

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015 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 and Connie Vice
Absent: Council member Tim Peek

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also present.

January 5, 2015 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 monthly financial report. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Vice made a motion to renew a CD maturing this month at Hometown Bank with an APY of 1%. This is an increase from .75 APY. Davis seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake – Chairman Davis reported the committee met January 19 and recommends the following:

- Where the water is shallow enough, drive pilings in lieu of purchasing new buoys
- Continue to maintain the remaining buoys
- Install danger/shallow area signs where needed
- Install warning sign at spillway area

The committee will obtain hard numbers on the cost and present at the next meeting.

Ordinances – Chairman Ort reported the committee met and worked on the zoning ordinance. Preliminary work was also done on a new ordinance regarding derelict/unsafe structures that need to be removed and the penalties for non-compliance.

Buildings & Grounds – Chairman Donna Hanby reported the committee did not meet in January due to weather but will meet February 12.

Roads – Mayor Bailey reported that she and Commissioner Calvert traveled all the town roads that are scheduled for spring paving. Some of these roads were graded again last week. The roads are settling and will be paved in the April-May timeframe, once it is warmer. It must be 50 degrees at night consistently and 60 degrees during the day before the county can pave. FEMA will be paying for the paving.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill Rush reported the Dredging committee met and discussed the Tetra Tech report and possibilities. The dredging committee is going to hold off on Task 2, the watershed sediment source assessment for now. We have asked Tetra Tech how they can assist us on the following needs:

1. Brasher creek – The feasibility of dredging a 40 foot wide channel from the mouth of Brasher Creek up to the 7 foot water mark on page 4 of the May 2014 final report going down to the bedrock.
2. Brasher creek – Dredge from the end of the boat launch peninsula 40 feet wide up to the 7 foot water mark going down to the bedrock.
3. Dredging the silt around the boat launch and the boat docks down to the bedrock.
4. Sand Creek – Dredge down to bedrock from the mouth of sand creek in the area that is marked as 4 feet or lower on page 6 of the final report.
5. Feasibility study on building up the silt from the 2000 Sand Creek dredging materials to make a large hole to place future silt from the lake in that area. (see above)

The committee requested a working meeting with the council in the March timeframe. We need to determine what we want and then the cost. The council agreed to schedule a working meeting in March after we hear from Tetra Tech on the above needs.

OFFICER REPORT

The Mayor stated that Officer Joe Franklin has been released for duty. Everyone welcomed Officer Franklin back. The Mayor also reported that Chief Kon had hurt his knee last week while responding to a call for service. He is scheduled to have it checked next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution HL-15-01 – Display national motto “In God We Trust” in the Town Hall/Council Chambers. The town received an invitation from a non-profit organization called IN GOD WE TRUST-AMERICA to join a list of cities and counties across America that are voting yes to display our national motto in the chamber where we conduct the people’s business. Discussion took place. Vice made a motion to table. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes.

Resolution HL-15-02 – Surplus unneeded personal property – Trendnet wireless router and a Brother typewriter. Hanby made a motion to approve. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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Kenny Branch – new 24 x 12 pier & walkway – Mr. Branch is asking for a walkway and pier that would be a total of 45 feet from the bank due to the shallow water at his property location. Davis made a motion to table until we know the depth of water at 45 feet from bank. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor stated the town burn area at Sand Creek will be burned as soon as weather permits. All material that should not be burned, has been removed.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

With no other business to come before the council, Vice made a motion to adjourn. Davis seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Submitted 3-2-15

Approved 3-2-15

Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

Gail S. Bailey, Mayor