

# Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ramzi Malek gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

## ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Donna Hanby and Council members Chase Moore, Carl Randall Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek. None absent.

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

Sharon Duke was elected to the vacant council seat and sworn in.

July 2, 2019 Work Session Minutes: Councilman Randall made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion passed.

June 4, 2019 Regular Council Minutes: Councilman Randall made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion passed.

Financial Report: Chase Moore gave the financial report. Councilman Randall motioned to accept the report. Councilman Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion passed.

## STANDNG COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dredging — Malek reported that plans are moving forward. Individuals will be providing quotes for the job by the September meeting.

Roads Committee – Chairwoman Bailey reported the new roads committee held their first meeting on 7/16/19 and second meeting on 7/29/19. Members discussed the amounts of money for roads and how to finance, look at outside contracts, fund raisers etc. She stated the County will come in to cut roads and will cut them further back than usual to help us out.

Lake Committee — The bouys have been shipped and should arrive in 2-3 days. Some of the extra hardware needed has been donated.

Ordinance Committee — Sharon Duke, Tim Moore, Gail Bailey and Sid Nelson were assigned to the Ordinance Committee.

BUILDING/GROUNDS: No Report

## OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported 27 contacts. Most were moving violations. Chief Kon reported an accident occurred on the lake. The Marine police were here and a report done. There was no major injury. Chief Kon reported the Tahoe transmission repairs had been made and thanked the Council. He then reported the

A/C went out on the Tahoe. Given heat index he requested approval to repair the A/C. Estimated cost would run between \$500-600. Councilman Nelson made a motion to get the A/C repaired with expense not exceeding \$800.00. Councilman Randall seconded. Roll Call, all voted yes. Motion carried. Chief Kon reported he had submitted his expenses for the Chief conference. Only charged Town mileage, he covered his meals. Chief Kon also reported a witness to the individual who broke another street light in the park. The individual drives a late model Mustang, black in color.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to discuss

Revisions to HL-14-01 Lake Preservation Committee was presented Councilman. Moore made a motion to suspend rules to vote on the amended ordinance. Councilman Randall seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass HL-14-01. Councilman Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Kon presented a request for a Public Safety Committee and an ordinance (HL19-03) for the committee for approval. He stated his hope was to create a 5 year plan. The new ordinance will serve the Town as a whole, as well as, those living within the Town's jurisdiction. The ordinance will enable Chief Kon to explore grants for the police department.

Councilman Moore made a motion to suspend rules to vote on the ordinance. Councilman Randall seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Council Moore made a motion adopt HL-19-03 Public Safety Committee ordinance. Councilwoman Duke seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Councilman Malek made a motion to accept Greg Posey and Tim Peek to 1 year term to the PS committee. Councilman Randall seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Councilman Randall motioned to accept Jonathan Simms and Sonny Ferguson to the PS Committee for a 2 year term. Councilman Moore Seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Councilman Moore made a motion to accept Aaron Murphy and John Hand to the PS committee for a 3 year term. Councilman Nelson seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Joe Hayden requested permission to hire Don Martin to cut the top of the Dam and cut a road to the bottom, and \$100 to purchase dye to find leaks in the dam. Councilman Nelson made a motion to have Don Martin cut the top of the dam, cut the road and purchase dye not to exceed \$100. Councilman Malek seconded. Roll call, Duke, Nelson, Randall, Hanby and Malek voted yes. Moore abstained. Motion carried.

A new discussion took place regarding finding a business or individual that would bring a dump truck to the town once a month for disposal of household items. Recommendations were made.


Russell Silvers proposed Highland Lake put on a fishing tournament. A lengthy discussion proceeded. Councilman Nelson made a motion to accept Mr. Silvers proposal on a 90 trial period. Tournament specifics to follow. Councilman Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

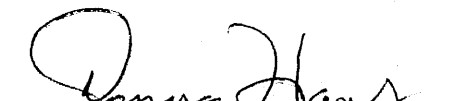
The need for additional chairs was presented by Mayor Handy. 24 are needed to bring seating up to 120 which is the Anchor capacity. Council Randall made a motion to purchase the chairs. Councilman Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

The question of "Joint-Use Easement" that was sold to individuals before the incorporation of the Town of Highland Lake was presented. Attorney Alex Smith will investigate this issue. Attorney Smith did say if the document is still valid, only one person per easement could get a permit. They would also have to show the card that shows the easement was paid for.

There being no further business of the council Councilman Moore made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02.

Respectfully submitted.

  
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Karen Murphy, Town Clerk

  
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Donna Hanby, Mayor

**Work Session** of The Town of Highland Lake was held August 6, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor Hanby called to order at 6:10 PM.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hanby  
Council Members: Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek, and Chase Moore.

**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Registered letters have been sent regarding ordinance issues. One-on-one interviews of the candidates interested in the vacant Council seat have taken place. Councilman Moore was nominated and appointed Mayor Pro Tem. The office internet speeds have been upgraded. No further action on the dump truck issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance-Lake Preservation Committee HL14-01: The Ordinance was introduced, discussed. Bill Rush is recommended to Chair the committee.

Scott Kon: Introduced Ordinance HL-19-03 to establish a Permanent Public Safety Committee. The new ordinance will serve the Town of Highland Lake as a whole rather than the lake portion, as well as, develop vision and longevity. Chief Kon introduced proposed Committee members: One Year-Greg Posey and Tim Peek; 2 Year-Jonathan Simms and Sonny Ferguson; 3 Year-Aaron Murphy and John Hand. **ADDENDUM:** Chief Kon requested a push forward on approving the Ordinance as there are grants available with critical deadlines.

Joe Hayden regarding the HL dam: Mr. Hayden requested approval to have Don Martin mow the top of the dam, cut a road to the dam's bottom and funds to purchase dye to be utilized to find leaks in the dam when the lake is lowered.

Request for HL to host a fishing tournament: Mr. Russell Silvers proposed establishing a fishing tournament as an effort to manage fish health and population. Various approaches were discussed.


Mayor Hanby informed the Council that we have 96 chairs available in the Anchor but the Rental Contract states there are 120 seats available. A discussion followed on change is style of chair or continue with what we have currently.

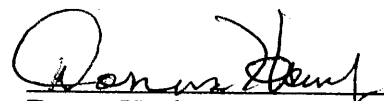
Lamps in the park- a second one broke making the total 3. Unfortunately, the way the lamps are made they cannot be repaired. Chief Kon stated a witness identified a teen in a late model mustang, black in color. He is sure the individual will return.

Mayor Hanby provided a list of Community Events coming up the remainder of 2019. August 18 is the Library Reading Series, October 13 is the Fall Festival and December 11 is the Christmas Brunch.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 6:38.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Karen Murphy, Town Clerk

  
Donna Hanby, Mayor

A **Special Called** meeting of The Town of Highland Lakewas held on August 26, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor Hanby called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call: Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Sharon Duke, Chase Moore were present. Chief Kon and Gail Bailey were also in attendance. Ramzi Malek arrived at 6:45.

Gail Bailey, Chairperson of the Roads committee gave an update of the Rebuild Alabama Act and the Roads Plan for Highland Lake. Parts of the Act are still being clarified. We may have to sign a memorandum regarding the contract. \$30,000.00 was requested for Roads in the 2019-2020 in the budget.

Resolution 19-02 Transportation Plan-Rebuild Alabama was presented for approval. Nelson made a motion to accept Resolution 19-02. Moore seconded. Roll Call, all voted yes. Motion passed.

Sharon Duke presented revisions to the Vicious Dog Ordinance by changing offence from a violation to a misdemeanor. This will impact Section 5 and Section 8.

Nelson motioned to suspend the rules to vote on the changes. Moore seconded. Roll call all voted yes. Motion passed.

Nelson motioned to change section 5 and 8 to Ordinance 11-2. Moore seconded. Roll call all voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Ben Vance was presented as the new auditor for 2018-2019. Randall made a motion to accept Mr. Vance as the Town Auditor. Malek seconded. Roll call all voted yes. Motion passed.

Moore made a motion to change the September 3, Council and Work session meeting to September 10 due to the Labor Day holiday. Nelson seconded. Roll call all voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Hanby presented the proposed 2019-2020 Budget to the Council for discussion and changes. A final budget will be presented at the September 10, 2019 meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Town Clerk

  
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Mayor

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF BLOUNT  
TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE**

**AN AMENDMENT TO  
ORDINANCE NUMBER HL 11-02**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL  
DOGS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS  
OF HIGHLAND LAKE**

**SECTION 5: VICIOUS DOGS**

It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in charge thereof to harbor or keep in the town a vicious dog unless the same is securely confined or bound in such a manner as to prevent such dog from biting or attacking a person or animal (including other dogs). **A dog being deemed vicious may not run at large.** Failure to comply with these restrictions will result in the owner being required to remove the dog from the town limits. It shall be Prima Facia evidence that a dog is a vicious dog if it should bite or attack any person whatever, or any other animal, such person or other animal at the time of the biting not being legally on the owner's premises.

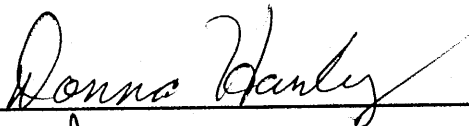
**SECTION 8: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

- (A) Any person convicted of violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for such violations by a fine and or confinement in the Blount County jail not to exceed 1 year:**

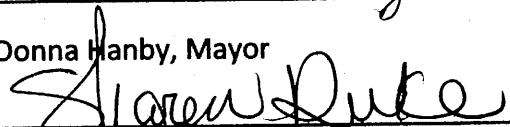
First violation not to exceed \$100.00 Additional  
violations not to exceed \$500.00 per violation

- (B) Any owner or person in charge thereof a vicious dog not in compliance with Section 5 shall be required to remove said dog from the town limits immediately and permanently.**

**AMENDMENT PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2019.**



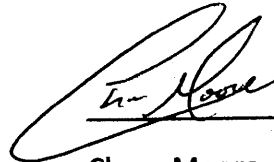
Donna Hanby, Mayor



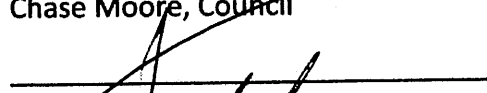
Sharon Duke, Council



Sid Nelson, Council



Chase Moore, Council



Carl Randall, Council



Ramzi Malek, Council

**ATTEST:**



Karen Murphy, Town Clerk