

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING
Town of Highland Lake Town Council
August 03, 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 6:30 p.m. Sid Nelson gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council Members Attending: Mayor Donna Hanby, Greg Posey, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

Council Members Absent: Chase Moore

Others Present: Alex Smith, Attorney, and Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the July 06, 2021 Work Session minutes as written, Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the July 06, 2021 Regular Session minutes as written, Greg Posey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the July 20, 2021 Special Session minutes as written, Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – Discussed cleaning up park and mentioned hiring new maintenance/grounds employee.

Lake Preservation: Discussed the July 28, 2021 Lake Preservation Committee meeting. Copy of detailed meeting minutes attached. Some of the highlights were town cleanup day, water analysis for BWWB, August dam and spillway inspection scheduled and proposals for lily pad eradication. Also discussed in detail was lowering the lake for repairs to the berm and

researching if it would be necessary to extend and modify the permit from the Corp of Engineers. Current permit expires September 25, 2021. Mayor Hanby will contact the Corp to see if we are allowed to move dirt from dry lake bed and place on land without extending permit.

Lake: Sid Nelson - No report

Dredging: Ramzi Malek – no report

Public Safety – Greg Posey stated that the generator for the town hall will need to have a pad poured before it can be installed.

Roads: Gail Bailey presented a brief report and discussed the culvert repair needed to catch run off water, particularly behind the Anchor. This project will begin the week of the August 20th. Re-paving on Lakeshore will be delayed until the 2022-2023 fiscal year due to numerous obstacles during the next fiscal year. Mrs. Bailey noted that the reclamation of Lakeshore Drive will require a long period for road bed to sit and settle before repaving. It was also discussed that mower equipment is needed to cut grass along sides of roads and that it may be necessary to hire someone from the County as a town employee to perform this duty on a regular basis. The equipment will be located by Chief Scott Kon and Greg Posey.

Officer Report: No report as Chief Kon was attending a Police conference.

Unfinished Business:

1. It was discussed and agreed upon that a written proposal from Lakeside Boathouse will be obtained to document the verbal agreement given to Bill Rush and presented at the May 04, 2021 meeting. That agreement involved trading old town barge, removing the (19) existing poles in lake and replacing (6) back into lake where they are needed. This idea was set aside to explore putting barge on GovDeals.com. This idea was not acted upon due to problems receiving trailer large enough to haul.
2. Mayor Hanby announced the Police boat was sold on Govdeals.com for \$3,650.00
3. Further discussion on Tim Weston requesting access to property belonging to the Town of Highland Lake to build a 4-foot-wide pier. Property is located beside Scott & Lee Matthews pier at 1290 Lakeshore Dr. His property address is 109 Sunset Strip. No resolution at this time. It was suggested that a possible lease might be appropriate. Further information will be needed.
4. Information regarding Ordinance of Law insurance coverage for property less than minimum 1,800 square footage was included in the August Mayor's Newsletter. Several

residents expressed their surprise that this Ordinance existed and that they had not been made aware of this fact, by their realtor.

5. Vote on lake being lowered after Labor Day was postponed till the September 7th Council meeting.

New Business:

1. Jason Paddock of Echo Lane requested a 12 x 16' pier permit to add to existing dock. Tim has approved. Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Vote was unanimous.
2. Judy Bailey at 137 Martin Dr. requested a pier permit for adding an 11' x 30' boat slip to existing boat house and asked to replace missing buoy to slow down boats in that area. Tim has approved. Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Vote was unanimous.
3. Zoning Board member Bill Rush addressed and updated Council on changes made to committee. It was brought to light that Steve Hammett was listed in error on the May 04, 2021 minutes. It should have been Steve Smith. Minutes will be amended at September council meeting.
4. Johnny Robinson has been hired for the grounds/maintenance position.
5. Scheduling cleanup day was postponed.
6. Brasher creek brush removal was discussed. Lamar Moore has been contacted and was three weeks out at the time.
7. Mayor Hanby announced that the Town would be showing movies in the park on August 28th **Croods, A New Age** and September 25th **Jumanji**.
8. It was decided that Sales/use tax, gasoline tax, lodging tax not be discussed as stated on agenda and revisited at later date.

Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Greg Posey seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously and Mayor Hanby adjourned meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor