

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Highland Lake Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at the Anchor. Mayor Vice called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Ramzi Malek gave the invocation. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Town Attorney Alex Smith was also in attendance.

August 1, 2017 Work Session Minutes – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Hanby seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes – Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

August 22, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes – Malek made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake – Chairman Nelson reported the first treatment of the lily pads by the Anchor was done last week. Committee also continued discussions on the spillway barrier.

Dredging – Chairman Ramzi Malek reported the next step is to discuss with C&C Contracting what can be done at Sand Creek.

Roads – Chairman Moore reported on the Vista Drive drainage issue. The property owner would need to provide the pipe for his driveway. Moore will notify and discuss this issue with the affected land owners. Moore also reviewed all the road forms that had been received and the response from Commissioner Calvert. Those that require council action will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ordinances – Chairman Hanby reported one amended ordinance will be introduced tonight. Also, a bank in Oneonta has expressed interest in doing business with the town.

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

OFFICER REPORT

Chief Kon reported there were no problems over the holiday weekend. Kon also reported that both police vehicles need maintenance.

Kon reported that the Police Salaries will underrun this budget year due to not having a second police officer during most of the summer. He requested to move dollars from salaries to police expenses/equipment so a vest could be purchased for Officer Buchanan. Nelson made a motion to approve to amend the budget and move \$3500.00 from Police Salaries to Police Related Expenses. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

There will also be approximately \$10,000.00 remaining in Police Salaries that could be used to purchase the lumber for replacing the Anchor deck. Tim Moore will proceed with purchasing the lumber for this project.

Mayor Vice reported that CAWACO representatives and Senator Shay Shelnett presented the town and Chief Kon with grant money, approximately \$7700.00. Mayor Vice expressed her appreciation to Chief Kon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Road Form – Jacob Hembree-Vista Drive Pooling Situation – surveyor has marked the corners across the street. The County Engineer has recommended where to place the pipe. The next step is for Council member Moore to discuss with affected property owners.

Safety Barrier at Dam – replacing the barrier at the dam will allow water current to flow properly and will not hold debris. The cost to replace the curtain with barrier floats will be approximately \$1200.00. Council member Nelson will obtain the cost for stainless cable since it will be more durable. The cost to install lights on the seven stationary posts is approximately \$300.00. These items will be on the October meeting agenda for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance HL-17-03 – Regulation of Public Buildings. This ordinance was updated to reflect new rental fee for use of the Anchor to include the cleaning fee. Property owners rental rate will be \$250 and non-property owners will be \$300. This will be voted on at the October meeting.

2017-2018 Budget – Hanby made a motion to approve. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Paul Latham – New Boathouse – Inspector marked where construction needs to start. Hanby made a motion to approve plans. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Change Stop Sign from Martin Drive entering Highland Dam Road to Highland Dam Road where Martin Dr and Highland Dam Rd intersect – Mayor Vice reported that resident Don Martin on Highland Dam Road does not oppose this request. Hanby made a motion to approve this request. Malek seconded. Roll call. Moore, Hanby, Malek and Vice voted yes. Nelson abstained.

Regular Meeting of the Town of Highland Lake, Alabama

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Dale Thomas expressed his appreciation to the council for addressing the West Sunset issue.

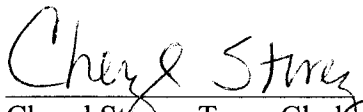
Carl Randall stated he had a dock alarm installed at his boathouse and it works great. He suggested that we share this information with the community. Mayor Vice mentioned we could possibly coordinate a meeting with Roger Kirby, a shock alarm distributor, for the community.

Gail Bailey suggested the town ask Bill Peek to donate to the town a right-of-way so the county can cut the curve out near 545 West Lakeshore Drive to improve the vision in the blind curve.

Carl Randall issued a complaint regarding the upkeep of the park. The roses at Jane Lamb's swing have not been maintained and the day lily bed looks horrible. Mayor Vice responded we recognize this and are working to resolve this issue. The Mayor added we have not had the community involvement like we have in the past.

With no other business to come before the council, Hanby made a motion to adjourn. Nelson seconded. All said I. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Cheryl Storey, Town Clerk


Connie B. Vice, Mayor