

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWN OF LAKE LURE MONDAY,
JANUARY 21, 1974

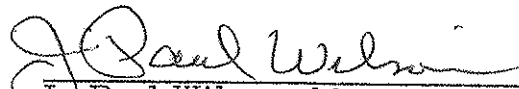
A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on Monday, January 21, 1974, pursuant to waiver of notice.

The following members of the board were present: J. Paul Wilson, Mayor; Jim Nance, Commissioner; and Don Cothran, Commissioner.

The meeting was held after waiver of notice as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)	
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD)	WAIVER OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL
TOWN OF LAKE LURE)	MEETING

THE UNDERSIGNED MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE HEREBY WAIVE ALL NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF SAID BORAD OF COMMISSIONERS AND AGREE THAT SAID MEETING MAY BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL AT LAKE LURE, N. C. ON JANUARY 21, 1974, AND THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER AGREE THAT ALL BUSINESS PROPERLY BRO UGHT BEFORE SAID MEETING MAY BE TRANSACTED AT SAID MEETING.


J. Paul Wilson, Mayor


Jim Nance, Commissioner


Don Cothran, Commissioner

Mayor J. Paul Wilson called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to dismiss Police Chief Paul Haynes and to employ and administer the oath to a new Police Chief.

There was a motion made by Jim Nance to dismiss Paul Haynes as of January 21, 1974, thereby relieving him of any further duties. Motion was seconded by Don Cothran. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Don Cothran to hire S. R. Swaringen as Police Chief for the Town of Lake Lure. Motion was seconded by Jim Nance. The vote was unanimous.

A citizen, Mrs. Katie Burch asked for an explanation of the dismissal of the former Police Chief, Mr. Paul Haynes. The Mayor opened the floor for discussion, and an explanation of the situation was given by Councilman Don Cothran.

The naming of un-named roads within the city of Lake Lure was discussed and it was decided that those roads lying behind the dam should be named first, to aid for police and fire protection.

A request was made by Mrs. Nelon to reduce boat permit rates for non-resident fisherman. No action was taken on this request. Mrs. Nelon also suggested that the lake consider issuing an honorary fishing license for all fishermen over 65 years of age. No action was taken at this time.

The oath was administered to Mr. S. R. Swaringen as Chief of Police and to Donald K. Cothran as ~~Assistant~~ Police Chief.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Lake Lure and held in the Town Office of Lake Lure, North Carolina on Tuesday, January 8, 1974

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Paul Wilson, and it was requested that Martin Nesbitt read the minutes of the last meeting, due to the absence of the town clerk, Mrs. Lyles. Mr. Nesbitt read the minutes and Jim Nance objected to them as read. Minutes are accepted, subject to the following corrections:

1. In addition to the six garbage cans mentioned in the minutes of December 11, the following additions are to be included as having been approved at that meeting.

- (a) two cans at the Community Center.
- (b) two cans at the beach gate.
- (c) two cans at the launching ramp.
- (d) two cans at the archade.
- (e) and two cans at the pull-off near Jim Nance's house.

2. Motion was made by Don Cothran and seconded by Jim Nance that signs designating the city limits be placed on highway #9 and highway #74 and at all places where they cross the outer limits of the town. The Motion was approved. Mayor Paul Wilson made the suggestion that the signs be 4' x 8' in size.

3. It was decided by the Town Council that street signs should be placed on all streets not presently having such signs.

Upon acceptance of the minutes , with the aforesaid corrections, the meeting was open for old business.

A motion was made by Don Cothran that Mrs. Kattie Burch be appointed chairman and Steve Cranford, vice-chairman of a committee to determine any un-named streets and roads within the city limits and to select two other persons to assist them in the naming of these streets. The motion was seconded by Jim Nance and was approved unanimously. Mrs. Burch and Mr. Cranford are to report their progress at the next regular meeting of the Town Council.

A resolution was presented by councilman Don Cothran to amend the budget by transferring \$1,000.00 from Revenue Sharing, which was originally allocated to the Administration Department, to the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Jim Nance and the vote was unanimous. The original amount allocated to the Police Department was \$450.00, thus there is now a total allocated of \$1,450.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Don Cothran, that Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr. be retained as town attorney for the Town of Lake Lure and that the fee be established on a \$100.00 per month retainer for attendance at the meetings, typing of the minutes and advice and counseling concerning town affairs, and that any other business conducted on behalf of the town would be billed separately. Motion was seconded by Jim Nance and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was raised by Don Cothran concerning \$500.00 per year that should be given to the Volunteer Fire Department, it was unclear as to whether it had been paid or not. The Mayor stated that he would review the minutes to see if it has been appropriated. A final decision will be reached at the next meeting.

The question of continued pay to the prior city attorney, Hollis Owens, Jr., was raised. Mr. Owens was of the opinion that he should receive his \$100.00 per month retainer until the end of the fiscal year 1973-74. Mayor Paul Wilson stated that there was no written contract and he had been paid through the month of November and it was felt he should be paid for part of the month of December and for his work to date on the case of Clyde Flynn -vs- Town of Lake Lure. However, no regular monthly payments were to be made past December.

A motion was made by Jim Nance to pay for a billing machine in the amount of \$2,542.80 and ledger cards in the amount of \$364.00. Being a total of \$2,906.80. The Motion was seconded by Don Cothran. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Paul Wilson reported to the council that the town had been presented with an offer whereby they could receive free score cards for the golf course. It was decided that further investigation was necessary before any decision could be made.

Mayor Paul Wilson reported to the council that recent changes in the Social Security law now make it possible for a beneficiary to receive as much as \$200.00 per month and still be eligible for Social Security Benefits. Prior to this change, the maximum amount was \$175.00. Jim Nance made a motion that the salary of Cal Wilson be raised to the level of \$200.00 in view of this change and Don Cothran seconded the motion. Mr. Nance and Mr. Cothran voted aye. Mayor Paul Wilson abstained.

The question of raising the bonds for policemen and the clerk was considered but no decision was reached.

Motion was made by Jim Nance for Paul Hanes, the present Police Chief, to be given full authority to administer the Police Department. This specifically including the authority to hire and fire and otherwise discipline members of the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Don Cothran. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Jim Nance to hire Donald K. Cothran as new City Policeman at a salary of \$5,000.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Don Cothran. The vote was unanimous.

It was decided by the council that some unused part of the town office should be converted for use by the Police Department. Mayor Paul Wilson and Jim Nance volunteered to assist in the construction, however, no formal action was taken.

A motion was made by Don Cothran that Marleen Wilson be hired to assist in clerical work in the Town Office. The motion was seconded by Jim Nance. Don Cothran and Jim Nance voted aye. Mayor Paul Wilson abstained.

A motion was made by Don Cothran that all back taxes be collected. The motion was seconded by Jim Nance and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution was presented by Jim Nance to discontinue service on all water accounts not paid by the 25th of the month. After discussion, it was determined that there was an ordinance to this effect which has not been enforced. It was the intent of the town board to enforce this ordinance hereafter and arrangements were made to prepare such a notice. The motion was seconded by Don Cothran. Vote was unanimous.

Don Cothran made a motion to raise the cost of taps on to the city water lines from \$75.00 to \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Nance. Vote was unanimous.

The problem of repair of the town front-end loader was raised and it was decided that it should be fixed. Jim Nance accepted the responsibility for doing so.

The possibility of constructing a sand pump, to be used in maintaining a chanel to the bay area of lake lure was discussed. It was decided that further investigation was necessary.

The possibility of levying a privilege license tax was raised and a request was made of the town attorney to gather information and prepare an ordinance for the implementation for such a tax, however, no formal action was taken.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Nary T. Fisher
Clerk

Paul Wilson
Mayor