

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chase Moore gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Connie Vice
Council members Chase Moore, Donna Hanby, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

Absent:

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

February 5, 2019 Work Session Minutes – Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes – Hanby 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. Hanby reported for legal expenses all but \$250.00 was for the police situation. YTD \$7395.00 has been spent on police related expenses. A CD is maturing this month and will be moved and renewed. Moore made a motion to approve, as presented. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ordinances – Chairman Hanby reported the committee met (report attached).

Lake – Chairman Nelson provided additional information regarding Shiner Fish Procurement (attached)

Dredging – Chairman Malek reported the lake will be lowered after Labor Day 2019. Details are being worked out with the contractor.

Roads – Chairman Moore reported the committee met February 26. Topics discussed include prioritizing the town roads and how to obtain additional revenue for road work. The committee will meet with Commissioner Calvert at the end of the month regarding expenses so we will know how much money is needed. Moore also obtained a quote of \$7375.00 from Tree Medics for removing/trimming hazardous trees/limbs around all the town roads. Two more quotes are expected. Councilmember Nelson suggested Alabama Power may be able to provide assistance with this project.

Lakeshore Loop had an issue with the recent heavy rains washing out gravel. The county has patched up these areas. Lakeshore Loop will be paved in May. Moore thanked District 3 and their workers.

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OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported for the month of February at Highland Lake:

Expenditures: Annual membership fee for AACOP 2019 of \$100 was paid. Winter conference fees and reimbursable expenditures for travel and food were paid resulting in a conference cost of \$837.27 (slightly under the anticipated \$1000).

The Tahoe had a mechanical failure of the alternator - \$129.68 for replacement/repair.

Hours worked for February: Total 110.25

- Police Hours – 85
- Education/Conference Hours – 25.25

Dispatch for Highland Lake Police Department:

22 Contacts

- 11 – Traffic Related
- 1 – Non-traffic
- 10 – other law enforcement related activities

Citations/Court Appearances/Arrests:

- Citations: 1 UTC, 1 UNTC
- Court Appearances: None
- Arrests: None
 - Recovered 10.4 grams meth amphetamine (distribution weight), street value \$1000
 - Recovered 9.2 grams of marijuana street (street value \$180)
 - Will result in a grand jury case, no arrest/referred to grand jury

No planned expenditures for March 2019.

Old Business:

An old inoperable computer and printer were surplus during the February town council meeting.

Chief Kon attended and completed the 2019 AACOP Winter Conference.

Confirmation of Jet Ski availability is established and a pickup date of Saturday, April 13, 2019 is anticipated. The Town of Highland Lake will need to secure proof of coverage of the watercraft vessel before the anticipated pickup. Proof of coverage will be necessary for initially securing the transfer and during the duration of the loan of the watercraft vessel.

New Business:

Chief Kon received formal notification dated February 5, 2019 of a municipal rate hike from \$10 to \$15 per day for housing of an inmate at the Blount County Correctional Facility. Evidently, this hike was initiated under the previous administration of Sheriff Arrington and effective November of 2018 and was not available for consideration during fiscal budget of 2019.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Blount County Correctional Facility – Ron Adkins, Captain – letter received regarding municipal rate hike for Blount County Correctional Facility and Billing Summary. Captain Ron Adkins will be attending the April Work Session to introduce himself and address questions.

Appalachian High School – Mayor Vice read a letter from Sheila Gargus, Technology/Career Teacher thanking the Town for funding the Blount County Education grant that helped purchase the Nikon D5600 Camera and accessories for high school students in grades nine through twelve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Vacancy Nominations – Moore made a motion to nominate Carl Randall to fill the council vacancy. Hanby seconded. Roll call. Nelson, Malek, Hanby and Moore voted yes. Vice abstained. Motion carried.

Oath of Office Administered – Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk, administered the oath of office to Carl Randall.

Update to Ordinance HL-19-01 – Flood Damage Prevention – the updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps will be effective March 21, 2019. FEMA requested minor revisions to the ordinance that was approved by the council in February. The revisions are needed to be in compliance with National Flood Insurance Program minimum requirements and the State Model. Moore made a motion to immediately consider the revisions to the ordinance. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried. Hanby made a motion to approve the revisions and ordinance. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Lake Management – Quote for Stocking Feeder Fish – Councilmember Nelson provided information during the Lake Committee report. Nelson stated the fish are on their way.

NEW BUSINESS

Repeal of Ordinance HL-05-01 (Rental, Use & Maintenance of Boat Slips) was introduced. Since the Town boat slips have been removed, this ordinance no longer applies.

Repeal of Ordinance HL-05-02 (Rental for Boat Slips) was introduced. Since the Town boat slips have been removed, this ordinance no longer applies.

Amendment of Ordinance HL-05-04 (Regulating the use of Town of Highland Lake Property) was introduced. The section regarding town boat slips was removed. The road right of way was added to Section 1, and the lake use ordinance number was changed to reflect the most current ordinance.

Blount Sav-A-Life Annual 5K Run at Highland Lake – April 20, 2019 – Moore made a motion to approve. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Paula Blass – Enlarge pier – Nelson made a motion to approve plans based on the building inspector's final approval and dimensions. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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Donna Hanby – Motor for Town Boat & Getting Boat Ready to Use – Chief Kon to obtain an estimate on a boat motor.

Joe Hayden – Town Leadership – Mr. Hayden asked to be removed from the agenda.

Daylily Bed in Park – Lady Laker Project – Gail Bailey requested preliminary permission for the Lady Lakers to clean out the daylily bed in the park and redo the bed to make it smaller. The extra daylily plants would be sold. The funds from the sale of the daylilies would be used to hire labor to clean out the bed. Any extra income would be used for town projects. Nelson made a motion to approve this project and for the Lady Lakers to use the income as they see fit. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened to the public.

Questions/discussion took place regarding the police jet ski loaner program.

Marlin Vest made everyone aware of a debit card scam.

Randall made a motion to adjourn. Nelson seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

Connie B. Vice, Mayor