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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
6:00 PM
The Anchor

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Tim Moore–Building Inspector, Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Mayor Chase Moore called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. Status on Pontoon Repair

No update at this time

2. Status on Ordinance HL 14-05 verbiage on bladder boats

Ordinance Committee has started working on it.

3. Discuss and potential vote on amendment to HL 16-01

Will discuss when Attorney Alex Smith is present and has had a chance to look into it further

4. Christmas in the Park and searching for grants

Mayor Moore wants to be able to search for grants to help cover this so that no town funds are needed for the event.

5. Alexander Anderson request to build a dock

It was discussed that past due lake fees need to be paid before consideration. Tim Moore, Building Inspector, stated that he saw no problems with the proposal and plans once the past due fees are paid.

6. Josh Beck request to build a boat house on neighbor's property

Attorney Alex Smith was not present to discuss.

7. Discuss and potentially vote and swear in for vacant Council Place 2

One person has stated that they were interested. One other had inquired about the position, but never heard back from him.

8. Lady Lakers use of the Anchor for the Community Yard Sale

April 28-29, 2023

It would be setup similar to the yard sale that they had a few years ago. The Lady Lakers would use the inside for their items and rent outside spaces for individuals to sale their own items.

9. Lady Lakers use of the Anchor for the Annual Boston Butt Sale

May 26-27, 2023.

No problem with dates

10. Lady Lakers use of the Anchor for the First Responders Event

September 10, 2023.

No problem with dates

11. Lady Lakers use of the Anchor for a fall festival October 15, 2023

No problem with dates

12. Lady Lakers use of the Anchor for Christmas decorating the weekend

Of November 18-19, 2023

No problem with dates

13. Discuss and potential vote to replace pest control services from Sand Mountain Pest Management to Quality Creative Pest Services (QCP) and saving money

It was discussed that changing over to QCP would save around \$125 a year.

14. Update Budget

Will discuss at Regular Session

OTHER:

Building and Grounds: The trees have been purchased, and they will be planted Saturday, March 11, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Lake Preservation Committee: It was discussed that it is not easy to do a visual inspection of the spillway with the amount of water going over it.

Not much green is showing so far from where the back side of the dam was sprayed two years ago, so it is probably good for this year.

The Birmingham Water Works dredging equipment is still not operating, but Bill, Sid, Greg and Sam will go visit when it is back operating.

The post is up for the town pier sign, but the sign needs to be attached.

Bill also talked about wanting to look at the last fishing study to see if bass under a certain size need to be kept once caught, and if so, the best way to communicate this to the fishermen.

The committee hopes to have a meeting this month.

Ordinance Committee: The Kayak Resolution that was put into effect in 2022 will end in May 2023. It needs to be decided if this is going to be continued.

Public Safety Committee: No update at this time

Roads Committee: West Lakeshore has a 40' culvert where one of the bands has come loose and needs to be replaced. It will take six to seven weeks to get the band. The bridge inspection reported areas that need to be corrected. Sam Pearson and Bill Rush are going to work on seeing what the best way to correct the problems will be.

Finance Committee: CRI is trying to find another vendor for payroll since the company they had backed out.

The two matured CDs have been moved to Raymond James.

The auditor that the Town was using is not going to complete the audits, so another auditor needs to be hired for the 2021 and 2022 audits. One company contacted has given a quote for the two years to cost no more than \$9700 which is more than what was budgeted for the audits. They will also look at what CRI would charge.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore – Mayor