

# Planning Work Session of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held a planning work session on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the work session to order at 6:10 p.m.

## **PRESENT:**

Mayor Connie Vice

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

The following items were discussed:

Town employees Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk, Tim Moore, Building/Business License Inspector and Scott Kon, Chief of Police each provided an overview of their job and addressed questions.

The Highland Lake Police Department Procedure Manual – Chief Kon explained this manual contains the operating procedures/policies for the police department.

Below is a list of ideas from a council brainstorming session. These are in no particular order or priority.

- Add playground equipment in park (ADA compliant).
- Review Construction of Boathouses Ordinance (Section 4) to state a limit that boathouses can be built out into the lake.
- Noise Ordinance.
- Ordinance and/or sign for no motorized vehicles in park.
- Increase lake use fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> vessel.
- Repair/re-deck boat slip pier.
- Add lighting in the park.
- Complete generator project.
- Replace the Anchor floor.
- Anchor/gazebo rental fees, especially for weddings.
- Electrical safety on the lake. Every boathouse with electrical should be inspected each year.
- Lake clean-up day – first clean-up scheduled for the March timeframe.
- Camera system for the dam, entrances and docks with smartphone app.
- More concerts and events in the park.
- Possibly tie garbage pickup in with water bill to keep folks from burning their trash.
- Obtain non-profit organizations to clean up areas (like River Road). Could use Boy & Girl Scouts.
- Provide another exit from Anchor. At the November 8 election, cars could get in, but not out.
- Have a lake/water boat safety course for kids and adults.
- Facebook and Twitter is the key to advertising.
- Update town website to be smartphone savvy.

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- Suggested list from Mayor Vice attached to the minutes and includes the following:
  - Brasher Creek berm is about complete.
  - Need to revisit dredging.
  - Permanently lighting the gazebo.
  - Anchor landscaping – remove dead shrubs.
  - Beautification of entrances and recognize residents to promote community wide awareness.
  - Disposal site across from River Road – possibly a future native plant park / walking trail.
  - Chief Kon to investigate Facebook Neighborhood Watch Program and how it works.
  - Utilities Board - New regulator needed before 6” water lines can be installed.
  - Utilities Board - Gas line is a 10 year project and will eventually go around the lake.
  - Park – open air class room / amphitheater
  - Tree City
  - Bird City

Work session adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

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Connie B. Vice, Mayor