

TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE, ALABAMA
Organizational Meeting and
Regular Session

MINUTES of the MEETING
Town of Highland Lake Town Council
November 10, 2020

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

The Highland Lake Town Council held its Regular Session along with its 2020 Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Mayor Donna Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Chase Moore gave the invocation. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mayor Donna Hanby by Town Clerk, Joan Shirley

The Oath of Office was administered to Council Members Chase Moore, Greg Posey, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek by Town Clerk, Joan Shirley

Mayor Hanby made the motion to elect Chase Moore as Mayor Pro Tem of the Council and it was seconded by Ramzi Malek. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hanby made the motion to keep the established time & place of Regular Council meetings each month the same and Carl Randall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chase Moore made the motion to Adopt rules of Procedure (Ordinance HL-00-11) with no changes and Carl Randall seconded. Motion passed unanimously

All Committees submitted their attached list of committee members. Chase Moore made the motion to accept, Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chase Moore made the motion to appoint Joan Shirley as Town Clerk – Resolution HL-16-09 for a period of four years. Sid Nelson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to appoint Scott Kon as Chief of Police – Resolution HL-16-10 for a period of four years. Sid Nelson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to Ratify Hometown Bank as Depository for the Town – Resolution HL-16-11 and Chase Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Also approved.

- Council Members authorized to sign checks also stayed the same.

The Organizational portion of the meeting ended and proceeded to the roll call of the Regular Meeting.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: Police Chief Scott Kon and Town Clerk, Joan Shirley

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the October 06, 2020 Work Session minutes as written, Chase Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the October 06, 2020 Regular Session minutes as written, Greg Posey seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Ad Valorem Tax: Greg Posey stated that a decision whether to go forward will be presented at next meeting.

Building & Grounds: Carl Randall – Light needs to be replaced

Dredging: Ramzi Malek - No report

Lake: Sid Nelson – No report

Ordinance: Sid Nelson - No report

Public Safety: Chase Moore – No report but stated that a meeting is in the works for the near future.

Roads: Chase Moore – Gail Bailey – Chase reported that County had mowed some of the roads, but not all.

Officer Report:

Chief Kon made a brief report regarding the truck donated to the Town and noted that it is being fitted for special lights that were also donated. Officer Perry will start to work pending paperwork. His first assignment will be to dispose of unused equipment. Officer Buchanan and Chief Kon completed gun qualification during the month. Chief Kon reported an incident of breaking and entering in the Town committed by someone who was not a resident resulting in arrest. Chief Kon reminded everyone to be extra vigilant during the holiday season.

Unfinished Business:

Message board will be installed by Jeff Brodock during the week of November 16th.

Excess poles left over from parking lot installation need to be discarded, along with old buoys behind garage. The next newsletter will include an offer to anyone who wants them to come and get them.

It was discussed and decided to put the idea of installing speed breakers on hold.

Karen Nicholes and Karen Murphy fallen trees have been removed.

Minimal repairs have been made to dock.

Stepping stones to bridge was put on hold for the present.

The Town will begin taking bids on cutting grass and trees on roadsides.

The need of a utility trailer for potholes still remains. Greg Posey will bring Ashlee Miller a trailer he has located to make sure that it will suit her needs as well as the Town's budget. The amount agreed upon was up to \$1,200. Sid Nelson made the motion to accept and Carl Randall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution HL 11-01 regarding cost of public records was discussed to increase price of copies and Chase Moore made the motion to accept and Greg Posey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Changes to **Ordinance 14-05 Lake Use Fees** were discussed by the council and Chase Moore made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance HL 2020-05 Rooms, Lodging or Accommodation's within Town was presented and Chase Moore made the motion to accept with Ramzi Malek seconding. Vote was taken with the following outcome: Chase Moore – yes, Ramzi Malek – yes, Donna Hanby – yes, Sid Nelson – no, Greg Posey – no and Carl Randall abstained. Vote was announced as Passed. *Vote later was found to not pass due to abstention and will be revoted on in a Special Meeting to be called.

Ordinance HL 2020-06 Gasoline and Liquid Motor Fuel Tax within Town was presented and Chase Moore made the motion to accept with Ramzi Malek seconding. Vote was taken with the following outcome: Chase Moore – yes, Ramzi Malek – yes, Donna Hanby – yes, Sid Nelson – no, Greg Posey – no and Carl Randall abstained. Vote was announced as Passed. *Vote later was found to not pass due to abstention and will be revoted on in a Special Meeting to be called.

Ordinance HL 2020-07 Sales Tax within Town was presented and Chase Moore made the motion to accept with Ramzi Malek seconding. Vote was taken with the following outcome: Chase Moore – yes, Ramzi Malek – yes, Donna Hanby – yes, Sid Nelson – no, Greg Posey – no and Carl Randall abstained. Vote was announced as Passed. *Vote later was found to not pass due to abstention and will be revoted on in a Special Meeting to be called.

New Business:

Martin Dr. culvert was discussed and deemed to be fine.

Bill Rush, chair of the Lake Preservation Committee submitted the names of Ramzi Malek and Jake Smith to serve a three (3) year term on the Committee. Greg Posey made the motion to accept and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Bill Rush requested guidance by the Council for FEMA reimbursement of damage to berms. After a brief discussion it was understood that Tim Moore has a detailed plan and has worked with FEMA for reimbursement upon completion of job. Bill Rush also asked that someone be appointed or hired to inspect dam and spillway after any flood or hard freeze.

Chase Moore made the motion to accept Alex Smith as the Town Attorney. Carl Randall seconded and vote was unanimous.

Carl Randall made the motion to accept Ben Vance as Town Accountant. Sid Nelson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Bill Rush agreed to assist in setting up credit card system for the Town

Chase Moore made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Sid Nelson seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously and Mayor Hanby adjourned meeting at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Shirley, Town Clerk

Donna Hanby, Mayor