

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING
Town of Highland Lake Town Council
February 02, 2021

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 7:00 p.m. Ramzi Malek gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council Members Attending: Mayor Donna Hanby, Chase Moore, Greg Posey, Carl Randall
Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek
Council Members Absent: None
Others Present: Alex Smith, Attorney, Police Chief Scott Kon, Joan Shirley, Clerk

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the January 05, 2021 Work Session minutes as written, Greg Posey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the January 05, 2021 Regular Session minutes as written, Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chase Moore made the motion to approve the January 26, 2021 Special Meeting as written, Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – No report

Lake Preservation: Bill Rush reported on the dam and spillway. He announced that John Hand has agreed to assist in inspections. There will be a meeting on February 17, 2021 of the Dam Committee.

Lake: Sid Nelson reported he will contact Curtis of C & C about the repairs involving FEMA and it was emphasized that the project could only be to build back and not improve. Sid also reported that the cleanup on Lakeshore at Brasher Creek was completed by Lamar Moore and everyone agreed that he had done an excellent job.

Dredging: Ramzi noted that the Lake Preservation Committee is handling everything at the moment, since FEMA is also involved.

Public Safety: Jonathan Sims – no report. Greg Posey, who is on the committee, volunteered to give report in Jonathan’s absence.

Roads: Chase Moore & Gail Bailey. Gail Bailey gave an overview of purposed spending on roads for 2021. The resurfacing will include Lakeshore Circle, Sunset Blvd., West Sunset Blvd., and East Sunset Blvd. The full report is attached. With all proposed road repairs costing \$89, 603.00, the amount left in the Road’s account at year end would be \$2,159.38.

The need for minor road tools and supplies was also presented as follows, with pricing purchased from the County:

- Titan Post Driver \$ 769.99
- 6’ Post – 100 @ \$9.80 each \$ 980.00
- Red delineator reflectors 150 @ \$1.10 ea. \$ 165.00
- Also, extra stop signs & post \$ 75.25

The Council agreed to spend up to \$2,500.00. Chase Moore made the motion to approve with Ramzi Malek seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer Report:

Chief Kon announced that Herb Rosenbaum, our new police officer has started to work. He also made the Council aware that Officer Buchannan would be retiring in the near future, but not right now.

Chief Kon asked permission to attend the Winter Conference in Montgomery, February 15th – 18th. Greg Posey made the motion to send Scott to conference, Chase Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Mayor Hanby reminded everyone of previously approved, upcoming fee increases in Business License for sub-contractors (\$75 - \$90) Lake Use Fees for waterfront property (\$100 - \$200) Inspection Fees. (\$40 - \$50)
2. Violation Form – It was decided to re-think the procedure of handling violations in-house , after conferring with Attorney Alex Smith.
3. A decision to table \$35.00 daily boat permit for non-residents due to lack of interest and opposition from residents and council members.
4. FEMA project is proceeding after 3 inspections and we are awaiting Blount County Commission to break down cost for Vista, Bear Creek Circle, and the culvert on Lakeshore.
5. Brasher Creek cleanup is complete.

New Business:

1. Discussed option for online payments to Town website. Credit card options, Pay Pal, Quick Books, Square etc. will be explored.
2. Mayor Hanby announced Valentine's Dinner & Dance at The Warehouse in Oneonta sponsored by Community Arts.
3. Senior Farmer's Market program was mentioned and included in February Newsletter.
4. Reviewed Boating and Park rules – reminder to keep dogs on leash
5. Buck Buchanan will continue working for the present, but will be retiring as he has moved to Shelby County.
6. Plans for Don & Sherry Timberlake at 510 Lakeshore Lane - boat house/pier was presented. Chase Moore made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Stepping stones installation completed at walking bridge.
8. Chase Moore called to suspend the rules for the meeting to discuss changing the start time of future council meetings to 6:30 p.m. Sid Nelson seconded and motion passed unanimously.
9. After a short discussion, it was decided to amend Ordinance HL 00-11 which establishes rules of procedure for council meetings and change the start time to 6:30 for the Regular Session of future meetings. Carl Randall made the motion to accept and Greg Posey seconded. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Chase Moore seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously and Mayor Hanby adjourned meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor