

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council member Chase Moore gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Connie Vice
Council members Chase Moore, Donna Hanby, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek
Absent: Council member Greg Posey

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

Mayor Vice opened the meeting recognizing Police Officer Buck Buchanan for carrying the load the week before July 4th while Chief Kon was on vacation. Also Mayor Vice recognized Council member Chase Moore and Building Inspector Tim Moore for their work on the June 30 Movie in the park. Mayor Vice stated it was a great event for the community, with approximately 60 people in attendance.

June 12, 2018 Work Session Minutes – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Hanby seconded. Roll call. Malek, Hanby, Moore and Vice voted yes. Nelson abstained. Motion carried.

June 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes – Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Moore seconded. Roll call. Malek, Hanby, Moore and Vice voted yes. Nelson abstained. Motion carried.

June 20, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Council member Donna Hanby gave the monthly financial report. Moore made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake – Chairman Nelson reported the committee did not meet.

Dredging – Chairman Malek stated no new information to report.

Roads – Chairman Moore reported he met with Commissioner Calvert. Commissioner Calvert provided a road plan with paving options for all town roads and pricing information for the council to review. A work session will be held August 7 with Commissioner Calvert to discuss this information in detail. Moore also provided the status of Lakeshore Loop. The county will spot patch in August and clean up debris that was left behind.

Ordinance – Chairman Hanby reported the committee did not meet.

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OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported there were no accidents over the July 4th holiday. The direction of traffic on the lake is still an issue for some. There has been discussion regarding speeders on town roads. The police department will work on this and try to slow folks down. Kon added the police salary budget may come in a little under budget and there may be some funds left from police related expenses budget to reimburse the general fund.

Annual Chief's Conference - Nelson made a motion to approve Chief Kon attending the annual chief's conference at the end of July/first of August. Expenditures for conference are included in the police related expenses budget – approximately \$1000.00. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HL-07-03 Business License Fee Schedule Amendment (Section 21) – Hanby made a motion to approve the amended business license fee schedule. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

One time pay increase for Walker Coop, maintenance/grounds – Walker will be returning to college first of August. The council would like to reward him for his exemplary work. Hanby made a motion to provide employee Walker Coop a one-time pay increase of \$200.00 net (plus taxes). Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Removal of town boat slip posts – Nelson made a motion to table. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Emerson – replacing stairs, landings, pier and adding new platform - The pier was not shown on the plans that were submitted; however, Building Inspector Tim Moore during the pre-site visit believes it will be the same dimensions as the one being replaced. Nelson made a motion to approve plans with the stipulation that the pier doesn't exceed 10% of existing size. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Flood Lights for Garage – flood lights on the garage for park side to provide lighting/security. Approximate cost of \$600.00 for two sets of lights. Total approximate cost with installation of \$1,000.00. Moore made a motion to approve this purchase. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Take Home Car Policy for Police Department – amended policy – Mayor Vice stated this is a policy for our police department to have the ability to drive town police vehicles home. There are advantages for this for our policemen. The council has reviewed a draft policy that chief Kon provided, revised the policy based on recommendations from the town attorney, and discussed a couple of times as a council. Moore made a motion to approve the amended policy. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Purchase New Motor for 1033 Boat – Hanby made a motion to approve spending approximately \$6000.00 for a new Suzuki 4-stroke 140 hp motor with a five year warranty. The \$6000.00 approximate

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cost is after trading in the V-hull boat, motor and trailer for \$5000.00. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jet Ski Program for Police – 2019 – Jet Ski(s) will provide a secondary vessel for the police on the lake. Hanby made a motion to approve submitting the grant this fall for the Jet Ski program in 2019 – Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

April 27, 2019 Community Arts Council of Blount County-Arts & Crafts in the Park – Hanby made a motion to approve the use of the park for Arts & Crafts in the Park. Malek seconded. Roll call. Nelson, Malek, Hanby and Vice voted yes. Moore abstained. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Anita Poer questioned the speed limits on roads. Chief Kon committed to review speed limit ordinance and provide recommendations to Ordinance Committee.

Bill Rush suggested that a Public/Lake Safety Committee be formed. This would be for road and lake issues. This will be on the August meeting agenda.

Steve Poer expressed his appreciation to the council for listening and trying to do something about Lakeshore Loop and town roads. Regarding Lakeshore Loop, Mr. Poer would like to see the road widened. He feels this would improve value of property.

Carl Randall questioned the status of the Fish Report recommendations. Council member Nelson will provide an update in August. The prey fish will be added in the fall (to be donated by Sam Pearson).

Chief Kon stated the “No Vehicles in Park” signs were received and will be installed.

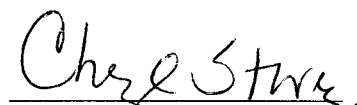
Chief Kon mentioned cars are parked and left overnight at the Anchor. The parking lot needs to be available for those that have rented the Anchor and/or Gazebo.

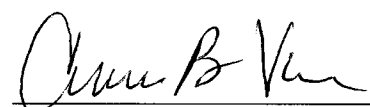
The Mayor mentioned the town received a complaint from a Gazebo renter saying a person had harassed them while they were setting up, to the point they had to threaten to call the police. The town will look into obtaining a sign and roping off the gazebo area when it is rented next.

Carl Randall suggested the town adopt a dog leash law. Mr. Randall is tired of dogs running through his yard and pooping. There is a leash law for when owners and their dogs are in the town park.

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