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## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2025  
6:30 PM  
The Anchor

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

### ROLL CALL:

**IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor:** Gail Bailey

**Council Members:** Wes Faulkner, Bobby Rhodes, Carl Randall,  
Anne Rilling, Ramzi Malek

**ABSENT:** None

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

Invocation was given by Council Member Ramzi Malek

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of November 3, 2025 Organizational Meeting Minutes:**  
Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes and the motion passed.
- **Approval of November 3, 2025 Regular Session Minutes**  
Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Building & Grounds - Carl Randall**

Chairman Randall reported that the screws on the roof of the Anchor were replaced to prevent it from leaking.

The renovations for Town Hall will begin in January.

### **Lake Preservation – Ramzi Malek / Bill Rush**

Chairman Malek reported that the gate has been closed. He also reported that there are no further projects planned at this time.

Chief Kon made a recommendation that the anchors in the concrete holding the gate be replaced. This is something that can wait until the next time the Lake is lowered.

### **Ordinance Committee – Anne Rilling**

Chairman Rilling reported that Ordinance 2025-0-12 is on the agenda tonight. The committee will have their next meeting Monday, December 8, 2025.

### **Public Safety Committee – Wes Faulkner / Sam Pearson**

The committee's last meeting was Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Mayor Bailey has resigned from the committee. The committee recommends that her seat be replaced with Bobby Rhodes.

### **Roads Committee – Wes Faulkner / Sam Pearson**

The committee will have their next meeting Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

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

The committee met Monday, December 1, 2025. Chairman Rhodes went over the financial report and answered any questions.

There are two open seats on the committee that need to be filled.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2026.

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

Chief Kon reported that the department had eight service calls for the month of November and twelve citations were written.

Officer Rosenbaum will soon need tires for his vehicle. The cost will be around \$800.

The Chiefs Conference will be in Montgomery in February. Chief Kon said it would be around \$1,000 for lodging, and that he would like to be able to make reservations.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve \$1,000 for lodging for Chief Kon to attend the Chiefs Conference in Montgomery in February. Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

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

Tim Moore reported that during November he performed sixteen inspections. At this time there are three new builds and six remodeling jobs being done.

He reported that the spraying of the dam went well. He took pictures of the dam/spillway area to use as baseline. The clerk will forward these pictures to the council members.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Blount County 911 Contract and Invoice \$2,620.27**

Wes Faulkner made the motion to pay the invoice, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2. Resolution HL-R-2025-15 – Simplified Sellers Use Tax Litigation**

Wes Faulkner made the motion to pass Resolution HL-R-2025-15, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

### **3. Ordinance HL-O-2025-12 – Regulating the Procedure For Meetings of the Council**

After the ordinance was introduced, Carl Randall made the motion to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of the proposed ordinance. Wes Faulkner seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

Carl Randall made the motion to adopt Ordinance HL-O-2025-12, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

### **4. Public Safety Committee Appointments**

Wes Faulkner made the motion for Gail Bailey's seat to be replaced by Bobby Rhodes. Anne Rilling seconded the motion. Roll Call. Bobby Rhodes abstained, and all others voted yes. The motion passed.

### **5. Lake Preservation Committee Appointments**

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to reappoint Wayne Bailey and Sid Nelson to the Lake Preservation Committee, and Wes Faulkner seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

Carl Randall made the motion for Randy Rilling to fill Wes Faulkner's seat, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

### **6. Blount-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce Invoice for Dues - \$125.00**

Carl Randall made the motion to pay the invoice, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

### **7. Vote on one time pay increase for employees**

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the one time pay increase, and Wes Faulkner seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

### **8. Vote to remove Sid Nelson from Hometown Accounts**

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to remove Sid Nelson, and Ramzi Malek seconded the motion. Roll Call. All voted yes. The motion passed.

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

Ramzi Malek requested to have a weed pad installed at his residence to help control the weed growth in the water.

After discussing what his plans were, Wes Faulkner made the motion to approve the request. Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll Call. Ramzi Malek abstained, and all others voted yes. Motion passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

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Gail Bailey - Mayor