# 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 team 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.

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**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.

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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

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA

The Highland Lake Town Council held a special meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019. Mayor Hanby called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PRESENT; Mayor Donna Hanby Council Members. Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson,

Ramzi Malek arrived at 6:15pm AGENDA: Review applicants for Town Clerk and other town business

Mayor Hanby informed the council that a CD that came due at Cadence Bank was moved To Hometown Bank to get th3 higher interest rate of 2.75%.

There was discussion over the 7 applications received for the Town Clerk position. During the discussion, it was narrowed down to 2 applicants and interviews were set up with both applicants. Interviews will be conducted at the special meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2018.

There was some discussion about the pond.

Sid made a motion to adjourn and Ramzi seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hanby, Mayor pro tem

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## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA

The Highland Lake Town Council held a special meeting on Friday, April 13, 2019 Mayor Hanby called the meeting to order at 12:20pm in the Library.

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Hanby

Council Members Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

ABSENT; None

AGENDA; Hire a Town Clerk

Moore made a motion to suspend rules for normal proceedings. Nelson Seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

This meeting was called by the Mayor to interview 2 candidates for the position of Town Clerk and then fill the position.

At 12:30pm Jennifer Alderson was interviewed At 1:30pm Karen Murphy was interviewed.

After the interviews the council discussed the candidates and then made a decision. A motion was made by Mayor Hanby to offer the position to Karen Murphy. The Council voted unanimously to offer Karen Murphy the job of Town Clerk with a Salary of \$15.00 per hour.

The offer was made to Karen and she accepted.

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Malek made a motion to adjourn. Nelson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted. .

Donna Hanby, Mayor pro tem

Work Session of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

Thes April 2, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor prot tem Donna Hanby

Council members: Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Donna Hanby, Ramzi Malek

APSENT; Chase Moore

The Highland Lake Town Council held a work session on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor Hanby called the work session to order at 6:05pm

Sheriff talked about the new price changes in the holding of prisoners. Chief Kon informed us about the progress on obtaining motor for boat. Ordinances will be coming up for approval including Flood Ordinance.

Pier changes on Brenda Neils pier will be coming up for approval. Buildings and grounds recommendations for long and short term.projects. Getting person to fill vacancy on Board.

Discussion on getting a dumpster for the town residents in the spring.

Discussion on Ordinance of limiting the Mayor on spending over \$500 Without approval.

Brasher Creek Berm clean out. Probably 5,000, to 6,000. discussion of run off of water from the tomato fields or tree farm — does it have run off rom the tomato fields.

Dam inspection, and erosion on back side of dam. Getting vegetation taken care of on dam. Projects for when lake is lowered.

Dredging for Sand Creek was discussed — Tetratec version vs building a berm

Discussion of Officer Bucks reinstatement.

Work session adjourned at 6:50pm.

Donna Hanby

Respectively submitted,

Donna Hanby, Mayor pro tem