

# Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 2016 at the Anchor. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Skip Davis gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Gail Bailey  
Council members Skip Davis, Donna Hanby, Shani Ort, Tim Peek and Connie Vice  
Absent: None

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also present.

**July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Ort made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** – Council member Vice gave the monthly financial report. Hanby made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

A 2016-2017 budget work session was scheduled for Monday, August 8 at 7:00 PM.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Lake** – Chairman Skip Davis – no report.

**Ordinances** – Chairman Shani Ort – no meeting held last month.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chairman Donna Hanby – no meeting held last month. We are waiting to hear from Lakeside Boathouse on when they can drive the posts for the entrance sign at Lakeshore Drive/River Road.

**Roads** – Chairman Tim Peek – no report.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Dredging** – Mayor Bailey reported that Tetra Tech submitted the application to the Corps of Engineers. The Corps of Engineers recently mailed out a public notice to all the adjacent property owners who have 30 days to comment on the dredging project. Once the specifications are ready a Town Meeting will be scheduled to review and discuss them with Tetra Tech.

## **OFFICER REPORT**

Officer Joe Franklin reported work will be done to bring the recently donated pontoon boat up to par.

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The Mayor reported the town obtained the 2012 Tahoe that was donated by the City of Mountain Brook. The Tahoe is currently being detailed and should be ready in approximately two weeks.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**Moving Blount County Forward** - Judge Chris Green & Commissioner Dean Calvert addressed the council to present information regarding the proposed 1 cent sales tax increase. The county does not have the financial resources to maintain roads and bridges. House Bill 436 was passed by the Alabama Legislature this past session authorizing the county commission to levy an additional sales tax. Alabama Transportation Road Infrastructure Program (ATRIP) is Step 1 that provided grant funds to resurface approximately 70 miles. The county match for the grant has been paid using fund reserves. The ATRIP program will conclude during Fiscal Year 2016.

Proposed Step 2 is to consider a sales tax increase. The sales tax is currently 6% for unincorporated areas of the county (2 % Blount County and 4% State). The sales tax increase would put Oneonta on par with Springville and many cities in Jefferson County. Proposed Step 2 includes paving approximately 99+ miles, County Roads 29, 12 and 36 included. An additional countywide sales & use tax would produce an estimated \$3 million in annual revenues. The revenue distribution from the sales tax would be distributed to ISO rated fire departments, maintenance of county roads & bridges, education systems and to municipalities per population. The Town of Highland Lake's annual distribution would be \$13,172.20. This amount must be spent on road work or education (maintenance of building or technology). The 1 cent sales tax increase applies to general merchandise, entertainment and vending. No automotive or agriculture is included in the proposed increase. There has been no change in sales tax since 1991.

A meeting for this area will be scheduled prior to the November 8 election to educate and discuss this issue with the community.

**2016 Municipal Elections** - The Mayor reported that only one candidate filed a statement of candidacy for each position; therefore, the Town of Highland Lake will not have an election on August 23. Because all candidates were unopposed, a resolution and certificate of election will need to be approved for each individual. The Mayor also reported that we have one vacancy on council, due to a state filing deadline not being met by the candidate. This vacancy will be filled by the new council. The position will be declared vacant at the November meeting, and then filled at the December meeting.

After the November meeting, there will be a "meet and greet" for the new council.

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**Resolution HL-16-03 – Officer Elected without Opposition & Certificate of Election for Connie B Vice.** Peek made a motion to approve. Ort seconded. Roll call. Davis, Hanby, Ort, Peek and Bailey voted yes. Vice abstained. Motion carried.

**Resolution HL-16-04 – Officer Elected without Opposition & Certificate of Election for Chase Moore-** Peek made a motion to approve. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Resolution HL-16-05 – Officer Elected without Opposition & Certificate of Election for Donna Hanby** – Peek made a motion to approve. Vice seconded. Roll call. Davis, Ort, Peek, Vice and Bailey voted yes. Hanby abstained. Motion carried.

**Resolution HL-16-06 – Officer Elected without Opposition & Certificate of Election for Sid Nelson** – Hanby made a motion to approve. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Resolution HL-16-07 – Officer Elected without Opposition & Certificate of Election for Ramzi Malek** – Peek made a motion to approve. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Introduce HL-16-01 Zoning Ordinance** – Councilmember Ort introduced Ordinance HL-16-01-Zoning. The zoning document will be posted on the town web site and at the four posting locations within the community for review by residents/property owners. A public hearing will be held prior to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting to review the changes.

**Jadie Barwick – replace rotten boards on pier and repair seawall** – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Bill Stewart – maintenance work on boathouse and docks** – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Mary Southern – repair seawall** – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**John Smart/Jason Matthews – repair concrete seawall** – Davis made a motion to approve plans with the use of sakrete as concrete, and not simply bags of sakrete stacked as a wall. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**John Storey – replace wood steps going to boathouse** – Hanby made a motion to approve plans. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Judy Bailey – repair existing deck & steps as needed** – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Gail Bailey – repair dock/boathouse as needed & seawall** – Hanby made a motion to approve plans. Peek seconded. Roll call. Davis, Hanby, Ort, Peek and Vice voted yes. Bailey abstained. Motion carried.

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**Bob Allen – install two pilings to replace posts, or replace the existing posts with larger posts and repair/replank pier and adjacent walkway** – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Tom Gattiker – repair dock and boathouse** – Hanby made a motion to approve plans. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Connie Vice – add aluminum steps to existing deck/boathouse and add a concrete boat launch at the end of existing seawall on dam side** – Hanby made a motion to approve. Ort seconded. Roll call. Davis, Hanby, Ort, Peek and Bailey voted yes. Vice abstained. Motion carried.

Peek made a motion to suspend the rules and address five additional items that were received after the meeting agenda was posted. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Bobby Barnes – repair concrete boat ramp** – Hanby made a motion to approve plans. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Wayne Owens – replace worn boards on pier & replace missing boards on boathouse** – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**George Fant – Repair/Replace rotten boards on boat dock** – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Terry Thurston – Raise height of pier** – this was tabled due to the Building Inspector having questions regarding the plans.

**Ken Apperson – Repair seawall and build stone patio** – Peek made a motion to approve the plans. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**September 4, 2016 Arts Council – Concert in the Park** – Chase Moore requested permission for the Community Arts Council of Blount County to sponsor a Concert in the Park Labor Day weekend, September 4 at 6:00 PM. The band is County Wyde. The event will be free for the community to come and enjoy a refreshing mixture of traditional country with southern rock. Kim Lee State Farm has agreed to sponsor this event. Davis made a motion to approve the concert in the park. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**October 1, 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Highland Lake 5K Run & Wag Walk** – Connie Vice, on behalf of the Lady Lakers, requested permission to use the roads, park and police department for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Highland Lake 5K Run and Wag Walk. Hanby made a motion to approve. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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**Update on donated generator** – Greg Posey reported the transfer switches were received today. He & Tim Moore will discuss their installation.

**The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.**

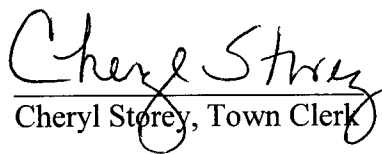
Marlin Vest commented that the county did a great job with the 2014 tornado clean up.

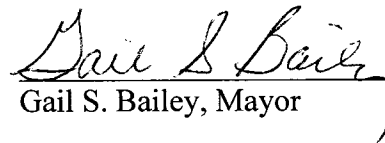
Ken Apperson questioned the cost to true pave a road. The response was \$35,000 per mile if the base is there.

Skip Davis reported a pothole on West Lakeshore Drive that needs repair.

With no other business to come before the council, Vice made a motion to adjourn. Davis seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

  
Gail S. Bailey, Mayor