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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 2, 2024
6:30 PM
The Anchor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:38 PM.

ROLL CALL:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Ramzi Malek,
Sid Nelson, Sam Pearson

ABSENT: Bobby Rhodes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chief Scot Kon
Alex Smith - Attorney
Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Sam Pearson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of March 6, 2024 Work Session Minutes:**
Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sam Pearson seconded. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Approval of March 6, 2024 Regular Session Minutes:**
Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- **Approval of March 13, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes:**
Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sam Pearson seconded. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Approval of March 28, 2024 Regular Session Minutes:**
Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sid Nelson seconded. Mayor Moore, Sam Pearson, Carl Randall, and Sid Nelson voted yes, Ramzi Malek abstained. The motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

The new blinds for the Anchor have been installed, and Carl Randall thanked Mrs. Gail Bailey for the work she put into getting this done.

He also stated that they have noticed that the Anchor may not be getting cleaned as it should be after being used for meetings and activities. They have noticed spots on the carpet, washed dishes not put away, and tables not being cleaned after use. When it is used for a meeting or event, it needs to be cleaned by the group using it.

It was also suggested to change the cleaning schedule to clean two times a month.

Carl Randall made the motion to have the cleaning person clean two times a month and Sam Pearson seconded he motion. Mayor Moore, Sam Pearson, Carl Randall voted yes, Sid Nelson voted No, Ramzi Malek abstained. The motion passed.

Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush

The lights that were purchased for the buoys are in and need to be installed.

Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson

No Report

Public Safety Committee – Sam Pearson

No Report

Roads Committee – Sam Pearson and Josh Beck

There is no set date from Commissioner Bradley Harvey for the repairs on Gurley Drive.

Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes

The Finance Committee met on Monday, March 25, 2024.

Mayor Moore read aloud a handout Bobby Rhodes provided to be read into the minutes. The handout included:

Audits

- *Actions complete*
- *Recommend vote to pay \$12,000 invoice for the FY-22 and FY-23 audits (from General Fund Bank account)*

Sid Nelson made the motion to pay the \$12,000 invoice for the FY22 and FY23 audits from the General Fund, and Ramzi Malek seconded the Motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- *Criminal Fund*
 - *Working with Raymond James on account setup and movement of \$25,000 from Criminal Fund to new account*
- *FY-25 Budget Planning*
 - *Data call to be sent out to all Departments and Committees NLT May 2024*
 - *Please begin discussing and considering inputs in your Departmental and Committee meetings*
- *FY-24 Approved projects*
 - *Anchor Blind Project complete*
 - *Recommend pay invoice (from General Fund Bank account)*

Carl Randall made the motion to pay the invoice for the blinds from the General Account, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- *Need Council approval to execute the following projects from the FY-24 Budget*
 - *Clean/Stan Railings -Anchor*
 - *Budgeted: \$1750*
 - *Estimate: \$1600*
 - *Recommend: Approve, not to exceed \$1800*
 - *Clean/Replace/Stain Railings – Town Hall*
 - *Budgeted: \$300*
 - *Estimate: \$550*
 - *Recommend: Approve, not to exceed \$700*
 - *Clean/Repair/Stain – Large Bridge*
 - *Budgeted: \$3700*
 - *Estimate: \$3700*
 - *Recommend: Approve, not to exceed \$4500*
 - *Clean/Repair/Stain Railings – Gazebo/ Small Bridge*
 - *Budgeted: \$1200*
 - *Estimate: \$1350*
 - *Recommend: Approve, not to exceed \$1500*

Carl Randall made the motion to approve to clean/repair/stain the four above listed projects with the Large Bridge not to exceed \$4,000 instead of \$4,500 as listed, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- *There were a few projects in the FY-24 Budget that were “conditionally” approved pending a cost estimate and review/recommendation from Finance Committee. The following project submission was reviewed and is recommended for approval by the Town Council:*
 - *Generator Hookup for Anchor*
 - *Estimate: There are two options in the attached estimate*
 - *Non-permanent installation*
 - *Estimate: \$3290*
 - *Permanent installation*
 - *Estimate: \$1899.99*
 - *After review and discussion, the Finance Committee recommends the “Permanent installation with the following:*
 - *Recommend approve not to exceed \$4000*
 - *Includes generator and site preparation*
 - *Recommended funding source is COVID funding*

Carl Randall made the motion to approve going with the recommendations as listed above with the generator hookup, not exceeding \$4,000 from the COVID fund, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

The monthly financial report was provided for Council viewing, and he stated that the only item of note is the water/gas bill for Town Hall.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon reported that the department answered 47 service calls for the month of March – 28 officer issues and 19 911 issued.

The boat has been serviced and is back. The decals should be here by the 15th of the month. He also reported that he is having trouble finding the old-style inserts for the buoys.

He recommends that the three surplus items be held until Oneonta has their auction, and they can then be put in it.

The flags are in need of being replaced.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve getting new flags to replace the old ones, and Carl Randall seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Blount County 911 Service Contract

Nothing more to add to what was discussed at the Work Session

2. Maintenance

Sam Pearson made the motion to accept the Johnny Robinson's resignation, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. Sam Pearson, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, and Ramzi Malek voted yes, and Mayor Moore abstained. The motion passed.

Carl Randall made the motion to open up the position, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

3. Update on Mudslide

Nothing more to add to what was discussed during the Work Session

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Hanby Fireworks for July 4th

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the fireworks in the park by the Hanby's as long as the following conditions are met:

- Adequate insurance is provided for Town

- A contract is presented that is approved by Town Attorney

Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All present voted yes and the motion passed.

There was a brief discussion about having food trucks at the fireworks.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve food trucks at the fireworks show, limiting to two trucks, \$50 vendor fee, collect sales tax, waive business license, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

5. Alexander Anderson's request to add jet ski lift

Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the request, and Carl Randall seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

6. Discuss whether or not to continue Resolution HL 23-01 (Non-Res Lake Use Permit for Kayak/Canoes)

There have not been any issues with this in the past.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve to continue the resolution, and Carl Randall seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

7. Sid Nelson's request to repair dock

The request is to replace the boards that are already there.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the request, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. Mayor Moore, Sam Pearson, Carl Randall, and Ramzi Malek voted yes, and Sid Nelson abstained. The motion passed.

8. Other business items as determined by the Council

Mayor Moore reminded and encouraged everyone to help the Lady Lakers on April 13 for their PALS cleanup day.

Diane Harms had concerns about abandoned vehicles and dogs biting at her ankles when out walking. Chief Kon was going to talk about these concerns with her.

Doug Dampman explained that where he lives on San Creek, That he is not able to get his boat out in the summer because his dock only has about 1½ feet of water. He was wanting to know who he could get to dredge the area. He said that Allen's Aquatics would be able to do it when they can get the equipment. It was explained to him, that he could have it done with Council approval, but to know that the silt has to be moved out of the water and not to a different location in the water.

Sid Nelson made the motion to adjourn, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor