

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Greg Posey 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:

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

September 5, 2017 Work Session Minutes – Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

September 5, 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 – Council member Donna Hanby gave the fiscal year-end financial report. Expenses exceeded income by \$5,764.30; however, reserve funds from Special Projects were available to cover the overrun. Moore made a motion to accept the report, as presented. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds – Chairman Posey reported a meeting was held and discussed the need for a maintenance type work day.

Lake – Chairman Nelson reported the lily pads by the Anchor have been treated and look good. The quarterly lake tests were also done and we are awaiting the results. Mayor Vice added that the town recently sent an email to the community advising that no aquatic plants should be placed in the lake.

Dredging – Chairman Malek reported he met with C&C Contracting to discuss feasibility of dredging options at Sand Creek. A committee meeting is scheduled for October 10 to discuss these options.

Roads – Chairman Moore reported that steps are being taken to complete six road forms that have been submitted by residents.

OFFICER REPORT

Police Officer Buck Buchanan reported everything has been going good. Most of the equipment from the grants has been received.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance HL-17-03 – Regulation of Public Buildings (Anchor Rental Rates). Posey made a motion to approve. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Safety Barrier at Dam – Nelson made a motion to remove the existing barrier due to unintended consequences of the barrier holding debris and water not flowing through. Hanby seconded. Roll call. Posey, Nelson, Malek, Hanby and Vice voted yes. Moore abstained. Motion carried.

Road Form – Jacob Hembree-Vista Drive Pooling Situation – Moore provided an update. Resident Hembree to purchase pipe for his driveway and the county will install. The county will also dig and clean out the ditches. Once these items have been done, an assessment will be made to determine if pooling issue is resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Vice thanked Councilmember Chase Moore for applying for a CAWACO grant to provide lights in the park. The town was awarded a \$4300.00 grant. The Mayor encouraged all council members to look for grant opportunities.

Councilmember Hanby provided the status of the town's CD at Compass Bank. The town received a letter stating the CD would be turned over to the state since there had been no activity, even though the CD auto renewed. The town did return the form as requested. The penalty to withdraw the money would be approximately \$1700. Our interest rate is .30. Town auditor, Lori Criswell, is reviewing to determine if it would be beneficial to withdraw now and re-invest with another bank at a higher interest rate, or leave CD at Compass until it matures in September 2018. Town Attorney Alex Smith will review.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

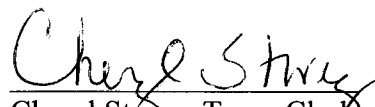
Bill Rush questioned the year end budget and exceeding income by \$5,000.00.

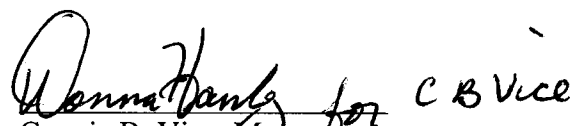
Carl Randall suggested the town purchase a sprinkler system for flowers in the park. Buildings & Grounds Committee will discuss.

Gail Bailey suggested extra daylilies that are removed be placed in pots. Bailey also suggested that Preen be placed down on flower bed once cleaned out to help with weeds.

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

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Connie B. Vice, Mayor for C B Vice