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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
6:30 PM
The Anchor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bailey at 6:33 PM.

ROLL CALL:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Bailey

Council Members: Ramzi Malek, Carl Randall,
Sid Nelson

ABSENT: Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Scott Kon – Police Chief

Alex Smith - Attorney

Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Councilman Ramzi Malek

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of April 1, 2025 Work Session Minutes:**
Ramzi Malek made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Approval of April 1, 2025 Regular Session Minutes**
Sid Nelson made the motion to accept the minutes, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds - Carl Randall

The roof leak at Town Hall has been repaired. Royal Roof Contractors replaced all of the screws in the roof.

The Lady Lakers and residents picked up forty-nine bags of trash for the PALS program. Councilman Randall thanked everyone for their help.

Lake Preservation – Bill Rush

- **John Hand - Discuss Contract**
Nothing to add to what was discussed during the Work Session
- **Fishing Tournament Prizes**
Nothing to add to what was discussed during the Work Session

Curtis Atkinson and Jason Floyd have been contacted to come look at the spillway. Bill Rush and Chief Kon have spoken with Birmingham Water Works about ways to help lower the lake, and they recommended siphoning the water. The committee will work on a plan to present to the Council.

Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson

No Report

Public Safety Committee – Sam Pearson

Chief Kon reported that Sam and a few others have met to discuss the fundraiser that will be held in September. They are looking for a venue to host the event. The next meeting will be May 29th.

Roads Committee – Sam Pearson & Josh Beck

The county began working on West Lakeshore filling in potholes and cutting the sides of the road. They are halfway finished. The committee will meet in June.

Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes (Non-Permanent at this time)

No Report as Bobby Rhodes was not in attendance
The committee will have their next meeting May 12th.

OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police Scott Kon

The department answered 12 service calls for the month of April. One of the tires on the Tahoe needs to be replaced due to nails in it. Chief Kon has priced the Michelin tires that are on the vehicle, and they cost around \$375 each. At this time, he is going to have just the one replaced. Chief Kon reminded everyone to please be alert, keep doors locked, cars locked, and be aware of their surroundings. He also, reminded everyone to watch out for scams through emails, texts, etc. The new sign at the boat launch is getting good reviews. People have been asking if the Town has any plans to have other ways to pay for bank fishing such as Venmo, etc.

INSPECTOR REPORT – Building Inspector Tim Moore

No Report due to Tim Moore not being in attendance

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Update on playground equipment**
Nothing to add to what was discussed during the Work Session
- 2. Update on boat launch sign**
Nothing to add to what has already been discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

- 3. Gregg Hollon, Auditor**
He will reschedule.

- 4. Kearson Strong work on dock**

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve the dock work and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- 5. Kite Day in the Park – Olivia Agan**

Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the kite day, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- 6. Vote on Resolution 25-02 – Non-Res Canoes/Kayaks**

Carl Randall made the motion to pass Resolution 25-02, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- 7. Vote on Resolution 25-03 – Tax Levy**

Carl Randall made the motion to pass Resolution 25-03, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- 8. Other business items as determined by the Council**

BWW water sampling results

Bill Rush went over and explained the results of the March 2025 water report from Birmingham Water Works compared to the report from December 2024. He explained that Highland Lake's water is tested like drinking water, and that the water quality is great.

Silt Usage

Councilman Randall said that we need to be thinking of useful ways to use the silt that will be removed when the lake is lowered.

Mayor Bailey encouraged everyone to look at the Town's website and Facebook Page.

With no other items to discuss, Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Gail Bailey - Mayor