

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING

Town of Highland Lake Town Council

October 5, 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 6:36 p.m. Mayor Donna Hanby 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, Chase Moore

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

Greg Posey made the motion to accept the September Work Session Minutes, Carl Randall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chase Moore made the motion to accept the September Regular Session Minutes, Greg Posey seconded, motion carried unanimously

Chase Moore made the motion to accept the September 08, 2021 Special Budget Session Minutes, Ramzi Malek seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – No report

Lake Preservation: Sid Nelson presented the report in Bill Rush's absence. Sid reported that C&C will be starting work on the berm area as soon as the water in the lake recedes. He also noted that prices were being obtained from C & C and several other smaller companies for silt removal in Sand Creek. It was noted that silt work can be done with pump when water is higher. Full report is attached along with pictures of the Quarterly Dam Inspection performed by John Hand.

Lake: Sid Nelson - No report
Dredging: Ramzi Malek – no report

Ordinance: Sid Nelson reported that his committee would be meeting On Wednesday October 06.

Public Safety – Greg Posey stated that the Town recently acquired a tractor and bobcat from the LESO program. He noted that additional attachments can and will be purchased at a later time particularly a grappler and dirt bucket.

Roads Committee: Chase Moore and Gail Bailey - Gail Bailey discussed several items, including meeting with Dean Calvert on Oct. 07 to discuss drainage issues on Lakeshore Loop, Coleman Circle and Sunset Point. The survey at the Anchor was completed by Ashville Land Surveyors at a cost of \$675.00. She noted that a large pine tree will need to be removed in the area of the culvert construction. A new culvert needed to catch run off water at Bear Creek and Lakeshore Drive, particularly alongside the Anchor, is scheduled for November 2021. Gail Bailey nominated David Peek to the roads committee. Sid Nelson made the motion to accept and Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Officer Report: Officer Scott Kon commented that all year-end maintenance previously voted on had been completed. He discussed speed limit issues that will be addressed at the Ordinance Meeting to be held on October 06. Scott also reminded the Town that a rabid raccoon has been reported in the area and instructed everyone to call 911 instead of approaching any suspicious animal. Report is attached. Attorney Alex Smith addressed the council to state that the Blount County jail contract should not be signed at this time due to a conflict in terms.

Reading of Communications, etc.

Unfinished Business:

Possible bid process on town property located beside 1290 Lakeshore Dr. was put off until further notice due to access issues.

The Brasher Creek area is still in need of brush removal. C & C will be contacted.

Various Covid fund projects were discussed and one item that will be immediately pursued is mulch for the playground. Greg Posey made the motion to approve purchasing mulch and Chase Moore seconded. Motion passed with unanimous approval. Chase Moore will begin pricing the project. Other items mentioned to be studied were a park pavilion, amphitheater, storage area and storm shelter.

New Business:

1. Tony Smith request permit to add 200 sq. ft. to his existing deck. Sid Nelson made a motion to grant and Chase Moore seconded. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

2. H. S. Egan of 428 Lakeshore Lane would like to replace his existing seawall with new rock construction. Sid Nelson made a motion to allow and Greg Posey seconded. Motion passed with unanimous approval.
3. After reviewing Southern Pond Professionals quote to stock lake with additional food for bass; Carl Randall made the motion to add the maximum recommendation of 15,000 Coppernose Bluegill fish to the lake at a cost of \$8,250.00. Sid Nelson seconded. Greg Posey abstained and motion passed.
4. The annual MOU between Blount County Commission and the Town regarding debris was presented by the mayor for approval. Sid Nelson made a motion to accept and Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Mayor Hanby announced that Cameron Clark, State of Alabama Dept of Revenue will be here on October 20, at 6:30 to discuss the purposed Sales/Use tax in the police jurisdiction. He will answer questions from those who live in the area regarding what will be taxed.
6. Greg Posey made the motion to go into Executive Session and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the mayor and council excused themselves from the meeting. Upon return, Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Greg Posey seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously and Mayor Hanby adjourned meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor