

# Work Session of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held a work session on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the work session to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Connie Vice  
Council members Chase Moore, Denise Adams, Donna Hanby, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

**ABSENT:** None

## Agenda items discussed:

Review of December 4, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda Items.

Municipal Workers Compensation – 2019 Workplace Safe Guidelines – the town receives a 3% discount on premium if safety guidelines are implemented and a safety coordinator assigned. The Mayor asked the council to let her know if anyone is interested in being the safety coordinator.

Update to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance will be made due to upcoming map revisions that will be effective March 2019. The updated ordinance will be introduced in January.

Date to lower lake next – Curt Atkinson, with C & C Contracting, could not attend meeting tonight to discuss plans. His commitment on timeframe and work plan is needed before decision can be made to lower lake in the fall of 2019.

Mayor Vice provided the response to the question from last month regarding OTELCO installing fiber optic facilities around the lake. The Mayor talked with Jason Fuller, Engineer at OTELCO. Priority is given to underserved areas. Highland Lake has coax around the lake because we have cable. Highland Lake is not an underserved area to get fiber because we don't have copper. OTELCO does have plans to expand in coax areas, but are not aware of specific plans and timeframes.

**Financial Audit for Year Ending September 30, 2018** – Lori Criswell, CPA reviewed the audit results with the council. The town's finances are comparable to last year. The town received a clean audit opinion. Mrs. Criswell commended the council for reviewing the financial report each month. Revenues were more than budgeted and expenses were less. The town has no debt and has CDs for savings. Mrs. Criswell stated we have good control.

**Take Home Car Policy for Police** - Councilmember Hanby stated she wanted to discuss why the take home car privilege for Chief Kon was rescinded. Hanby wants to make a motion during the regular meeting to return the car to Kon. Hanby read a letter to the Town Council from District Attorney Pamela Casey. Mayor Vice and Town Attorney Alex Smith advised the council does not need to discuss an open case in open session and recommended the letter not be read. Hanby continued reading the letter. Mayor Vice stated there are other issues for rescinding the police car other than the jurisdiction reason. Discussion took place.

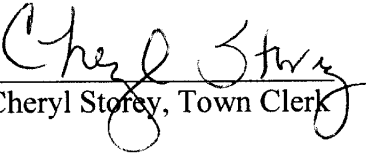
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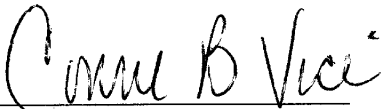
Work session opened to the public.

Other police issues discussed.

Work session adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

  
Connie B. Vice, Mayor