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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022
6:30 PM
The Anchor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem, Chase Moore at 6:34 PM.

ROLL CALL:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Chase Moore, (2) Greg Posey 3) Carl Randall
(5) Ramzi Malek

ABSENT: (4) Sid Nelson

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

SPECIAL ATTENDEES: Pamela Casey, Blount County District Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem, Chase Moore called meeting to order at 6:04 PM

Carl Randall made the motion to elect Chase Moore as Mayor of Highland Lake and Greg Posey seconded. Chase Moore abstained and Greg Posey, Carl Randall and Ramzi Malek voted yes and motion passed

Mayor Chase Moore was sworn in by Pamela Casey, Blount County District Attorney

Invocation was given by Ramzi Malek

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Approval of November 1, 2022 Work Session Minutes: Carl Randall made the motion to accept and Greg Posey seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of November 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Carl Randall seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of November 7, 2022 Special Council Meeting Minutes: Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Carl Randall seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.

- Approval of November 7, 2022 Special Council Meeting Minutes #2: Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Carl Randall seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of November 17, 2022 Special Called Meeting: Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Carl Randall seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of November 22, 2022 Special Called Meeting: Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Carl Randall seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.
- Approval of November 29, 2022 Special Council Meeting Minutes: Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Carl Randall seconded. All present voted yes and motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds - Carl Randall

No Report

Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush

Bill Rush talked about the roadway that leads to the back where the tree fell has washed out quite a bit of land. The last inspection in July by John showed it is erosion, and it is estimated that it has eroded about six inches. Bill suggested that the town try and find someone who would be willing to put some large rip-rap there. There had been discussion of cage rip-rap, but Bill explained that that is very, very expensive.

Birmingham Water Works dredging equipment is back up and running. Greg Posey, Sid Nelson and Bill Rush are going to work on scheduling a time to go and talk with the workers.

Bill Rush and Wayne Bailey are rotating off committee. Bill is willing to be up for reelection but Wayne has requested to remain off.

Mayor Moore reported that Johnny Mayfield from Birmingham Water Works has persuaded them to waive the water testing fees for this quarter and last quarter. He does not know how long this will continue, but thanked Wayne Bailey for passing Mayfield's contact info to him.

Lake Committee – Sid Nelson

No Report

Dredging – Ramzi Malek

No report

Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson

No report

Public Safety Committee – Jonathan Sims and Greg Posey

Greg Posey spoke with Jonathan and they are trying to plan a time when they can have a physical meeting and get the committee back together and see who is willing to serve.

Roads Committee – Josh Beck and Chase Moore

No Report

Carl Randall wanted to know if there was any way to get the weeds cut back on the right of way, and it was said that the pontoon boat would be able to be used for that once it is repaired. It was brought up to remember to not spray an area if there is a Do Not Spray sign. It was also stated that the broadcast sprayer that is on the pontoon boat could also be used to spray the right of way by being placed on the town's four-wheel gator. The sprayer would need to be drained due to the chemical in it is for spraying water lilies in the lake.

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon

Chief Kon stated that one of the officers needed new uniform shirts and that he could purchase those at Mac Uniforms in Birmingham and would bring in receipts.

He also reported that the Suburban needs the solenoid for the four-wheel drive replaced and that he would like to have that fixed. He stated that there is money in the account to cover this and the purchase of the uniforms.

He also reminded everyone that with it being the holiday season to lock your Car doors, lock your home, take keys inside and to be smart and vigilant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Pontoon repair status:

The motor is not running and has not turned over since it was gotten. Sid is getting in touch with an individual about the repair. We have the spray equipment that works once the boat is repaired.

2. Status of post installation for police dock barrier along with sign

The use of some 2x4s for a post and bolt to structure that is already there and post sign was suggested to complete.

3. Status on barrier to keep cars off berms

Have sign and post, just need to get it put up

4. Status on HL 14-05 verbiage on bladder boats

It is going back to the Ordinance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Vote on Mayor Pro Tem

Carl Randall made the motion to elect Ramzi Malek as new Mayor Pro Tem and Greg Posey seconded the motion. Greg Posey, Chase Moore and Carl Randall voted yes and Ramzi Malek abstained. Motion passed

6. Vote on hiring Carr, Riggs & Ingram

Carl Randall made the motion to hire CRI and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes and motion passed.

7. Vote on renewal of bank CDs

It was discussed to renew for 30 days and send to the Financial Committee for discussion.

Carl Randall made the motion to renew for 30 days and Greg Posey seconded the motion. All present voted yes and motion passed.

8. Vote on one time pay increase for employees

Carl Randall made the motion to approve and Greg Posey seconded the motion. Greg Posey, Ramzi Malek and Carl Randall voted yes and Chase Moore abstained. Motion passed.

9. Vote to add councilman to bank account

Carl Randall made the motion to add Ramzi Malek to all bank accounts and Greg Posey seconded the motion. Greg Posey, Chase Moore, Carl Randall voted yes and Ramzi Malek abstained. Motion passed.

10. Vote to get town clerk, Mary Ann Allen, notarized

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

AMEND AGENDA:

Greg Posey made the motion to amend the agenda to include:

- Council Place 1 Position
- Airbnb Status
- Zoning Board Appointments

Carl Randall seconded the motion. All present voted yes and the motion passed.

Council Place 1 Position:

Carl Randall made the motion to declare Council Place 1 vacant and Greg Posey seconded it. All present voted yes and motion passed.

Airbnb Status:

Being sent to the Ordinance Committee

Zoning Board Appointments:

There are two positions up for reappointment or replacement
Jennifer Alderson and Louann Kon are rotating off

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn and Ramzi Malek seconded it and all present approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore - Mayor