

Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

Town of Highland Lake Town Council Meeting, May 04, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Meeting Location:

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

Minutes of the Regular Session

The Highland Lake Town Council held its Regular Session with Mayor Donna Hanby calling the meeting to order at 6:30. The Invocation was given by Chase Moore. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Council Members Absent: Ramzi Malek

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

Carl Randall made the motion to approve April Work Session Minutes and Chase Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chase Moore made the motion to approve April Regular Session Minutes after clarifying a change which had previously been made to the April minutes. Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee & Officer Reports

Building & Grounds – Carl Randall reported a new Crepe Myrtle tree had been planted at the entrance to the Town Hall along with rock containment and pine straw. Also, the lighting project in the park and Town sign had been completed.

Lake Preservation Committee – (1) Bill Rush presented a proposal by MBA for an aerial dam and spillway inspection to be made when the water level is low and spillway is not in use as much, possibly in the fall. The cost of the inspection would be \$2,350.00. Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the proposal and Greg Posey seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Bill also presented photos of an area that is washing out on the dam road and several ideas were discussed to solve the problem. Bill Rush noted that all previous dam inspection paperwork will need to be located and reviewed before that time. Also, additional vegetation remediation will be needed later in the summer, possibly July. A quarterly ground dam inspection will be performed by John Hand. (2) C & C Construction will be presenting a proposal to repair berm at Brasher Creek and boat launch, with Sand Creek coming later. (3) Lily pad issue was detailed with four specific areas addressed, those being the boat launch, bridge, right of island and Long Hollow. Two methods of removal were

mentioned and bids are being pursued. Kellis Vegetation provides chemical eradication and Tucker removes the lily pads at the roots.

Lake Committee – Sid Nelson

Dredging – Ramzi Malek

Public Safety Committee – Jonathan Sims, Greg Posey – no report

Roads Committee – Chase Moore & Gail Bailey – Road paving on Sunset and pothole repair in progress.

Chief Scott Kon – Report on Communications, etc. – Chief Kon noted that the Tahoe and Dodge need tune-up and Dodge needs tires. All of which are presently budgeted. A new police candidate's name, Michael Collins was presented to be voted on. Chase Moore made the motion and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Also discussed, was the forthcoming 911 service which is expected to cost less than previously discussed and the need to have the Rib Craft boat appraised before being added to GovDeals.com. The breach of the Town's computer was addressed and Chief Kon acknowledged that the unit is at the FBI and there is no estimated time of return. It is not known at this time if the offsite data can be downloaded into the new computer. The Town attorney, Alex Smith suggested an I.T. person who was local and did work for Hometown Bank to be called in at substantially less than a forensic professional. A new computer will be purchased by Mayor Hanby at the approximate cost of \$1,200.00, which Sid Nelson made the motion to accept and Greg Posey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Ford Ranger sold on GovDeals.com auction for \$5,937.92

Discussed options for surplus of old barge and decided to list on GovDeals.com.

Police boat has been released by LESO and will be listed on GovDeals.com

New Business:

After a short discussion regarding the Lady Lakers reserving the Anchor for Friday, August 14th for Save-a-life luncheon, Chase Moore made the motion to approve and Greg Posey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hanby announced sales tax revenue for local deliveries in April, totaled \$1,690.03.

Roads on Sunset and Lakeshore Circle are being repaved this week and next.

Mayor Hanby brought up the Neysa Gayle Lucas obituary from April and mentioned the fact that she was once married to the Town Mayor.

Alabama Data Breach Notification will be sent to all residents regarding the recent computer breach as soon as possible. The verbiage was agreed upon along with a suggestion to

check with the insurance company in the event they have something which they prefer we use. The Town has 45 days from April 24th to alert those affected.

The Annual Tax Levy Resolution, HL 21-05 was approved, signed and will be sent to Blount County before June 1st. Carl Randall made the motion and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Plans were reviewed for single slip boathouse for Jeff Worrell & Richard Hynes – 296 Lakeshore Lane. Carl Randall made the motion and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussing Mark Sims and his Sunset Point road paving issue, Sid Nelson made the motion to table the item until next fiscal year. Greg Posey seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Zoning applicants were presented; vote taken and unanimously approved as follows:

Bill Rush – regular

Bobby Rhodes – regular

Paula Blass – alternate

Steve Hammett – alternate

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously and Mayor Hanby adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor