

# Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tim Moore 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: None

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

**January 10, 2017 Work Session Minutes** – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Posey seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** – Council member Hanby gave the monthly financial report. Nelson made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried. Hanby reported the CD that is maturing at Hometown Bank this month will be renewed.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ordinances** – Chairman Hanby reported once committee members have been obtained the committee will look at a noise ordinance and Section 4 of Constructing Boathouses ordinance.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chairman Posey reported he has a committee and they will meet before the next council meeting.

**Lake** – Chairman Nelson reported he has two confirmed members. Nelson will be meeting with Skip Davis to transition open issues.

**Dredging** – Chairman Malek reported a meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 13.

**Roads** – Chairman Moore plans to meet with Commissioner Dean Calvert on Wednesday, February 8.

Mayor Vice applauded Commissioner Calvert and the county for the quick removal of debris from a tree cut down on Kennedy Drive by Alabama Power.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

## OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported it has been an interesting month. The Highland Lake Police Department worked with the U.S. Marshalls in the capture of a fugitive that allegedly murdered someone in Birmingham. Also, a report of a strange vehicle in the town was reported and items stolen from someone's porch. The suspect was captured and is in jail. Kon encouraged everyone to call 911 when you notice strange vehicles or anything suspicious.

Maintenance work will be done on the police truck.

Photos will be taken of the two town pontoon boats for advertising on govdeals.com.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Work Proposal to enlarge pond area by boardwalk in park (inlet area by boardwalk)** – Hanby made a motion to approve proposal from C&C Contracting for \$6400.00. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Marlin Vest – request to prorate town boat slip rental due to lake being lowered and drought** – Posey made a motion to deny request due to the overall impact. Moore seconded. Hanby, Nelson, Moore, Posey and Vice voted yes to deny request. Malek abstained. Motion carried. Mayor Vice explained that with the planned lowering of the lake and the unplanned drought, everyone was impacted with no access to the lake. Mr. Vest thanked the council for considering his request.

**Lake Access for residents that live off water** – At the January 10 council meeting, Ms. Laura Parenteau mentioned the Community Block Grant being approved on the condition the town provide a swimming area. The Mayor stated she reviewed the Community Block Grant and the town is in compliance with the grant. The town does provide public access to the lake and its properties. The town does not have a designated swimming area.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Introduce Ordinance HL-17-01 – Regulate Wrecker Towing Service** – Chief Kon introduced a proposed ordinance to add rotation wrecker service companies in the town. With this ordinance, the town can control wrecker rates. The ordinance was introduced with one change to Section 4B –Garage Liability Policy changed to reflect that this policy will be in the minimum combined single limit in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). This ordinance will be voted on at the March council meeting.

**Resolution HL-17-02 – Surplus Unneeded Tables & Tools** – Posey made a motion to approve the resolution. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Blount Sav-A-Life Annual 5K Run – April 22, 2017** – Moore made a motion to approve the annual 5K run. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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**Aaron Murphree – add two boat lifts & electrical to existing boathouse** – Nelson made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Moore made a motion to suspend the rules to amend the meeting agenda. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

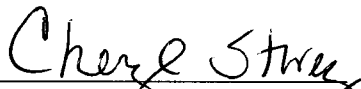
**Proposal to move town website to smart device platform and create town Facebook page** – Moore made a motion to approve the \$425.00 cost to move the town website to a smartphone savvy platform and add town Facebook page. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**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, Hanby made a motion to adjourn. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

  
Connie B. Vice, Mayor