairman Donna Hanby reported the committee did not meet in February and will not meet again until there are projects to be done.

Roads –Chairman Tim Peek stated he had no report.

The Mayor reported that she had discussed with Commissioner Calvert a couple of areas that residents reported as dangerous. The county agreed to investigate these areas. Last month, the county cleaned the area along the bank of the lake on Lakeshore Drive, across from the Anchor. Several trees were removed, as well as underbrush. This will make it easier for us to maintain this area, giving a better view of the lake.

Council member Hanby reported a drainage issue at 1702 Lakeshore Drive near the ditch that the county recently cleared. The water is coming down the driveway at 1702 Lakeshore Drive. This information will be shared with Commissioner Calvert.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dredging – The Mayor distributed the Proposal for Dredging Services from Tetra Tech to the council. The project costs outlined on page 5 of the document indicate that permitting is \$9,000.00. Permit fees are not included in the \$344,000.00 estimate for design and construction cost to dredge Brasher and Sand Creek bays. The permit process will take 14 months from notice to proceed. Discussion took place. Questions raised include, is the \$9,000.00 the only additional cost? Is Task 2 through 4 extra expenses, or are they included in the \$344,000.00 estimate? When will the permit costs be due? Responses to these questions will be obtained from Tetra Tech. This item will be addressed at the March 21, 2016 special meeting.

OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported it had been a quiet month. The police truck will need to be serviced soon to repair the sensor. The starter on the town pontoon boat will also need to be serviced soon.

Kon also stated that the house bill being considered regarding municipal authority to service citizens and businesses in the police jurisdiction should not negatively impact the town because Highland Lake does not currently receive revenue from businesses within the 1.5 mile jurisdiction.

The Mayor reported that Ginger King has donated a barge to the town, which can be used for removing debris from the lake. We are hoping to use the barge for the March 19th lake clean-up day. She asked Chief Kon if he would be in charge of obtaining the barge and bringing it to the town and assuring it is usable for this purpose.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Awning estimate for Library/Town Hall entrance – An estimate of \$1845.00 from Tennessee Valley Metals was reviewed for the Library entrance door. Hanby made a motion to approve. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

John Santamour – Revised boathouse plans – Revised plans for an upper and lower deck, along with a boathouse for 33 River Oaks Circle were reviewed. The boathouse is being rebuilt due to the April 2014 storms. Peek made a motion to approve the plans. Davis seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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Tim Peek – Add Subdivide 20 acre tract to agenda – Hanby made a motion to add this item to the agenda. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Peek abstained. Motion carried.

Peek explained that he is requesting approval to divide his 20 acre tract on Kennedy Drive into two tracts: approximately 8.59 acres and approximately 11.41 acres. The 11.41 acres contains the existing house and building. Hanby made a motion to accept proposal to divide tract into two lots. Davis seconded. Roll call. Ort, Davis, Hanby and Bailey voted yes. Peek abstained. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Joe Hayden questioned/commented on the following:

- What plans have been made for the dam when the lake is lowered after Labor Day.

Response – no formal plans made as yet – Lake Committee to address and make recommendation. Money was budgeted to correct any further problems, if necessary.

- Barrier that is going to be placed in front of spillway – Hayden has reservations about placing barrier by dam.

Response – During the tornado in 2014, EMA documented (in writing) that we needed the barrier, or some type of warning.

Turbidity curtains were donated, and obtained by Chief Kon. Curtains may, or may not be used for this purpose. We may use signage only. Lake Committee to continue addressing this issue and make recommendation to council.

- Plan for removing debris from the barrier placed at spillway

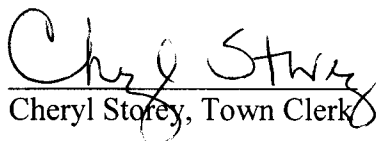
Response – this will be addressed in the lake Committee recommendation.

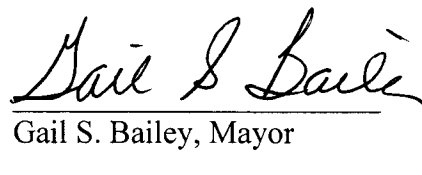
- Spraying/poison*dam – a few trees were missed at the last spraying & the grass does not need to be poisoned

Response – Dam will be sprayed again in May. We will monitor spraying to ensure only the trees get poisoned.

With no other business to come before the council, Ort made a motion to adjourn. Peek seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Gail S. Bailey, Mayor