

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Town of Highland Lake Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor pro tem Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Ramzi Malek gave the invocation. The Town of Highland lake Mayor pro tem led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL;**

Present: Mayor pro tem Donna Hanby

Council members: Sid Nelson, Carl Randall, Ramzi Malek  
Chase Moore arrived at 7:24pm

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

April 2, 2019 Work Session Minutes - Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes. Randall seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes - Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes. Randall seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

April 11, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes - Malek made a motion to approve the minutes. Randall seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

April 13, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes - Randall made a motion to approve the minutes. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

*FINANCIAL REPORT:* Sid Nelson gave the financial report. Malek made a motion to approve. Randall seconded. Roll call. All voted yes.

*STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:*

*ROADS:* Chase reported that this fall we will be taking over the roads from the county. He feels that a sales tax will be needed to help us take care of our roads. The county will still help us until the end of the fiscal year. We need to put together a long term plan for taking care of our roads.

**ORDINANCE:** Hanby reported that the Ordinance committee did not meet.

*LAKE:* Nelson reported that his committee did not meet.

*DREDGING:* Malek reported his committee will be meeting on 5/14/19. He said we will need 2 companies working on the dredging at the same time when we let the water down. Eric Sanders said he could work with Kurt.

*BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:* Carl reported that the cleanup of the park is going well. Shrubs trimmed and dead shrubs replaced. Next week dead limbs will be trimmed and dead trees cut and hauled off. A new flag has been put up and we are in the process of getting a light to shine on it.

*OFFICER REPORT:*

Chief Kon reported there were 25 documented interactions, 9 of them were traffic related.

Chief Kon asked that the allegations the former mayor made against him be looked into by the council. He would like to be proved or dismissed.

Since the motor we were going to purchase last year for the police boat was put on hold, Chief Kon said he would like to have a meeting to talk about what would be best for the town at this point.

*UNFINISHED BUSINESS:*

Dogs loose in the park and running after people was discussed. It was suggested that the ordinance be changed and list the violation as a misdemeanor which would give the victim the ability to have a warrant issued.

LouAnn Kon has asked to fill the opening on the Zoning Board that Carl Randell's vacancy created. She will go on as an alternate and Jennifer Alderson will move to a regular. Carl made a motion for LouAnn to be an alternate on the Zoning Board. Ramzi seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried. Sid made a motion for Jennifer to be moved to a regular on the Zoning Board. Chase seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried.

15 Sunset Strip was discussed. What the renter is doing is against our Ordinance. It was decided that Alex would send a cease and desist letter to the resident of 15 Sunset Strip.

We have put the town Facebook page on hold for now.

*NEW BUSINESS:*

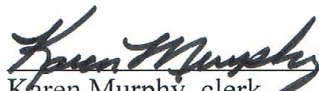
A motion was made to amend the rules to add Lee Houlditch to the agenda. Sid made the motion. Chase seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried


Lee Houlditch asked to have his plans to build a boat house approved. Nelson made a motion to approve subject to Tim's approval. Chase seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Hayden reported it would cost around \$1000 to kill vegetation on the back side of the dam. Nelson made a motion to spend \$1000 on removal of the vegetation on the dam. Randall seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The pros and cons of putting in a sales tax in Highland Lake was discussed. This would help to fund our roads repairs. This will be looked into to see if it would be what is best for the city. A committee was suggest to look into this. A motion was made to put together a committee to look into sales tax for Highland Lake. Randall made the motion. Moore seconded. All said yes. Motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Randall seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

  
Karen Murphy, clerk

  
Donna Hanby, mayor ~~pro tem~~