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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024
6:30 PM
The Library

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:40 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Sam Pearson

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chief Scot Kon
Tim Moore – Building Inspector
Alex Smith - Attorney
Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Ramzi Malek

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of September 3, 2024 Work Session Minutes:**
Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Carl Randall abstained, and all others present voted yes. The motion passed.
- **Approval of September 3, 2024 Regular Session Minutes:**
Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded. Carl Randall abstained, and all others present voted yes. The motion passed.
- **Approval of September 5, 2024 Special Called Session Minutes:**
Bobby Rhodes made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sid Nelson seconded. Carl Randall abstained, and all others present voted yes. The motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

Carl Randall made the motion to complete the following projects: popcorn ceiling repair, stain the covered patio and have the generators hooked up. Ramiz Malek seconded the motion and all present voted yes. The motion passed.

Lake Preservation Committee - Bill Rush

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

Ordinance Committee - Sid Nelson

No Report

Public Safety Committee - Sam Pearson

The weather sirens are still being worked on.

Roads Committee - Josh Beck & Sam Pearson

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to approve \$2,500 to repair the drainage issue at the end of Kennedy Drive, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

Finance Committee - Bobby Rhodes

Nothing in addition to what was discussed during the Work Session

OFFICER REPORT - Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon reported that the department responded to forty-three service calls for the month of September.

The department was able to purchase the 2018 Explorer from the Town of Cleveland, but it doesn't have the radar. Chief Kon got quotes for a used radar for \$950.00 with a three-month warranty and a new radar for \$1,648.00 with a three-year warranty.

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to purchase the new radar for the Explorer and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

The auction in Oneonta is going to be at the end of October, the equipment just needs to get moved to the auction site.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Maintenance

The position is still open.

2. Umair Rehman and Maria Krzecka’s request to vacate Sunset Circle and Sunset Place

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to vacate Sunset Circle and Sunset Place, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

The motion was amended to add that Umair Rehman and Maria Krzecka are responsible for any expenses related to the vacating of the two roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Invoice for UNA Workshop

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to approve and pay the invoice and Carl Randall seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

4. Discuss Moving November Meeting to Tuesday, November 12

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve moving the meeting to November 12, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

5. Adjustment to 2024-2025 approved budget

No discussion at this time

6. Executed FY-25 Expenditures that need to be approved by The Council:

• Lady Lakers – Fall Festival	\$500
• Lady Lakers – Christmas	\$400
• Fish Study	\$1630
• Regional Planning Comm of Greater Birmingham	\$249
• Alabama League of Municipalities Dues	\$574
• Donation – Appalachian School	\$1,000
• Donation – Community Arts Council	\$400
• Donation – Economic Development Council	\$250

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the payment of all on the list except “Donation-Economic Development Council”, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. Mayor Moore abstained. All others present voted yes, and the motion passed.

7. Proclamation

Mayor Moore read the proclamation declaring the month of November as a time to honor those who have served and who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

He extended an invitation to those in the town and surrounding communities to attend the November council meeting to be recognized and honored.

Sid Nelson made the motion to amend the agenda for one order of business. Carl Randall seconded the motion, and all present voted yes. The motion passed.

Sid Nelson made the motion to extend the moratorium six more months pertaining to: Ordinance – Prohibition of Business Activities for which there is no in-force applicable business license. Carl Randall seconded the motion and all present voted yes, and the motion passed.

8. Other business items as determined by the Council

Cheryl Storey, President of the Lady Lakers presented Chief Kon with a gift thanking him and the officers for all that they do.

Carl Randall made the motion to go into Executive Session and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes and motion passed.

At this time Mayor Moore announced that since no other business or actions would follow, that the regular session would adjourn as well following the executive session.

The Council went into Executive Session at 7:11 pm.
Council came out of Executive session at 7:50 pm.
Regular Meeting adjourned as well.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor