

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ramzi Malek gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Connie Vice
Council members Chase Moore, Donna Hanby, Greg Posey, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek
Absent: None

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

February 7, 2017 Work Session Minutes – Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ordinances – Chairman Hanby reported that a committee member is needed. When the committee is formed, a noise ordinance will be discussed and input obtained from the community.

Buildings & Grounds – Chairman Posey reported the committee will meet before the next council meeting.

Lake – Chairman Nelson reported the committee met on February 21. A lake clean-up day will be held Saturday, April 1. Repairing the barge is being investigated so it can possibly be used to help with the lake clean up.

Dredging – Chairman Malek reported the committee met February 13. The committee reviewed what work has been done to date at the Brasher Creek berm and boat launch. The decision was made to defer back to the engineering firm (Tetra Tech) to discuss the feasibility of removing sediment from the lake at a lower cost. Also the committee will look at the summary of expenses to date and what deliverables are remaining so a new scope of work can be defined.

Roads – Chairman Moore met with Commissioner Calvert in February. A Road Issue Form was suggested for residents/property owners to document their issues/complaints. Also, the town will need to establish a separate bank account to deposit the 1% sales tax funds that are received.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported maintenance on the police truck is complete, with the cost under \$600.00. The police boat will be serviced soon. The person stealing property off of carports is in jail. Additional stolen property was recovered where the owner needs to be identified.

Police Radio – Kon expressed the need for an updated police radio that could be purchased with the funds available in the Police Related Expenses category. The cost would be approximately \$850.00. Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of the radio for up to \$850.00. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance HL-17-01 – Regulate Wrecker Towing Service – Nelson made a motion to approve Ordinance HL-17-01. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Blount Sav-A-Life Annual 5K Run – event date changed to Saturday, May 6, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Blount-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce Highland Lake Dinner at Dusk – Aimee Wilson of the Chamber requested the dinner be held at the gazebo area on Saturday, May 20, 2017. The Town of Highland Lake will be the first municipality to have this event. Ticket sales will be limited to 150 guests. This will be an outdoor four course meal with music. Guests will begin arriving at 6:00 PM. Council member Nelson requested that the Town of Highland Lake be listed as an additional insurer. Wilson agreed to this request. In case of rain, the event will be inside the Anchor. Moore made a motion to approve. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

C & C Contracting Invoice for Extra Stone needed between cofferdams to repair washing – Nelson made a motion to approve invoice for \$1,723.83 (materials and labor). Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Road Issue Form – this form will be used for residents/property owners to submit issues/complaints. Hanby made a motion to approve the form. Posey seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Monthly Attorney Retainer of \$250.00 – Attorney Alex Smith stated that all municipalities pay an attorney retainer. He never charged the last administration for attending the council meetings. The retainer will cover his attendance at the council meetings, phone calls and the little things. Moore made a motion to approve the monthly retainer of \$250.00. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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Introduce Revised Hold Harmless Agreement for Lake Use Permit – Mayor Vice introduced the revised Hold Harmless Agreement. The agreement was revised to remove the words “public parks” since the park is open to the general public and the form is not being signed for those using the park. The last sentence of the second paragraph was also removed. The revised agreement will be voted on at the April meeting.

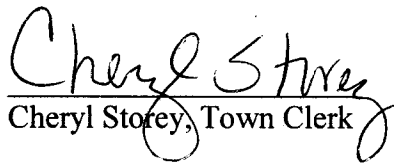
Laura Parenteau – Hold Harmless Agreement for Lake Use Permit – Ms. Parenteau was not in attendance.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Carl Randall requested that the council speak louder.

With no other business to come before the council, Hanby made a motion to adjourn. Nelson seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Connie B. Vice, Mayor