

The Regular meeting of the Town Council on December 3, 2019 was called to order at 7:10 PM. Carl Randall gave the invocation. Mayor Hanby led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Mayor Hanby, Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Sharon Duke and Ramzi Malek were present. Chief Kon was also in attendance.

Randall made a motion to accept the November Work Session Minutes. Chase seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Randall made a motion to accept the November Regular Minutes with the change of moving the September Financial from Old Business to the Financial section. Roll call, Randall yes, Hanby yes, Malek yes, Nelson abstained, Duke no, Moore no. Motion carried.

Randall made a motion to accept the November financial report. Nelson seconded. Roll Call, Malek, Nelson, Moore, Hanby and Randall voted yes. Duke voted no. Motion carried.

Randall made a motion to accept the revised September financial report. Nelson seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee: Randall reported that the Anchor windows were replaced at cost of \$1,496.00 and the materials and labor for the repairs to the Town Hall and Garage will cost \$7,000.00. The new siding will be concrete. Randall made a motion to spend \$7,000.00 for materials and labor for the Town Hall and the garage. Nelson seconded. Roll Call, all voted yes. Motion carried

Roads Committee: Moore reported contacting the League for guidance on the sales tax issue as the committee explores the ins and outs. The bridges are repaired and road sides cleared. The patch work has not started.

Lake Committee: Sid Nelson reported meeting with the Lake Preservation Committee on Nov. 30th discussing the dredging and its problems. If the dredging company does not have Workman's Comp the cost to the city could increase.

Dredging Committee: Ramzi Malek gave an update on what has been accomplished at Sand Creek, Brasher Creek and the launch area is 90% done. Sand Creek is only about 15-20% done due to the delay in starting that area and the amounts of rain we are having. The Committee is looking into floating equipment to finish. Future plan is to create an island/sandbar in the center as a temporary fix and perhaps do completely in 2 years. The launch berm has been extended. Concern was expressed about the launch berm as no stabilization mats were placed. Rip rap will be placed. Ramzi reported not all pilons could be pulled due to equipment not being able to reach them. Discussion took place on pulling the pilons out by a wrecker. Malek suggested keeping the lake down for another month.

Public Safety Committee: No Report

Officer Report: Chief Kon reported 40 contacts for month of November; 1 stolen vehicle. Car not recovered but offender is in jail. He thanked the council for sending him to the conference which

completed his CEU requirements. Chief Kon reported finishing inventories of Town equipment and Lesso equipment for the audit. All is accounted for and is witnessed by Officer Buchanan and presented to the Mayor. The two Rib Craft boats now belong to the Town, as well as, the spikes. We are using the military IDs for these boats. Once the security camera system is installed, he will transfer that inventory to Buildings and Grounds inventory.

On the Federal side, the Impala and six generators are on the inventory list but were transferred to Blountsville by the previous administration. Chief Kon will provide a clean copy with both his and officer Buchanan's signatures. Chief Kon also reported the need to recertify the radar units in both police vehicles. Chief Kon suggested throwing away the properly processed old equipment that is in the office. Chief Kon thanked the Lady Lakers for all the work they do for the Town.

Zoning Board of Adjustments: Move Lou Ann from Alternate position to regular position on the Board. Two regular members will roll off December 31, 2019. Moore made a motion to move Lou Ann Kon from alternate status to permanent status effective January 1, 2020. Randall seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Hanby reported that Bryon Woram who has property located on Lakeshore Drive across from West Sunset Blvd. is being donated to the town. Town attorney Alex Smith will draw up the necessary documents.

Mayor Hanby reported the position of Town Clerk is open December 31, 2019.

Mayor Hanby reported the need to upgrade Quick Books to lessen the amount of repetitive work in the office. She recommended QB ProPlus 2020 @ \$149.00
QB Payroll module at \$270.00 and QB Checks 1000 @ .21 each, or \$210.00. After some discussion no action was taken.

The meeting was opened to the public. There being no further business Nelson made a motion to go into Executive Session, Randall seconded. Roll Call all voted yes, Council went into Executive Session at 8:11 PM.

The ES ended at 8:21 and the regular meeting resumed. Nelson made a motion to declare the position of Town Clerk open and to advertise on FaceBook, Town of Highland Lake web site and the local paper for two weeks and then adjourn. Moore seconded. Roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28.

Respectfully submitted,

____Signature on file_____

Karen Murphy, Town Clerk

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Donna Hanby, Mayor

