

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 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

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes – Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Council member Vice gave the monthly and end of fiscal year financial report. Vice reported the net income for the year was \$39,577.80. Also, Vice reported the town started the fiscal year in October 2015 with a total of \$303,974 cash and CD's. The town is ending this fiscal year with \$349,703. Ort made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds – Chairman Donna Hanby reported the entrance sign at River Road/Lakeshore Drive has been re-installed. A work day was scheduled for Thursday, October 6 to stain the posts and plant flowers.

Roads – Chairman Tim Peek – no report.

Lake – Chairman Skip Davis requested the town contract with Johnny Dailey and Don Martin to do maintenance work at the dam since they are familiar with the project. Davis stated the maintenance project at the dam has not been totally defined, but the cost should be under \$30,000.00 as budgeted. This is a public works project and does not need to be bid if under \$50,000.00.

Ordinances – Chairman Shani Ort reported the Zoning ordinance will be voted on tonight later in the agenda.

Mayor Bailey reported the county is currently working on Lakeshore Drive, and will pave from CR29 to Carl Randall's house (where they left off last time). Work will also be done in the S curve by Edna Henry's house on Lakeshore Drive to the entrance of the Anchor. The county will also place one coat of tar & gravel from CR 29 to the Anchor. The county should pave this portion of Lakeshore Drive in the next few weeks. This is a matching grant with the county.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

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OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported the camera system has been upgraded to include the park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HL-16-01 Zoning Ordinance – Ort made a motion to approve Ordinance HL-16-01 Zoning with the change from Standard Building Code to 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) in Section 5.1 - Residential Uses. Vice seconded. Roll call. Davis, Hanby, Ort, Vice and Bailey voted yes. Peek voted no. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution HL-16-08 – Surplus Office Desks – Hanby made a motion to approve. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Donation of a fountain in the park by Carl Randall – the fountain is in memory of his wife, Leah. Vice made a motion to accept the donation. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bailey announced there will be a formal dedication on Saturday, October 29.

Donation of a file cabinet by Roger Hunter – Vice made a motion to accept the donation. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Tony Coop – repair request for boathouse, retainer wall and build a permanent storage on boathouse – Hanby made a motion to approve the plans. Peek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Randy Kornegay – reinforce pilings and boards on boathouse. Peek made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Craig Tolbert – repair seawall. Vice made a motion to approve plans. Davis seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Dale Holloway – new pier and repairs to existing boathouse. Peek made a motion to approve plans. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Bo Martin/Nix – Lot improvement, new pier, seawall and new floating dock. Mr. Martin said he planned to use stacked stone instead of concrete for the seawall. Peek made a motion to approve plans. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Dalton NeSmith – new seawall. Peek made a motion to approve plans. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jon Doss – variance request to add a bathroom in the garage that was recently approved for construction on Sunset Circle. Request died due to the lack of a motion.

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Fred Williamson – variance request to build storage building on 10-acre tract of land off of West Lakeshore Drive. Vice made a motion to approve. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Drone Video of Lake – Council member Vice requested that the town have a video taken of the lake while the water is down, especially the areas where we are going to dredge. Cullman Aerial Photography will do still shots and a video for \$500.00. Vice made a motion to hire Cullman Aerial Photography to do a drone video of the lake. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ort made a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to review three additional requests that were received after the agenda was posted. Vice seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jadie Barwick – install fence to edge of seawall. Vice made a motion to approve. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Vance Morton – repair seawall. Vice made a motion to approve plans. Davis seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Terry Thurston – cut 6 ½” off of piles and reset pier. Hanby made a motion to approve plans. Ort seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor stated the Lake Committee is addressing options for removing dirt from the boat launch area.

Mayor Bailey read her last article from the October community newsletter. She expressed her appreciation to the council and to the employees. Mayor Bailey stated Highland Lake is one of the most wonderful places on earth in which to live and we have some of the greatest citizens anywhere.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Marlin Vest expressed his appreciation to Mayor Bailey and that she started making good changes immediately. Mr. Vest said he is proud to have Mayor Bailey as a Mayor and as a friend.

Councilmember Davis stated it had been an honor and pleasure to serve on the council.

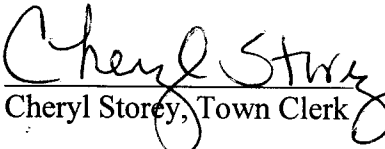
Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk, expressed her appreciation to the Mayor for her hard work and a job well done.

Carl Randall thanked the council for letting him donate the fountain.

Marlin Vest commended the work efforts of the Mayor, council and employees during the 2014 storm. Mayor Bailey added the town had a lot of assistance from the county, state and Judge Green.

With no other business to come before the council, Vice made a motion to adjourn. Hanby seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Gail S. Bailey, Mayor