

Work Session minutes for the Town of Highland Lake, September 10, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor Hanby called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

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Lake: Chairman Rush sent a letter recommending the following for the Lake Preservation Committee

Class of 2020 – Skip Davis and Ramzi Malek

Class of 2021 - John Hand and Sandy Johnson

Class of 2022 – Bill Rush and Wayne Bailey

Past approval Mr. Rush will call an organizational meeting.

Dredging: Ramzi told Council that until the lake is fully lowered the dredging companies cannot give an accurate cost of the project. Ramzi recommended setting a limit of \$100,000.00-120,000.00.

Roads Committee: Mayor Handy presented the quote for bridge repairs from Am Err. The total for repairs, painting and rip/rap is \$18,500. There are ways to cut this amount some by only painting ends of girders and purchasing rip/rap from the County. Gail Bailey said she has a meeting with Commissioner Calvert on Monday. The County will fill all the pot holes and mow sides of our roads in October which will help the town get through until Spring.

Ordinance Committee: No report

Public Safety Committee: Jonathan Simms, Chairman states they are exploring ways and means of improving the Public Services. We will provide the Council with options and opportunities. They are in process of vetting individuals to gain clarity on how funding will be provided ensuring the city will not be exposed to paying unexpected services of expenses.

Chief Kon: Presented a budget for the use of remaining funds in the Police Dept. Budget for updating uniforms and PD vehicle repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hanby presented the 2019-2020 Budget to the Council. Added items for this fiscal year include Blount County Arts Council, Town elections, and raise for Police Chief and Town Inspector.

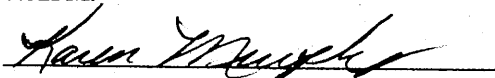
Renovations for seawalls, docks, additional docking and new walkways were presented for council approval for the following individuals: Len Smith, decking and land slope. Tim Street dock repair. Eddy Dunn, seawall repair, Tony Smith, additional docking and new walkway, Mr. Bryson, dock repairs.

Mayor Hanby presented Mr. Ben Vance as our new Auditor. He does municipal audits exclusively.

Mayor Hanby informed council of creation for the new Gas Tax. One account for Rebuild Alabama-Gas, the other Rebuild Alabama-Diesel.

Mayor Hanby reported the Town's Web Master created a new Facebook page gratis. Many thanks to Patti Williams.

There being no other business, Moore motion to adjourn, Nelson seconded, all voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.



Karen Murphy, Town Clerk



Donna Hanby, Mayor

REGULAR MINUTES for the Town of Highland Lake, September 10, 2019 at the Anchor. Mayor Hanby called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM. Carl Randall gave the invocation. Mayor Handy led in the Pledge.

Roll Call: Mayor Hanby, Sid Nelson, Sharon Duke, Carl Randall, Ramzi Malek, and Chase Moore were present. Chief Kon was also in attendance.

Moore made a motion to accept the minutes of the August Work Session, Randall seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Randall made a motion to accept the minutes of the August Council Meeting, Duke seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Moore made a motion to accept the minutes of the August Special Meeting. Randall seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Moore made a motion to accept the August financial report, Malek seconded. Roll call. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds: Carl Randall mentioned two trees overhanging the Anchor's back deck were in need of trimming for safety reasons. Chief Kon informed council of the security system that has been ordered which will cover the entire park area as well as town buildings. There will be 8 cameras. Chief Kon also requested an upgrade to the new system which will cost \$982.00. Otelco will donate the pole and router. Randall made a motion to approve the upgrade. Moore, seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Lake Preservation Committee: Chairman Rush sent a letter recommending the following for
Class of 2020 – Skip Davis and Ramzi Malek: Randall made a motion to accept them for the committee. Moore seconded. Roll Call. All voted yes, motion carried
Class of 2021 - John Hand and Sandy Johnson: Randall made a motion to accept them for the committee. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.
Class of 2022 – Bill Rush and Wayne Bailey: Randall made a motion to accept them for the committee. Moore seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.
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Dredging Committee: Ramzi told Council that until the lake is fully lowered the dredging companies cannot give an accurate cost of the project. Ramzi recommended setting a limit of \$100,000.00-120,000.00. Moore made a motion to established \$120,000.00 as spending limit for dredging. Randall seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.

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Ordinance Committee: Duke reported the passage of the amendment to Ordinance HL11-02 -Vicious Dog Ordinance.

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Chief Kon: Chief reported 38 actions during August of various offences some of which were drug related. Chief Kon presented a budget for the use of remaining funds in the Police Dept. Budget for updating uniforms and PD vehicle repairs. He requested moving \$7,000.00 budgeted for salaries into the Police related expenses to cover: Tahoe suspension, pickup truck front seat, uniforms, 4 spy point cell cams, and park cameras. Moore made a motion to move the funds from salary to police related expenses. Roll Call all voted yes, motion carried. Nelson made a motion to use these police funds as requested by Chief Kon not to exceed \$2,500. Chief Kon announced that Officer Buck Buchanan will be a more regular member of the Police Department.

OLD BUSINESS

15 Sunset Strip: occupants have vacated the property. Chief Kon and Inspector Moore will verify.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hanby presented the 2019-2020 Budget to the Council. Added items for this fiscal year include Blount County Arts Council, Town elections, and raise \$1.00 per hour raise for Police Chief and Town Inspector, Tim Moore. Randall made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 budget. Nelson seconded. Roll call. Duke, Randall, Nelson, Hanby and Moore voted abstained, Malek voted yes. Motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to increase these salaries \$1.00/hour for Chief Kon and Bldg. Inspector Moore. Randall Seconded. Roll call. Duke, Randall, Nelson, Hanby and Malek voted yes. Moore abstained. Motion carried.

Renovations for seawalls, docks, additional docking and new walkways were presented for council approval for the following individuals:

Len Smith, decking and land slope. Moore made a motion to approve the request. Malek seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Tim Street dock repair. Randall made a motion to approve repairs. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Eddy Dunn, seawall repair. Moore mad a motion to approve repairs. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes.

Tony Smith, additional docking and new walkway. Town inspector reported looking over the property but was unable to find the marker where the new dock is to be built. Moore made a motion to table the approval pending the inspectors report. Nelson seconded. Roll call. All voted yes, motion carried.

Mr. Bryson, dock repairs. Randall made a motion to approve the repairs. Nelson seconded. Roll call, all voted yes, motion carried.

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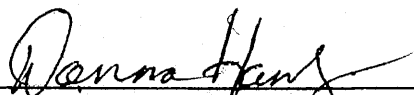
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Mayor Hanby read a letter from Town Attorney, Alex Smith regarding the easement rights of individuals around the lake, but outside the town limits. "The easements predate the Joe L. Moore and Co., Inc. bankruptcy which resulted in its sale of the land upon which Highland Lake is located. Also, the easements in question provides in paragraph number seven that they are invalid unless paid for in full by each licensee. Certainly, at this point in time, there is no way for the Town to verify the validity of these easements." "It is therefore my opinion that unless a person presenting an easement can verify that he or she filed a claim in the Joe L. Moore and Co., Inc., bankruptcy to establish the validity of the easement and paid for the same, the Town should deny the validity of each such easement."

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Respectfully submitted,


Karen Murphy, Town Clerk


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