

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Marlin Vest gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Connie Vice

Council members Chase Moore, Donna Hanby, Greg Posey, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek

Absent: None

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

December 6, 2016 Work Session Minutes – Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

December 6, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes – Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

January 5, 2017 Planning/Work Session Minutes – Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Council member Hanby gave the monthly financial report. Hanby reported one of the Hometown's certificate of deposit (CD) matures in February. She will check other banks for better interest rates, and if does not find one, will renew CD at Hometown. Moore made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

September 30, 2016 Financial Audit – Lori Criswell presented the findings from the financial audit ending September 30, 2016. The town received a clean opinion on the audit. The town has no debt and \$715,250 in total assets. Mrs. Criswell stated the town has good control, checks and balances. Mrs. Criswell reviewed the audit findings and addressed questions from the council.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vice reported new committees are being formed and meetings will be scheduled in February. The Mayor provided each council member with a summary of ideas, organized by committee, that were discussed at the January 5 planning meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dredging – Mayor Vice reported Brasher Creek berm is 90% complete. The seeding stills needs to be done. There was an erosion problem with the cofferdam, but it has been corrected.

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OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported it has been quiet. He encouraged everyone to call 911 if they see suspicious vehicles in the town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Winter options for storing vehicles/boat – Mayor Vice reported the police boat is being stored for the winter at Fire Station #1 on County Road 29, at no cost. The lean to off the garage has been tabled for the winter and will be revisited later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS

State Representative David Standridge – Representative Standridge introduced himself and stated he represents District 34, which includes Highland Lake. Standridge stated he is the Rural Caucus Chairman and serves on the Appointment House Rules Committee, which sets the calendar of what bills come to the floor. Standridge also introduced his wife, Dana, who is the President of the Legislative Club. Standridge stated he wants good communication between us, and he appreciates the council's willingness to serve.

County Commissioner Dean Calvert – Commissioner Calvert addressed the council and reported the county is currently working on the River Road bridge. Calvert stated he appreciates the support from the community regarding Moving Blount County Forward. In 2017 Airport Road and County Road 29 are first on the list for paving in District 3. Calvert also stated he is looking at the area on West Lakeshore Drive by Bill Peek's land to make some improvements. Calvert will be meeting with Council member Moore to address any town issues.

Resolution HL-17-01 – Surplus Unneeded Personal Property – Posey made a motion to approve the resolution to surplus the two town pontoon boats and advertise them on Govdeals. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Highland Lake Police Procedure Manual – Moore made a motion to approve and place into effect the police procedure manual. Posey seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Work Proposal to enlarge pond area by boardwalk in park (inlet area by boardwalk) – Posey made a motion to table. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Smith – replace cross ties with concrete blocks by pier/boathouse – Nelson made a motion to approve plans. Posey seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Weaver – add 4 x 30 to existing sundeck, plus re-deck sundeck. Nelson made a motion to approve plans. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Marlin Vest – town boat slips – Mr. Vest addressed the council to request that the 2017 boat slip rental fee be pro-rated since the slips haven't been available due to the lake being lowered plus the drought. Mr. Vest suggested the rate of \$25 a month. Mayor Vice responded the council will take this request under consideration.

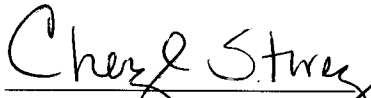
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The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Laura Parenteau commented she was delighted to see the Brasher Creek berm. She questioned how folks off water would now access the lake to swim. Mayor Vice responded the town does not have a designated swimming area. The purpose of the berm was to save on dredging and be a long term solution for silt mitigation. Vice stated a possible area for folks to swim could be by the boat slip area if the shoreline is evened out. Vice stated the council will discuss Ms. Parenteau's question at the next work session.

With no other business to come before the council, Moore made a motion to adjourn. Hanby seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Connie B. Vice, Mayor