

# Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Greg Posey gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Connie Vice

Council members Chase Moore, Donna Hanby, Greg Posey, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek

Absent:

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

**January 9, 2018 Planning Session Minutes** – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**January 23, 2018 Work Session Minutes** – Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**January 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Posey made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Hanby also reported that one of the CDs at Hometown Bank will be renewing this month at 1%.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Roads** – Councilmember Moore reported no new Road Forms have been received. Also, samples of reflectors will be obtained from the county for the council to review for placement on street signs at all Highland Lake entrances. This may be a possible solution for the Road Form submitted regarding visibility at West Lakeshore Drive and CR29.

**Dredging** – Chairman Malek stated no new information since his January 23, 2018 report.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chairman Posey reported the Anchor deck is almost complete and thanked Tim Moore and volunteers who helped with this project. Also, a solar light was placed on the foot bridge and will be evaluated to see if additional lights should be purchased.

**Lake** – Chairman Nelson reported the committee met January 30, 2018 with the following recommendations:

- **Fish Study** – unanimous opinion of the Lake Committee that the Town should commission a study of the fish population of the lake and its health. It was also unanimous decision of the committee to recommend the acceptance of Southern Pond Professional quote to provide this service.

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Malek made a motion to approve the \$2500.00 quote from Southern Pond Professionals to provide the fish study. Hanby seconded. Roll call. Moore, Hanby, Nelson, Malek and Vice voted yes. Posey abstained. Motion carried.

- **Lake Clean-up** – The committee proposed a clean-up day for Saturday, April 21 @ 9:00 AM.
- **Spillway Safety Marking** – The Lake Committee readdressed spillway safety marking as discussed at the December 5, 2017 Work Session and January 9, 2018 Planning Session. Based on review of all material the committee recommendation is the town has met the responsibility of adequately marking the spillway.

Hanby made a motion to accept the Lake Committee's recommendation that the town has met the requirements regarding spillway safety marking. Posey seconded. Roll call. Malek, Hanby, Posey, Nelson and Vice voted yes. Moore abstained. Motion carried.

- **Dam signage** – no trespassing signs are posted at the dam to keep folks off of it for liability reasons.

The committee also discussed the following: (1) price and place solar powered lights on post markers for safety and (2) determine the most cost effective way to upgrade existing buoys.

## OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon discussed the 1033 program/State Law Enforcement Support Office and surplus property being available that is usable to the police department.

Kon also reported that someone dumped a trash compactor and a dog kennel on West Lakeshore Drive. This is being investigated. Kon reminded everyone to call 911 if suspicious vehicles are seen in the community.

Chief Kon also mentioned to remind contractors that they need business licenses to work in the community.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**Cindy Massey – Incumbent candidate for Circuit Clerk** – Mrs. Massey introduced herself and her spouse. Mrs. Massey has served as Circuit Clerk for the last three years. The main goal for the next six years is to continue to provide good public service. Mrs. Massey thanked the council and asked for their vote in the upcoming election.

**Ron Chastain – Candidate for Sheriff** – Mr. Chastain introduced himself and his family. Mr. Chastain has worked with the sheriff's office full time/reserve time for over 27 years. Mr. Chastain stated the sheriff's department needs to go in a different direction with accountability being an important item. Mr. Chastain thanked the council and asked for their vote in the upcoming election.

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**Ordinance HL-18-01 – Adopt the 2015 International Building Code** was introduced by Building Inspector Tim Moore.

**Ordinance Introduce HL-18-02 was introduced – Manage and control vegetation and flora on and/or within community owned or controlled property.** An update was made to include managing/controlling the addition of vegetation into the lake.

**Playground mulch for swing set area in the park** – Playground mulch is not bark but interior dense wood, maple or poplar that does not splinter. The quote from Earthworks for 25 yards is \$1231.13. The Lady Lakers have agreed to pay \$750.00 of this amount. Balance for the town would be \$481.13. Posey made a motion to approve the \$481.13 expense. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Paul Latham – add electrical (boat lift and lights) to new boathouse** – Hanby made a motion to approve plans. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Reflectors on street signs at Highland Lake entrances** – everyone agreed to table this issue until examples are obtained from Commissioner Calvert.

**Suspend rules to amend agenda** – Moore made a motion to suspend the rules to amend agenda to address retaining wall for Fred Harvey and carpet quote for Anchor. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Fred Harvey – add retaining wall** – Retaining wall that had to be built in the process of repairs from boathouse storm damage. Nelson made a motion to approve plans. Posey seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.


**Replace carpet in Anchor** – A quote of \$3844.80 from Sherwin Williams was reviewed to replace the carpet in the Anchor with carpet squares. Moore made a motion to approve the quote. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Marlin Vest suggested a street light be installed by the Brasher Creek Bridge. Councilmember Moore will discuss with Commissioner Calvert. Vest also questioned the status of the town boat slips. The boat slips will be torn down in the spring.

With no other business to come before the council, Hanby made a motion to adjourn. Moore seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

  
Connie B. Vice, Mayor