

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING
Town of Highland Lake Town Council
July 06, 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 6:40 p.m. Ramzi Malek gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Greg Posey

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

Chase Moore made the motion to approve the June 01, 2021 Work Session minutes as written, Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – No report

Lake Preservation: Bill Rush reported that he had contacted Auburn University, Mason Grimes, Kellis Vegetation and the Blount extension office. He stated that he would be meeting with his committee to make a final decision on the eradication of lily pads.

Lake: Sid Nelson - No report

Dredging: Ramzi Malek – no report

Public Safety – Jonathan Sims submitted his report stating June 14th was the committee’s first post-pandemic meeting. Topics of discussion were training for LEO certification, firearms

training, tax revenue options in the jurisdiction, donation campaigns and other fund-raising projects were discussed. Also discussed, was the need for a boat safety course for operating boats on Highland Lake.

Roads: Chase Moore reported that the County had mowed the sides of roads and cleaned the culvert on West Lakeshore. There will be a meeting with Commissioner Dean Calvert prior to the 2021-2022 Budget as prices have increased since the last quote.

Officer Report: Chief Scott Kon reported that although busy, the 4th of July proved to be a safe and enjoyable holiday on the lake for residents and guest. The Town has received two of the three generators from the LESO program and they will now be painted and put into service. Chief Kon requested that he attend the annual Police Chief's conference to obtain further certification. Chase Moore made the motion to approve and Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Kon also noted that a second buoy had been installed at Long Hollow.

Unfinished Business:

1. Sid Nelson is currently working on the disposition of the barge.
2. Chief Kon confirmed that the blue lights have been removed from the police boat and the asset could now be sold. The boat will now be placed on GovDeals.com
3. Mayor Hanby asked to amend agenda to bring back the tabled subject of sales tax in the jurisdiction. Chase Moore made the motion and Ramzi Malek seconded. A unanimous vote was needed and motion failed as Sid Nelson voted No. Mayor Hanby announced that a Special Meeting will be held in the near future.

New Business:

1. Randy & Marlene Nelms request for a floating dock was approved. Chase Moore made the motion and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Keith Dickie/Shoreline Creations request for permit to build boathouse was tabled until new drawing is submitted, moving walkway to the side of boathouse or bringing dock to property line. Sid Nelson made the motion and Chase Moore seconded. Motion to table passed unanimously.
3. Chase Moore made the motion to table Tim Weston's request for building dock on adjoining Town property, until attorney Alex Smith can look into history of other docks presently on property. Carl Randall seconded and motion passed unanimously.
4. Jeff Worrell's building permit request will be processed by the Zoning Board due to the necessity of zoning variance.
5. The mayor announced that Joseph Evans has been hired for the maintenance position.

6. Information regarding Ordinance of Law insurance coverage for property less than minimum 1,800 square footage will be included in next Mayor's Newsletter.
7. Mayor Hanby announced that the Town will receive \$75,000 this year and \$75,000 next year from the State of Alabama for an approved Covid grant. She mentioned that attention to the park will be one of the items for suggested use.
8. Mayor Hanby reminded everyone that the lake will be lowered after the Labor Day holiday.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor