



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE

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### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
7:30 PM  
The Anchor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 7:32 PM.

#### ROLL CALL:

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Scott Kon–Police Chief, Tim Moore-Building Inspector,  
Alex Smith-Attorney, Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Carl Randall

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Approval of April 4, 2023 Work Session Minutes: Bobby Rhodes made the motion to accept the minutes and Sam Pearson seconded. Mayor Moore, Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes, Carl Randall and Sid Nelson voted yes, Ramzi Malek abstained and motion passed.
- Approval of April 4, 2023 Regular Session Minutes: Bobby Rhodes made the motion to accept the minutes and Sid Nelson seconded. Mayor Moore, Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes, Carl Randall and Sid Nelson voted yes, Ramzi Malek abstained and motion passed.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### **Building and Grounds - Carl Randall**

It was discussed how badly the main entrances off of Highway 29 look. Carl Randall had Zavala's Landscaping inspect the area, and he quoted a one-time clean up fee of \$250 and then \$150 per month to cut the additional areas.

Carl Randall made the motion to have Zavala's Landscaping to cut those areas at the price stated above, and Bobby Rhodes seconded. All voted yes and motion passed.

### **Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush**

After several lake clean up concerns were brought up, Sid Nelson suggested that a cleanup day for the lake needed to be set in the near future.

At the last meeting there was discussion about the cost of a Dino Six Sediment Removal System from Geoform International and payment options. It was learned since that meeting that Geoform does not provide financing or leasing options for this equipment.

### **Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson**

Sid Nelson passed out and read over an ordinance he is working on, regarding business activities for which there is no “in-force” applicable business license.

### **Public Safety Committee – Jonathan Sims and Greg Posey**

No updates

### **Roads Committee – Sam Pearson and Josh Beck**

Sam Pearson, Josh Beck, and Bradley Harvey, County Commissioner-District 3, went around and looked at the roads and ditches and made a list of concerns that need to be addressed. Some of the concerns included: culvert on West Lakeshore Drive, potholes on Lakeshore Drive to Sunset Strip, and the topsoil that has washed away on the Campbell’s property. They are looking at ways to best handle these concerns.

### **Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes**

Bobby Rhodes went over and explained the March Financials. He is going to meet with Martin Copeland of Carr, Riggs & Ingram on Friday. The audit is underway with Greg Hollon, and we should have an update by the June 6th meeting.

### **OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon**

Chief Kon reported that the department had received 181 calls since January 1, 2023. He reported that the motor being installed in the Tahoe has a 3 year/150,000 mile warranty and that it should be ready by the following Wednesday. Once it is back and working, he feels it is time to retire the Charger, due to it having many electrical problems. The tractor is ready for pickup and should be under \$500 for the repairs.

He explained that the Police office computer is in need of being replaced and asked for council approval to spend up to \$1,500 on a new computer and software. Sid Nelson made the motion to approve up to \$1,500 for the purchase of a computer and software for the Police department and Sam Pearson seconded. All voted yes and motion passed.

The Chief's Conference is coming up towards the end of the summer that he would like to attend. The cost is usually under \$2,000, and there is money in the budget.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the attendance of the Chief's Conference and Ramzi Malek seconded. All voted yes and motion passed

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Pontoon repair status:**

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

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

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

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

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**4. Request from Straight Mountain Fire Department to use The Anchor June 1, 2023, for the yearly fire department meeting**

Carl Randall made the motion to allow Straight Mountain Fire Department to use The Anchor at no charge on June 1, 2023, and Bobby Rhodes seconded. All voted yes and motion passed.

**5. John Dampman request to build a deck**

Tim Moore, Building Inspector, explained that the existing pier would remain and they were just re-decking.

Sid Nelson made the motion for John Dampman's deck work and Ramzi Malek seconded. All voted yes and motion passed.

**6. Bobcat Repair**

An estimate should be ready by next meeting to present.

**7. Discuss clerk's hours during audit process**

Discussed during Work Session

Carl Randall made the motion to allow the Clerk more hours as needed and as approved by the mayor during the audit process and Sid Nelson seconded. All voted yes and motion passed.

**8. Discuss Lake Use Fee Clarification**

Nothing in addition to work session

**9. Other items for discussion as determined by the Council**

Mayor Moore talked about the CAWACO conference that he attended the previous week and the many different grants available for various projects. Different types of grants and their qualifications can be viewed on CAWACO.org

Dr. George Fant offered to seed the berms if the town would provide the grass seeds.

Carl Randall made the motion for the town to pay for up to \$300 for grass seeds and Sam Pearson seconded. All voted yes and motion passed.

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to enter into Executive Session and Carl Randall seconded. All voted yes and motion approved.

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to come out of Executive Session and Sam Pearson Seconded. All voted yes and motion approved.

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to adjourn and Sam Pearson seconded. All voted yes and motion passed. Regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

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Chase Moore - Mayor