

**Special Meeting
Town of Highland Lake, Alabama
November 1, 2016
7:00 PM**

The Highland Lake Town Council held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at the Anchor. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Skip Davis gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Gail Bailey
Council members Skip Davis, Donna Hanby, Shani Ort, Tim Peek and Connie Vice
Absent: None

Ort made a motion to suspend the rules for normal proceedings. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

October 3, 2016 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – the Town Clerk read the minutes. Hanby made a motion to approve the minutes, as read. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

October 3, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes – Vice made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Additional council member authorized to sign checks – Vice made a motion to add Donna Hanby as an authorized council member to sign checks. Davis seconded. Roll call. Davis, Ort, Peek, Vice and Bailey voted yes. Hanby abstained. Motion carried.

Donate office desks that were surplusd at the October 3 meeting – the Town Clerk reported that zero bids had been received for the two desks and requested approval for the Mayor and Town Clerk to donate or dispose of the desks. Hanby made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to donate or dispose of the desks. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

November 13 – Lakeside Christmas – Community Event – the Town Clerk stated this event is in place of the annual community Christmas dinner. Lakeside Christmas will feature photos with Santa, a live nativity scene and refreshments. Sponsors have been obtained by Chase Moore. There is no cost to the town. Vice made a motion to approve. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

William Melvin – pier repair – replace rotten boards – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Smiley Veal – clean out at end of pier and area where pontoon is parked – Hanby made a motion to approve plans. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Dalton NeSmith – add concrete boat ramp – Peek made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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Roger Hunter – extend retaining wall 46 feet. The initial request for 89 feet of retaining wall was approved at the September 12 council meeting. Mr. Hunter is requesting to extend the wall 46 feet, which will go over to his neighbor's property, Johnny Coffey (brother-in-law). Also noted by the Building Inspector, is that the retaining wall is also a boardwalk. Discussion took place on whether the retaining wall extending over into his neighbor's property would require a variance. Mr. Hunter stated that anything below the 900 contour line should be approved by the council, and variances above the 900 contour line the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Discussion continued. Ort made a motion to table for further clarification from the town attorney. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried. This request will be placed on the November 7 meeting agenda.

Appoint Zoning Board of Adjustment – Council member Connie Vice announced the recommended members for the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Bill Rush – 3 year term, Gail Bailey – 3 year term, Carl Randall – 2 year term, Steve Poer – 2 year term and Olivia Brodock – 1 year term. Alternates: Smiley Veal and Shani Ort – both 3 year terms. Hanby made a motion to approve the above members for the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective December 1, 2016. Ort seconded. Roll call. Davis, Hanby, Ort, Peek and Vice voted yes. Bailey abstained. Motion carried.

Brasher Creek Berm Project – Council member Vice reported the lowered lake and drought has presented opportunity to create a berm at significant cost savings. A berm at the mouth of Brasher Creek would mitigate future silt build up in the bay (boat slip & launch areas). A berm would change the flow of water to the deeper part of the lake. One of the options Tetra Tech had provided that included a berm was cost prohibitive. An estimate has been obtained from Lake Hill Farms (John Daily), and is less than \$30,000.00. The project is estimated to take two weeks to complete. Since this is a Public Works project, bids would not be required unless it is over \$50,000.00. The dredging permit from the Corp of Engineers is expected this week. Then an amendment/modification to the permit would need to be submitted for the berm. Tetra Tech estimates the approval process for the amendment should be within 30 days. Discussion took place. Hanby made a motion to file the amendment to the dredging permit for the berm project and pursue building the berm, weather permitting. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Clean out boat launch area – Mayor Bailey reported a quote from C&C Contracting was obtained to clean out the boat launch area. Confirmation was obtained from the Corp of Engineers that a permit is not required if just removing silt and hauling it off. The quote from C&C Contracting includes removal and hauling away sediment in the boat ramp area, approximately 150 feet in length, approximately 600 cubic yards to be hauled out. The quote is for \$6,000.00. C&C Contracting is bonded, has liability insurance and workers compensation. They can start work next week. If they can go out further than 150 feet they will. Hanby made a motion to approve the quote from C&C Contracting for cleaning out the boat launch area. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Smiley Veal thanked the council for re-installing the River Road entrance sign.

Tom Gattiker questioned the election machines being in the Anchor with events prior to the November 8 election.

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Bill Rush thanked the council for their service.

Vice made a motion to adjourn. Davis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Connie B. Vice, Mayor