

Work Session of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held a work session on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Connie Vice

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

ABSENT: None

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Town Boat Slips Decking Repair – After inspecting the damage to the town boat slips, Building Inspector Tim Moore has determined they are unsafe for public or private use. The decking on the pier is unsafe, along with joist and banding that was damaged due to recent floods. The whole structure, excluding posts, needs to be replaced. Council member Posey will write the specifications to rebuild the town boat slips and obtain quotes. It was suggested to rebuild fewer slips (four to six). Marlin Vest would be grandfathered since he is the only renter at this time. It was also suggested to obtain quotes on covered/non-covered slips and adding a boat lift for the police V-hull boat.

Anchor Deck Quotes – Building Inspector Tim Moore reported the Anchor deck is in good shape underneath. The decking, handrails, outside band and steps need to be replaced. 2 x 6 decking would provide more longevity. The back Anchor door will need to be raised 1/2". Council member Posey will write the specifications and ask the three contractors that previously bid to re-bid.

Dredging Project Status – Prior to moving forward with Brasher Creek, the Dredging Committee recommends determining the feasibility of a mechanical solution to Sand Creek. If not feasible, the town would save equipment set up fee by dredging both locations at the same time. Multiple contractors will be contacted to review the mechanical option at Sand Creek.

Request to build dock at end of Brasher Creek berm for lake access – lengthy discussion of options were discussed in lieu of building a dock. The dock option is not viable due to wake traffic and maintaining a stable structure and possibly impacting the structural integrity of the berm. Multiple council members have inspected a couple of possible entry points. Discussion to be continued.

Suggested grass cutting ordinance – general discussion took place comparing our existing ordinance HL-93-12 with Oneonta's comparable ordinance. It was determined we can address issue with our existing ordinance, HL-93-12 as complaints are received.

Stop sign at Martin Drive – Based on a request received, Council member Sid Nelson questioned if the stop sign at Martin Drive could be moved to Highland Dam Road due to traffic flow. Council member Chase Moore will meet with County Engineer to review this request.

Oneonta Fishing Team – Council member Chase Moore asked the council for their thoughts on supporting the Oneonta High School Fishing Team. Everyone was in agreement the town would like to support the school. General discussion and ideas were exchanged on how the town could support this request. Moore will ask a representative to attend the July 25 Lake Committee meeting to obtain additional details.

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Christmas Parade in Oneonta – Council member Chase Moore reported the Christmas parade in Oneonta will be held on Saturday, December 2 @ 10:00 AM. A Christmas Village event will follow the parade at the Agri-Business Center. He asked the council to consider participating in the parade.

Playground equipment – Mayor Vice to look at playground equipment that 7th Day Advent Academy School in Pell City is wanting to donate.

Changing name of “Lake Use Permit” – Council member Hanby suggested changing the name to “Lake and Town Maintenance Fee”. Increasing the late fee for Lake Use Permits was also discussed. Proposed changes to this ordinance will be introduced by January 2018.

ADECA Grant for HVAC Replacement at Town Hall – Town Clerk Cheryl Storey reported we have an opportunity to apply for a \$10,000.00 grant (25% match) to replace the 20+ year HVAC at Town Hall. Everyone was in agreement the town should apply. Storey will submit the application.

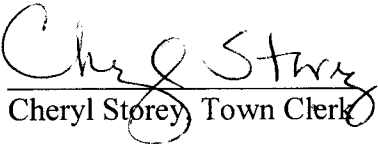
Damage to Kennedy Drive Circle – Chief Kon noticed damage to the cul-de-sac area on Kennedy Drive and questioned if C&C Tree Service had a business license. C&C Tree does have a business license. The Mayor reported that C & C Tree Service has repaired the cul-de-sac area.

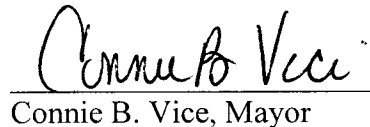
Increasing Anchor Rental Fee to Include Cleaning – Council member Posey suggested increasing the Anchor Rental fee to cover cleaning cost. Everyone was in agreement. Changes to the Anchor Rental Ordinance will be introduced to reflect a \$50 increase in rental fee to cover cleaning cost.

Resident Marlin Vest requested a recap of the town boat slips issue. It was suggested to move the Vest boat to the side of the fishing pier so they can use it. Chief Kon will help Mr. Vest with this.

Work session adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Connie B. Vice, Mayor