

# Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 2 at the Anchor. Mayor Hanby called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Carl Randall gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

## ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Donna Hanby  
Council members Chase Moore, Carl Randall and Ramzi Malek  
Absent: Sid Nelson

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

**June 4, 2019 Work Session Minutes:** Randall made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion passed.

**June 4, 2019 Regular Council Minutes:** Randall made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Chase Moore gave the financial report. Council Randall motioned to accept the report with a change to Escrow Account balance. Councilman Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion passed.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Dredging** – Malek reported that the committee is currently working on a site(s) to dump the silt. The cost will depend on how close the location is to the dredging area. Bill Rush and Eric Sanders are looking at various places to dredge with associated costs.

**Roads Committee** - Since a permanent Roads Committee is in the process of being established, Councilman Moore decided to wait on scheduling a meeting with Dean Calvert until the committee was formed.

**Lake Committee** – No report

**Ordinance Committee** – no report

## OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported 42 contacts.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Hanby read the results of the investigation on the allegations brought against Chief Kon by the previous mayor. There was no evidence to support the allegations. This report will be placed in Chief Kon's permanent record.

Mayor Hanby reported that the League of Municipalities attorney recommended the resignation letter of the previous mayor not be published. Councilman Moore made a motion to not publish the letter. Councilman Randall seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

Mayor Hanby reported on the first Community Yard Sale. There were 10 vendors present. She stated we need to publish the event better next time as more vendors would participate.

Mayor Hanby reported the zoning issue at 15 Sunset Strip is being resolved. The property owner decided not to pursue the matter with the Zoning Board of Adjustments. He intends to give the current tenants 60 days to vacate the property.

A revised Road Ordinance was presented for approval. Moore made a motion to approve. Randall seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

Councilman Moore made a motion that Gail Bailey be appointed as the Roads Committee Chairperson. Councilman Malek seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

Chairperson, Gail Bailey of the Roads Committee presented four individuals for the committee for approval.

Councilman Randall motioned to accept Bill McDavid to the Roads Committee. Councilman Malek Seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

Councilman Randall motioned to accept Steve Poer to the Roads Committee. Councilman Moore Seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

Councilman Randall motioned to accept Rick Fernamburg to the Roads Committee. Councilman Malek Seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed

Councilman Randall motioned to accept Steve Smith to the Roads Committee. Councilman Moore Seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

A new discussion took place regarding finding a business or individual that would bring a dump truck to the town once a month for disposal of household items. Recommendations were made.

A discussion regarding filling the vacant council seat took place. There are two individuals interested; Mrs. Sharon Duke and Mr. Bob Rhodes. The council will hold one-on-one conversations with the interested parties. At the August Council Meeting a Council Person will be appointed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Hanby presented the need to increase the Town's internet service from 1up/1dn to 10up/25down. Cost increase is approx. \$40. Council recommended checking other service provided to cost compare.

A discussion took place regarding recoding "Criminal" revenue into the Police Department budget rather than into the general fund. Councilman Randall motioned to change the coding for criminal revenue into the Police Department account. Councilman Malek seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

A discussion about sending the Town Clerk to the Summer Clerk's conference at the UA in Tuscaloosa was presented to the council. Cost of registration is \$265 plus lodging and travel. Councilman Moore

made a motioned for the Clerk to attend this conference. Councilman Malek seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

Steve Smith requested approval to put in a seawall on his property. Councilman Moore motioned to approve. Councilman Randall seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed

Paula Blass requested approval to repair and stabilize her seawall. Councilman Randall motioned to approve. Councilman Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

Jim Robertson requested approval to dig holes around his dock posts a foot deep and two feet around and fill with cement to keep his dock from floating up during high water. Councilman Randall motioned to approve. Councilman Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

The Town Clerk requested changing the deadline for notification of the Regular Council Meeting to be changed from the Wednesday before the meeting the Monday the week before the meeting. This will meet the State of Alabama requirement for a 7 day notice. Also items to be added to the meeting agenda will be due the same day. Councilman Moore motioned to approve. Councilman Randall seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion passed.

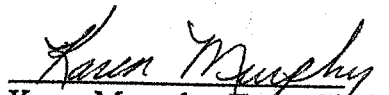
Mayor Handy informed people in attendance that the Census Bureau is hiring "Counters" for the 2020 Census. Contact information was provided.

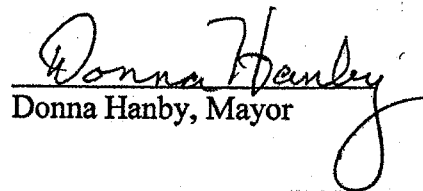
The need to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem was discussed. Councilman Randall made a motion Councilman Moore be appointed Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Malek seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion approved.

There being no other business, Mayor Hanby opened the meeting to the public.

Council Moore motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Randall seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted

  
Karen Murpphy, Town Clerk

  
Donna Hanby, Mayor