

Work Session of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held a work session on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Connie Vice
Council members Donna Hanby, Greg Posey, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek
Town Attorney Alex Smith

ABSENT: Council member Chase Moore

Review and discussion of the July 11th agenda items took place.

Electric Shock Alarms – is additional certification required for the Building Inspector? Tim Moore is investigating.

Safety barrier at dam – discussion took place on whether to replace the barrier with something else or leave as is. Also, a concern has been raised by a resident that the barrier was causing stress on the dam.

Brasher Creek Debris from recent heavy rains – ADEM investigated that timber was being cut on Lake Road. The cutting operation was following state requirements, actually a larger buffer to the creek and placing the limbs on the ground to mitigate erosion. The sheer absence of the trees however, will increase the amount of runoff we receive. Long range plan is to pursue a partnership with the farmers and land owners on a long term solution and ask them to pursue the grant money that is available to build retention ponds that will benefit both the farmer/land owner and the town. A creek has to be on a monitoring system for grant money to be available. Brasher Creek will be monitored next year. Another consideration is to move the public boat launch to the left side of the peninsula so it will be better protected from debris.

Ordinance HL-14-05 – Changing name of the “Lake Use Permit” since the revenue obtained from this permit is used to maintain the lake, park, roads, buildings and for operational expenses. Based on how the ordinance is written, the fee would be required for those that use the lake or have a pier/boathouse. Other residents/property owners could make a donation to help support the town. The changing of the name would help educate property owners on how the funds are used. Discussion to be continued.


Suggestion – Grass Cutting Ordinance – this falls under Public Health & Safety. Discussion to be continued.


Other items discussed:

- Re-bid lawn service contract for the park and entrances.
- Community newsletter – articles to be submitted from each council member on their respective area.
- Status of the investigation regarding the pile of roofing shingles that were dumped on Wofford Lane. This is still being investigated.

Work session adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Connie B. Vice, Mayor