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## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 7, 2025  
6:30 PM  
The Anchor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bailey at 6:30 PM.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Bailey

**Council Members:** Carl Randall, Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

**ABSENT:** Bobby Rhodes, Sam Pearson

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Scott Kon – Police Chief  
Tim Moore – Building Inspector  
Alex Smith - Attorney  
Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Councilman Carl Randall

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Approval of September 2, 2025 Work Session Minutes:**  
Ramzi Malek made the motion to accept the minutes as written, and Carl Randall seconded the motion. Sid Nelson abstained and all present voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **Approval of September 2, 2025 Regular Session Minutes**  
Ramzi Malek made the motion to accept the minutes as written, and Carl Randall seconded the motion. Sid Nelson abstained and all others present voted yes. The motion passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building & Grounds - Carl Randall**

Chairman Randall stated that the pier at the boat ramp has been completed. Roof work on the Anchor and work inside the Town Hall will be coming up within the next few months.

### **Lake Preservation – Bill Rush**

Chairman Bill Rush said that Don Martin had mowed the dam area, but there is some green vegetation that is in an area that is not safe to mow. He explained that Eric Sanders with the Blount County CoOp does drone spraying. It would cost \$500 to spray the backside of the dam.

**Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the \$500 drone spraying, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.**

He recommended that while the bottom seal of the gate is visible, this would be a good time to inspect it. Tim Moore and Bill will set a time to do this.

The Town is still looking at closing the gate at the end of October, depending on rain amounts.

Curtis Atkinson with C & C Contracting looked at Brasher Creek and recommended the following options to remove silt. The silt has gone past the cofferdams.

**Option #1** Remove the silt and haul it off. This would take about 100 loads. Estimated cost \$46,500

**Option #2** Use the silt to extend the Brasher Creek berm. Estimated cost \$36,475 plus \$4,000 for rip rap

### **Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson**

Chairman Nelson explained that Ordinance HL-O-2025-11 will be introduced tonight to replace Ordinance HL-O-2020-07.

### **Public Safety Committee – Sam Pearson**

Chief Kon reminded everyone about the NIL Forum Fundraiser October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Roads Committee – Sam Pearson & Josh Beck**

No report

Mayor Bailey reminded the committee that they need to have a meeting in November.

### **Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes**

**(Non-Permanent at this time)**

Mayor Bailey went over the Financial Report and answered any questions.

### **OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police Scott Kon**

The department had nine service calls for the month of September.

Chief Kon said that the 911 invoice for PS Aware for \$243.16 was ready to be paid. He wants to hold the 911 invoice for \$2,620.27 until more information is given on the charges.

### **INSPECTOR REPORT – Building Inspector Tim Moore**

Tim Moore reported that during the month of September he did twenty-seven inspections and closed out one remodel.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Update on Martin's Floating Pier**

They are waiting on the water to come back up. They will be moving it back about ten feet.

**2. Stanley and Valeri Knight's request to install a single jet ski/floating dock**

No plans have been provided at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**3. Kenya Jordan / Flotation Systems**

After much discussion, Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the dock under the following conditions:

- Must have lights on the ends for boaters at night to see
- Is being built to be handicap accessible
- Location is set back in a cove

Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

**4. Eddie Lowe's request to build sea wall**

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve Eddie Lowe's request to build a sea wall, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

**5. Shelbie Sosnowchik's request to work on dock**

The top boards on her dock need to be replaced.

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

**6. Move Work and Regular November meetings to Monday, November 3, 2025.**

Sid Nelson made the motion to move the November meetings to Monday, November 3, 2025, since the Organizational Meeting has to be that night. Carl Randall seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

**7. Introduce Ordinance HL-O-2025-11 – Change in 3% Sales Tax Distribution  
(To replace HL-O-2020-07)**

The change is in section 12. The funds are currently deposited into the Police Fund and Road Fund. The new ordinance will have the funds deposited into the General Fund.

The Ordinance will be posted and voted on at the November meeting.

**8. Budget Items to be paid**

- **Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham**

Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the payment of \$249, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present votes yes, and the motion passed.

- **Appalachian School**

This will be on November's agenda.

- **Community Arts Council of Blount County**  
This will be on November's agenda.
- **Lady Lakers Donation for Fall Festival**  
Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the \$500 payment, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All present votes yes, and the motion passed.

**9. Royal Roofing Estimate – Replace screws in Anchor roof**

Royal Roofing provided an estimate for \$3,500.

Sid Nelson made the motion to approve spending \$3,500 to replace the screws on the Anchor roof, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

**10. Lakeside Boathouse Invoice – Dock at boat launch**

There were a couple of questions about the dock. Tim Moore explained that the lip has to be around the edges to be ADA compliant. He also spoke with Keith from Lakeside Boathouse and was told that a lower area could be built if needed, but need to wait until the water is back up.

The invoice was for \$13,200. The Town received a CAWACO Grant for the pier that will reimburse The Town \$10,000 of the cost.

Ramzi Malek made the motion to approve the payment to Lakeside Boathouse, and Carl Randall seconded the motion. Sid Nelson abstained, all others present votes yes, and the motion passed.

**11. Blount County 911 Invoices**

Chief Kon requested that the 911 invoice for \$2,620.27 be held until additional information is received. The invoice for \$243.16 for PS Aware can be paid.

**12. Professional Home Renovation estimate – Repair walls and ceiling in office**

This will be on the November agenda.

**13. Public Official Bond renewal for mayor and clerk**

Need to check about the Finance Chairman on the policy

**14. Other business items as determined by the Council**

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any other items.

Several residents still have concerns about the size of the Krzecka home. Mayor Bailey explained that there is nothing in the Zoning Ordinance that states that a house cannot go over a certain square footage, just that it has to be at least 1,800 square feet.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

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Gail Bailey - Mayor