

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA

MINUTES of the MEETING Town of Highland Lake Town Council July 7, 2020

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

Regular Session

The Highland Lake Town Council held its Regular Session on Tuesday, July 07, 2020. Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Denise Adams gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Ramzi Malek

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

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the June 02, 2020 Work Session minutes as written, Carl Randall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the June 02, 2020 Regular Session minutes as written, Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hanby read the Financial Report. Chase Moore made the motion to approve the June 02, 2020 Financial Report and Carl Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Dredging: Ramzi Malek - No report

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – No report

Roads: Chase Moore, Gail Bailey - No report

Public Safety: Chase Moore – No report

Lake: Sid Nelson – The need for lights on buoys was discussed and whether solar or reflective strips might be used. No final decision was made.

Officer Report:

Chief Kon reported on the overall safe, long, yet uneventful 4th of July weekend at the lake. He reported that a steering cable has been ordered for the police boat, which is the final holdup. The boat should be ready for usage very soon. Also, the Bimini boat top can be replaced for \$50.00. Over \$3,000 in contributions have been committed to the cost of the boat so far.

At this time, Sid Nelson made the motion to give Chief Kon a \$150.00 bonus for his 4th of July hard work, which he reminded the Council, Scott does not receive holiday pay. Chase Moore seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Ideas for the new park sign were discussed and Mayor Hanby will further research the price and present sample at next meeting.

The concrete base for the large message board has been completed. It will take several men to place it, due to excessive weight. A Town work day may be needed for this and other projects.

There was further discussion regarding parking on Right of Way, trash and overgrowth in yards. Also discussed were resident's dogs wandering the area on Lakeshore. It was suggested Attorney Alex Smith look over the proposed Ordinance from the Town of Cleveland to see if it could be adapted. There would be verbiage for an escalating fee for fines to be submitted directly to Town in lieu of going to court and paying the court cost. The defendant would have the choice. Also, the same would apply for boats being on the water with no permit.

The problem of excessive lake noise was discussed with a possibility of an Ordinance, but no decision was reached.

The motion was made by Chase Moore to open the seat for Council position #2, vacated by Sharon Duke and it was seconded by Sid Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Michael and Kimberly Hellums proposal for compliance of unsightly condition of lake frontage was reviewed and a motion was made by Carl Randall to accept, seconded by Sid Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

Wayne and Gail Bailey requested approval for roof replacement due to recent hail damage. The motion was made by Sid Nelson to accept, seconded by Carl Randall and passed unanimously.

Notice of Election to be held August 25, 2020 was posted July 7th and reviewed by Council. Candidate Portfolios were distributed to Council members. Notice was also posted in The Blount Countian for the upcoming municipal election on August 25, 2020. The final date for Qualification for this election is July 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The Lady Laker's request for their Annual Yard Sale at the Anchor on September 19th and 20th was presented and Carl Randall made the motion to accept, Chase Moore seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

There was further discussion of current fines for being on lake with no boat sticker and Attorney Alex Smith will be consulted for additional input.

A noise ordinance was discussed and a committee with Sid Nelson, Donna Hanby, Gail Bailey and Tim Moore will pursue further options and ideas.

Any new pothole repair request form should be turned into office to alert Ashlee to the Town's needs.

After minimal discussion, it was decided to form a new Tax Task Committee regarding a possible Ad Valorem tax increase with Chase Moore to head up the Committee. Further research will ensue and it is understood that a Town vote would be needed if approved by Council. Carl Randall made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded it. The motion passed with Chase Moore abstaining as he will head the Committee.

A proposal for new gutters to be installed on the office and the Anchor was made by Tim Moore. The cost will be \$3,000 for Anchor and \$1,100 for the office. These will be 6" covered gutters. Carl Randall made the motion to accept, with Sid Nelson seconding. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. The work will begin shortly.

The issue of cutting a check for the Blount County Art Council was raised. The previously approved \$1,000 is a budgeted item for 2020 and will be paid on Tuesday, June 14th.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor