

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Donna Hanby
Council members Chase Moore, Greg Posey, Sid Nelson and Ramzi Malek
Absent: Mayor Connie Vice

October 3, 2017 Work Session Minutes – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

October 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Mayor Pro Tem Donna Hanby gave the monthly financial report. Posey made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake – Chairman Nelson reported the committee did not meet last month. Nelson stated he is researching the cost of solar lamps for the stationary buoys. Cost estimate is \$75.00 each.

Buildings & Grounds – Chairman Posey reported the committee did not meet last month.

Roads – Chairman Moore reported an estimate will be obtained to provide gravel for the dirt portion at the end of Echo Lane.

Dredging – Chairman Malek reported the committee met October 10 and agreed to begin talking with engineering company regarding bids for dredging Brasher Creek. For Sand Creek, other ideas/options are being investigated (i.e., possibly building a short berm). Additional discussions with C&C Contracting are needed to obtain other ideas/possibilities for Sand Creek.

Ordinances – Chairman Hanby reported no meeting has occurred to discuss ordinances.

OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported the last of the equipment that had been ordered in last year's budget has been received. The police vehicles are in good shape after some maintenance work.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Introduce Amendment to HL-07-03-Business License Code

- **Section 21-Delivery License**

The Town Clerk stated this amendment will bring the Business License Code Ordinance into compliance with newly enacted Alabama Act 2017-415. Currently a delivery business license is \$100.00. If the delivering company's gross receipts that are derived from within the municipality do not exceed \$10,000.00 a delivery license will not be required.

Resolution HL-17-05-Surplus Unneeded Personal Property – Request to surplus a broken office chair and an APC Battery Backup plus Surge Protection Device. Nelson made a motion to approve. Posey seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Renewal re: Debris Removal – MOU between the Blount County Commission and the Town of Highland Lake regarding debris removal and monitoring services in preparation for future catastrophic events such as tornados. Posey made a motion to approve. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Fred Harvey – Boathouse replacement (32' x 32') plans due to storm damage – Fred Harvey stated the replacement boathouse will be the same dimensions as the old one, just a different layout. Nelson made a motion to approve plans. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Fred Harvey – Boathouse replacement – Request for council to waive the permit fee since this was storm damage and not being replaced by choice, and a fee has already been paid one time for a boathouse. Posey made a motion to deny the request to waive the permit fee. Moore seconded. Roll call. Nelson, Moore and Posey voted yes to deny the request to waive the permit fee. Malek and Hanby voted no. Councilmember Nelson stated he misunderstood the motion and meant to vote no.

Mr. Harvey questioned why to deny the request. Councilmember Posey stated because it was not a federal disaster. Mr. Harvey stated it was his understanding permit fees had been waived in the past. The Town Clerk responded the permit fees were waived for those impacted by the 2014 storms/tornados with the exception of inspection fees.

A second vote was taken since there was a misunderstanding. Posey made a motion to deny the request to waive the permit fee for the Harvey boathouse replacement. Moore seconded. Roll call. Moore and Posey voted yes to deny request. Nelson, Malek and Hanby voted no to not deny the request to waive the permit fee. The vote was 2 Yes's and 3 No's. The motion failed.

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Art's Council Benefit Concert – March 17, 2018 – Councilmember Moore stated the Art's Council will rent the Anchor and host a concert where 100% of the proceeds go to the Appalachian Band Program. Roman Street will be the entertainer. There will be a cost of \$10 per person, five & under will be free. Nelson made a motion to approve. Malek seconded. Roll call. Posey, Malek, Nelson, and Hanby voted yes. Moore abstained. Motion carried.

Blount Sav-A-Life Annual 5K Run April 21, 2018 – Moore made a motion to approve. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

CD at Hometown Bank that matures Nov 9, 2017 – Moore made a motion to renew CD for six months at 1%. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Rush suggested voting again on the Harvey request to reflect the approval of waiving the permit fee for clarification. Everyone agreed.

Harvey Boathouse Replacement due to Storm Damage – Request to Waive Permit Fee - Nelson made a motion to approve waiving the permit fee based on no additional square footage and this being an act of God. Malek seconded. Roll call. Posey voted no. Malek, Moore, Hanby and Nelson voted yes. Vote was 1-No and 4-Yes. Motion carried. Building Inspection fees will not be waived.

Bill Rush thanked the Town Clerk and Council for the email that was sent out reminding residents to not rake leaves in culverts.

With no other business to come before the council, Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Posey seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Signature on file

Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk

Signature on file

Connie B. Vice, Mayor