

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor pro tem Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Ranzi Malek gave the invocation. The Council led the pledge of allegiance.

A letter was read by Councilman Carl Randall from Connie Vice in which she stated that she resigned as of April 2, 2019.

A letter of resignation from Cheryl Story was read by Mayor Hanby. She resigned as of April 1, 2019

A motion was made by Chase Moore and seconded by Ramzi Malek to have Mayor pro tem Donna Hanby to be responsible for the minutes until a Clerk is hired. Roll call, All voted yes. Motion passed

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor pro tem Donna Hanby
Council members Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

Councilman Chase Moore arrived at 7:28pm Absent: None

Town Attorney, Alex Smith was also in attendance.

March 5 2019 Work Session Minutes - Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes - Randall made a motion to approve the minutes. Nelson seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report - Donna Hanby gave the monthly financial report. Nelson made a motion to approve as presented. Randall seconded it. Roll call/. All voted yes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roads - Chairman Moore reported that his Committee met. Having a sales tax in the town of Highland Lake was discussed. Pros and cons were discussed and it was decided to table the discussion until we do further research.

Ordinance - Chairman Hanby reported there was no meeting of the Ordinance Committee.

Lake - Chairman Nelson reported that the bait fish have been added to the lake. He thanked Sam & Allie Pearson for removing the dead deer from the lake that had been reported by residents.

Dredging - Chairman Malek reported about the potential complications of what we are going to do especially in Sand Creek, We are going to do ask a few opinions weather to go with regular dredging or building a peninsula. We will make a decision according to what they tell us.

Buildings and grounds - Chairman Randall reported there was a lot of work to be done in the park. He asked for approval to spend \$1570 to trim all the bushes, putting pine straw down, dead bushes removed and replaced, etc. Randall also had a quote of \$3680 for removing dead trees, dead limbs from park. His third proposal was for trimming Christmas tree, Bradford pears , and crepe myrtles for about \$1500. The quotes were received from Blountsville Landscape and Nursery. It was decided we would wait until fall to consider the third proposal. Chairman Randall listed other projects that would need consideration - replace flag and bulb that shines on it, garage door rotted at bottom, gazebo needs to be stained. Projects he will look into in the fall is putting French drains in the park, and sprinkler system in park. An amphitheater in the park is another idea he mentioned. The amphitheater would be funded by a grant.

OFFICER REPORT

Chief Koh reported 95.5 hours worked for March.

Dispatch for Highland Lake Police Department 37 reportable contact

14 traffic related 1 medical

2 dog complaints

2. Persons with a gun

Expenditures: oil changes on 2 vehicles

Personnel issues

Chief Kon asked the council to approve the Merit Boards decision to reinstate Officer Buchanan. Chase made a motion. Ramzi seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief Kon reported he would like to hire at least one additional Officer besides Office Buchanan. Officer Buchanan is working full time for the Sheriff's office and will not be able to work as many hours as he did in the past. The council agreed it would be wise to hire a third Officer. The number of hours worked will stay within the police budget

If the town plans to receive the jet ski we need to show proof of insurance before we can receive the jet ski.

ZONING BOARD

The Zoning Board has posted an opening with the departure of Carl Randall who is now serving on the council. Anyone who is interested should let the Clerk know.

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NEW BUSINESS

There was debate on getting a dumpster for residents in the town for a weekend this Spring. The cost of renting a dumpster has gone up considerably. Other methods of providing this service was discussed and will be looked into.

Mayor Hanby reported that she has moved a CD that came due on April 10th from Cadence Bank to Hometown Bank to get a 2.75% rate. The CD is for 18 months.

Carl Randall made a motion to approve to spend \$1570 to trim all the bushes, putting out pine straw and remove and replace dead bushes. Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Carl Randall made a motion to approve to spend \$3680 for removing dead trees and dead limbs from several trees. Malek seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval to accept resignation of Connie Vice. Chase made a motion. Carl seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval to accept resignation of Cheryl Storey. Ramzi made a motion.. Chase seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of updates to Ordinance HL 19-01(Flood Damage Prevention

Ramzi made a motion to approve. Carl seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion Carried.

Repeal Ordinance HL05-01 (Rental, Us & Maintenance of Boat Slips) Sid made a motion. Ramzi seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried.


Repeal Ordinance HL 05-02 (Rental for Boat Slips) Carl made motion. Ramzi seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Amendment of Ordinance HL 05-04 (Regulating the use of Town of Highland Lake Property) Carl made a motion. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was open to the public. Karen Murphy volunteered to help the town out by working in the office.

Malek made a motion to adjourn. Nelson seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hanby, Mayor Pro Tem 

Karen H. Murphy, Town Clerk 