

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING

Town of Highland Lake Town Council

April 05, 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 6:50 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,
Greg Posey, Sid Nelson

Council Members Absent: Carl Randall

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

Greg Posey made the motion to accept the March 01, Work Session Minutes, Ramzi Malek seconded, vote results. Motion passed unanimously.

Chase Moore made the motion to accept the March 01, Regular Session Minutes, Sid Nelson seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall absent – Mayor Hanby noted that all supplies needed for mulching the playground area had been received. The landscape fabric and border can be installed now; while additional equipment needs, to move the heavy mulch into position, are addressed.

Lake Preservation: Bill Rush - Bill reported that Shoal Engineering's chief engineer has presented a proposal for the development of a masterplan to address sedimentation within Highland Lake. The proposal has been submitted to the Lake Preservation Committee for their review. Also, MBA is working up a proposal on the dam and spillway.

Bill also mentioned that in pursuing dredging equipment possibilities, he learned that the Birmingham Waters Works owns dredging equipment at their Shades Mountain location. He is interested in seeing the dredging equipment in operation as this could provide a local source. Bill is still checking on its availability for a demonstration.

Lake: Sid Nelson – No additional report

Dredging: Ramzi Malek – no additional report

Ordinance: Sid Nelson – Sid noted that he has talked with committee members to schedule an upcoming Ordinance Committee meeting. No date has yet to be set.

Public Safety –Greg Posey reported the generator has been placed on the new concrete pad and is ready for an electrical contractor to install. Scott and Greg are still pursuing a bucket for the bobcat. Also discussed was transferring the Ribcraft boat to Oneonta after Scott removes the item from the LESO program.

Roads Committee: Chase Moore and Gail Bailey. – Gail Bailey reported on the Road Committee meeting held Monday, April 4th. The County Commissioner, Engineer and Supervisor for our district were also present. Road construction needs for the town were discussed and various options laid out. The current cost proposal for doing the first section of reclamation of Lakeshore Drive starting for the second section will be between \$88,000 and \$100,000. Work would begin after the 4th of July.

Officer Report: Chief Kon announced Alabama Municipal Insurance has developed new hiring procedures for any additional policemen hired, to include psychological screening. At this time, Greg Posey made the motion to amend the agenda to add the possible vote of a new policeman for the town. Ramzi Malek seconded with the following vote, passing unanimously. Chief Kon introduced the name of Ron Chastain as a possible candidate for the position. Sid Nelson made the motion to accept and Chase Moore seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. All repairs to the Anchor are complete and kitchen cabinets have been re-installed.
2. The mayor discussed continued grant possibilities and noted that the last grant applied for was not granted due to an excess of applicants.
3. Saturday, April 23rd was decided upon as a Town workday for installing mulch in the playground area.
4. Tim Moore noted that the boat launch area will be completed as soon as it was dry enough.

New Business:

1. Library project of Caterpillars to Butterflies is on display in the library until mid -April when butterflies will be released in the park.

2. The permit for Josh Beck's dock was delayed until next meeting due to size and positioning questions. Tim Moore will do further research.
3. After a discussion involving Chief Kon regarding the sale of a partial year boat decal, Sid Nelson made the motion to table any further discussion at this time, of allowing half year fishing permits. Chase Moore seconded. Vote was unanimous.
4. After a brief discussion, Sid Nelson made the motion to approve lowering the cost of the annual fee for Non-Resident fishing permits to \$450.00. Ramzi Malek seconded and a unanimous approval followed.
5. There was a discussion regarding a one-time credit of \$100.00 for all current 2021 non-resident fishing license holders. For those renewing in 2022, Greg Posey made the motion to allow the credit and Sid Nelson seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

Sid Nelson made the motion to adjourn and Chase Moore seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor