

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING

Town of Highland Lake Town Council

February 01, 2021

6:30 pm

Meeting Location:

The Anchor - 612 Lakeshore Dr. Highland Lake, AL 35121

The Highland Lake Town Council held its Regular Session. Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chase Moore gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council Members Attending: Mayor Donna Hanby, Ramzi Malek, Chase Moore,
Carl Randall, Greg Posey, Sid Nelson

Council Members Absent: none

Others Present: Alex Smith, Attorney, Scott Kon, Police Chief, Tim Moore,
Building Inspector and Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Carl Randall made the motion to accept the January 04 Work Session Minutes, Chase Moore seconded, vote results: Sid Nelson, Greg Posey abstained, all other voted yes. Motion passed.

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Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – no report

Lake Preservation: Bill Rush - Sid Nelson reported that MBA had performed a visual inspection of the dam and spillway. Several issues need addressing and the Lake Preservation Committee agreed to pursue a certified engineering firm to include a core sampling and perform a formal inspection. Dredging of Sand Creek was discussed with further attention given to purchasing a Dino 6 for dredging. Eagle Dynamic is the proposed dealer and after a decision is made by council and final payment is received, there would be a 4 – 6-week period to build the equipment. Brasher Creek is complete except for seeding grass. The boat launch berm is in the final stages on the construction of a concrete wall, back filling the wall and smoothing and seeding grass. Also, the spillway gate is still open and as soon as concrete work is complete at

the boat launch and the water is at a safe level, the gate will be closed. One final item discussed was possible sites for two retention ponds to collect silt coming into the lake.

Lake: Sid Nelson - No report

Dredging: Ramzi Malek – no report

Ordinance: Sid Nelson – Sid reported that the speed limit ordinance was complete and would be introduced later in the evening.

Public Safety –Greg Posey reported that he and Scott are working on a list of possible new members and will present at next meeting.

Roads Committee: Chase Moore and Gail Bailey – Gail Bailey reported that the culvert work at the Anchor was complete with the exception of smoothing out dirt and planting grass. All culvert work between Brasher Creek and Lakeshore Circle is complete. Ditches on Lakeshore Drive have been cleaned out by the County and other roads will follow. Mrs. Bailey reported that she is working on alternative pricing options for the road bed recovery and repaving of Lakeshore Drive.

Officer Report: Chief Kon noted that the Alabama Winter Chief conference will be held February 28 – March 3rd for continuing education credit and requested that he attend. Chase Moore made the motion to approve and Sid Nelson seconded. Vote was approved unanimously. He also announced that officer Mike Collins is back after an extended absence.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Hanby updated the council on the roof leak in the Anchor. There is extensive damage from leaking at the old chimney location. The damage is behind the kitchen wall and will have to be dismantled and rebuilt. The chimney will be removed and roof replaced in that location. This is a permanent solution, however, costly. The council discussed capping the expense at \$18,221. which was the bid received to complete the entire job versus just patching the problem which could result in future problems. Sid Nelson made the motion and Greg Posey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mayor Hanby announced that effective immediately, she would like for all standing committees to meet four (4) times annually and submit an up-to-date list of all members by next meeting.

Mayor Hanby discussed creating/extending Ordinance for abandoned property. The property at 122 Lakeshore Lane has an abandoned mobile home which has been there for well over 20 years. Also, the house beside it is in disrepair. A certified letter will be mailed to the owner seeking a resolution.

Lady Laker's requested use of Anchor for May 7th for Arts and Crafts show. Sid Nelson made the motion to approve, with Greg Posey seconding. Vote passed unanimously.

Mayor Hanby mentioned that she is still pursuing grants for the Town. She also discussed meeting with NRCS (Natural Resources), Mary Gaines to discuss lake preservation. The entire town will be invited when a date is set.

Ordinance HL 2022-01 changing the Town's speed limits, was introduced and Sid Nelson made the motion to accept with Carl Randall seconding. Vote was taken upon advisement of attorney deeming it unnecessary to hold for 30 days. Ramzi Malek voted no, with all other voting yes. Vote passed.

Mayor Hanby introduced Ordinance HL 2022-02 Sales and Use Tax within Police Jurisdiction, Ordinance HL 2022-04 Gasoline and Liquid Motor Fuel Tax (does not include off-road diesel fuel, kerosene oil, fuel oil, or crude oil, within Police Jurisdiction and also Ordinance HL 2022-03 Lodging or Accommodations, within Police Jurisdiction. These Ordinances are online and posted at the Town Hall. A vote will be taken Tuesday, March 1st.

Ramzi Malek requested more itemized information on the FEMA and Covid monies received.

Mayor Hanby asked for any questions from the audience. Resident Karen Hawkins asked if any further actions had been taken regarding the September petition to reduce minimum square footage. Sid Nelson, ordinance committee chair, replied there was no real appetite at this time, as it is pending possible litigation and under the advisement of our attorney.

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor