

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Marlin Vest gave the invocation. The Mayor Pro led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Donna Hanby was sworn in as Mayor prior to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Donna Hanby
Council members Chase Moore, Donna Hanby, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek
Absent: None

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

May 7, 2019 Work Session Minutes – Randall made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

March 7, 2019 Regular Council Minutes – Randall made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report – The Town Clerk advised the report is not ready. Moore made a motion to suspend the financial report for this meeting. Randall seconded, Roll Call. All voted yes. Motion carried. The finance council seat remains vacant.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds – Carl Randall reported that the planned work in landscaping and tree removal has been done. The purchase of a new gas trimmer was presented by Ashlee Miller, Town Maint. Randall made a motion to purchase the trimmer up to \$175.00. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Lake – Council discussed estimate on having the dam inspected. Sid discussed the need for new bouys to make idle zones. The cost of four buoys is approximately \$600.00. Nelson made a motion to purchase four bouys. Randall seconded. Roll Call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Dredging – Chairman Malek stated they committee met on May 14, 2019. There are two new members. He stated he will have more frequent meeting leading up to the dredging project. They may seek four opinions. All work will be dependent upon the weather. The overseer of the project will be TetraTech Engeering. Sand Creek will be the easy dredge but behind the Anchor will be more difficult.

Roads – Mayor Hanby and Gail Bailey met with Commissioner Calvert during May. They discussed how Blount County will get our roads in condition before October when the county will no longer be in charge of the Town roads. Councilman Moore will get the Roads Committee organized in such a way as to have a more stable committee with members having longevity with the desire to put together a five year program.

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OFFICER REPORT: Chief Kon reported there were no major issues over the Memorial Day holiday. There were 33 reports. 12 traffic violations, fights, several suspicious behavior calls and 3 arrests. Chief Kon presented Officer Cory Glasscock to fill the vacant place on the police force. Nelson made a motion to hire Officer Glasscock at \$14.00 per hour for first six months with a \$0.50/hr. increase. An addition increase of \$0.50/hr. after the first year. Moore seconded the motion. Roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief Kon reported the Tahoe was in need of tires at approximate cost of \$450. Moore made a motion to purchase new tires. Nelson seconded. Roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief Kon presented the Summer Chief's Conference cost will be approximately \$1,000.00 being held the end of June. Moore made a motion to approve Chief Kon attendance at this conference. Malek seconded. Roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The boat and motor issue has been put on hold for the time being.

Community Yard Sale: A few reservations have been made. Each participant will need to sign a hold harmless agreement acknowledging their responsibility to remove all unsold items and leave their area clean when the sale is over. Moore made a motion to create a hold harmless/responsibility form. Nelson seconded. Roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Fant's request to make a four foot wide walkway running the length of his boat house came up for approval. Nelson made a motion to approve the walkway. Randall seconded. Roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

There was a discussion of making the standing committees more permanent with members rotating on and off. It was decided that the chairman of a committee does not have to be a council member. Donna appointed Gail Baily Chairperson for the Roads Committee and will co-ordinate with Councilman Moore.

The need for updated office equipment and programs was presented with an estimated cost of ± \$2,000.00. Randall made a motion to purchase the updated equipment. Nelson seconded. Roll Call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Presented was Carbonite's (Records storage company) discount if we subscribe for 3 years which will save the Town \$20.00. Moore made a motion to get the three year contract. Nelson seconded. Roll Call all voted yes. Motion carried.

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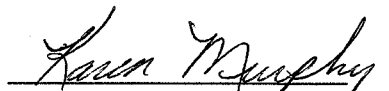
The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.


Gail Bailey told the Council that children have been climbing on the arbor at the end of the peninsula. If this continues, it will be broken. Council suggested putting a "Do Not Climb" sign on the arbor as well as a "Swim at you on risk" since many have been swimming there since the silt build up has made the area shallow.

Tim Moore, Town Inspector informed the Council that the light for the flag being left in the raised position at night has been fixed. The electrical issues with the Gazebo have been fixed as well as the lights on the building.

With no other business to come before the council, Moore made a motion to adjourn. Randall seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Karen Murphey, Town Clerk


Donna Hanby, Mayor