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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024
6:30 PM
The Anchor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:36 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chief Scot Kon
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 May 7, 2024 Work Session Minutes:**
Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Carl Randall seconded. Bobby Rhodes abstained and all others voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Approval of May 7, 2024 Regular Session Minutes:**
Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Bobby Rhodes abstained and all others voted yes, and the motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

Carl Randall went over a few concerns that the committee felt needed to be addressed.

The flowerbeds need attention and depending on the weather, they should be able to work on them tomorrow.

The Gazebo had a post broken, but that has been fixed.

The blueberry bushes are loaded and are for everyone to be able to enjoy.

Carl recommended that a sign be posted and that the clerk send an email to residents to limit to one quart per family per week.

Carl Randall made the motion to post a sign and have email sent to limit blueberries to one quart per family per week, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lake Preservation Committee - Bill Rush

Bill Rush began by saying that Michael Hayes was a huge help in getting the buoys in place at the dam. He stated that there is \$1,000 in the budget to purchase new buoys.

He provided a picture of some erosion on Town property leading to the spillway for the Council to view. He said that it needs to be addressed because it is going to get worse. There was discussion about way to correct the issue. A seawall would be the most secure way, but riprap with a silt blanket would be the most economical to help keep the erosion down. It was stated that speeding boats and circling way behind the buoys is contributing to the issue.

Birmingham Water Works will be coming on Monday to take samples. Bill and Wayne Bailey will be talking with them about the analysis in March to help them understand it more clearly.

A copy of a draft Tournament rules and contract was provided to the Council to review. The Lake Preservation Committee needs to meet to discuss.

Ordinance Committee - Sid Nelson

No Report

Public Safety Committee - Sam Pearson

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, June 3, 2024.

They discussed the price that is paid for 911 calls and feel that this eventually needs to be addressed. The Town pays \$11 - \$13 per 911 call covering the Town plus a one-mile radius.

Roads Committee – Sam Pearson and Josh Beck

Sam Pearson said that Josh Beck is working with Brad Harvey on solutions to the drainage issues.

Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes

The Finance Committee met on Monday, June 3, 2024.

There will be a meeting in July to work on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Bobby Rhodes went over and explained the monthly financials for April 2024.

The main concern at this time is that Lake Fee payments are below normal.

The Council was reminded that the COVID money has to be used by December 31, 2024.

The next Finance Committee meeting is planned for Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Bobby said that he would like to move forward on establishing the Al.gov domain for the Town.

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to move forward with switching to Al.gov domain, and Carl Randall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon reported that the department answered 40 service calls for the month of May.

The white Tahoe is needing to have the water pump replaced, and it will cost around \$500.

Sam Pearson made the motion to spend up to \$700 for the replacement of the water pump on the white Tahoe, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

He is still working on getting the generator serviced.

Officer Herb Rosenbaum has military items on loan at the Blount County Historical Museum and encouraged everyone to go by and visit the museum at their new location.

Chief Kon said that he would like to get Council approval to attend a Chief's Summer Conference end of summer.

Sam Pearson made the motion to approve Chief Kon's attendance to the Chief's Conference, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Mudslide

No additional discussion than during the Work Session
Sam Pearson said that he would work on getting two estimates.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Fireworks for July 4th

Mike and Max Ryan gave an update. They are waiting on a quote for the insurance. They have had a safety meeting with the fire department. Their state permit has been purchased.

The extra money that is raised will be donated to Straight Mountain Fire Department.

It was stated that the Ryans would need to have insurance and sign a Hold Harmless Agreement for the event.

Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the fireworks as long as insurance and other plans work out, and a Hold Harmless Agreement is signed, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. Carl Randal abstained, all others voted yes and motion passed.

3. Approval to pay Zavala's Lawn Care Invoice

The invoice is \$2,270. for service during March and April.

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to approve payment of Zavala's invoice, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Tim Weston's request to install a Tommy Dock

Tim Moore, building inspector, stated that he saw no problem with the plans.

Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve Tim Weston's request to install a Tommy dock, and Sid Nelson approved the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Lady Lakers' Movie in the Park July 27, 2024

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve Movie in the Park for July 27, 2024, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Large tree in lake after last storm

Josh Beck said that he went and looked and didn't feel it was urgent.

7. Broken Playground Equipment

The plexiglass bubble on the large playground equipment is broken and needs to be removed and replaced.

8. Other business items as determined by the Council

Mayor Moore said that one person would need to be presented at the July meeting to serve on the Planning Committee. The Committee has nine members, eight appointed by the mayor and one appointed by the Council, per Alabama law. The candidate must be a council member, have property in Highland Lake and not be on the Zoning Board.

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor