

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Anchor. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Bill Rush gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Gail Bailey
Council members Donna Hanby, Shani Ort, and Connie Vice
Absent: Council members Skip Davis and Tim Peek

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also present.

December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – Vice made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report –Vice gave the monthly financial report. Hanby made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ordinances – Chairman Shani Ort reported the committee did not meet in December due to the holidays. A Zoning Ordinance work session is scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2016 at 5:00 PM to review/discuss the working draft.

Buildings & Grounds – Chairman Donna Hanby reported the committee did not meet in December due to the holidays. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14 at 5:30 PM.

Lake – Chairman Skip Davis absent. No report.

The Mayor thanked employees, Police Chief Kon and Building Inspector Tim Moore, for their hard work after the December 25th flood. Kon and Moore worked Saturday after the flood to retrieve boats, jet skis and other miscellaneous items that had gotten loose from docks. The Mayor asked that property owners report lost and found items by sending an email to Town Hall so items can be posted to the town web site.

The Mayor also stated that a lake clean-up day would need to be scheduled soon, since there is a lot of debris in the lake.

Roads –Chairman Tim Peek absent. No report.

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The Mayor stated that after the Christmas day flood, she and Tim Moore traveled the town roads and did not find any damage to the roads. Mayor Bailey stated our dam appeared to have worked beautifully. As soon as the flood waters are down, we will have a thorough inspection of the dam and spillway. There was a report of the Sugarland dam possibly having a problem. Commissioner Dean Calvert and the county engineer checked on this and reported there were no serious problems at this time.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dredging –Chairman Bill Rush reported the Dredging Committee will meet Monday, January 18 at 7:00 PM. The goal of the meeting is to review comments from the town meeting and make a recommendation to the council on the next step.

OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported there were no problems during the Christmas holidays, other than the flood on Christmas day. Chief Kon thanked Joe Hayden for his help retrieving boats after the flood. Kon recommended that for safety reasons, the council consider requiring boat owners to use a cable to attach their boats to their docks. Some type of tether needs to be required to prevent boats from getting loose and becoming a safety hazard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

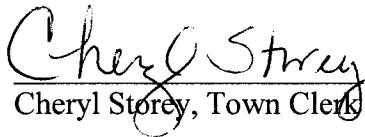
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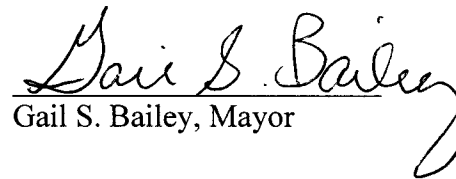
The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

With no other business to come before the council, Vice made a motion to adjourn. Ort seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Gail S. Bailey, Mayor