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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1996, 7:30 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Max E. Lehner
Commissioner Bill Bush
Commissioner Carolyn Cobb
Commissioner Beth Rose
Commissioner Bud Schichtel

J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney
John R. Strutner, Town Manager

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lehner called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Attorney Chris Callahan gave the invocation.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Mayor Lehner invited the audience to participate in the audience of citizens with any discussion or concerns they had.

Anita Thomas voiced her concern on the issue of recycling. Ms. Thomas stated that she would like to see the recycling area located behind the Arcade

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Building updated and that she would also like to see a facility located in the Fairfield area. Mayor Lehner informed the audience that the County has agreed to place a convenience center on Bill's Creek Road and that the Town has allocated funds in next year's budget to refurbish the down-town center.

Judy Beeson, Director of the new Hickory Nut Gorge Visitor's Center, informed Council that the Center received approximately 897 visitors between Friday, May 24 and Monday, May 27, 1996.

Riley Hardy gave an update on the local softball leagues. Approximately \$5,000 has been raised toward this event, and they are currently seeking soccer equipment with the funds which have not been used. On behalf of the children, Mr. Hardy thanked Council for their support.

Bob Washburn reported that approximately five years ago Council gave permission for a slalom course on the lake. However, last year the course was not used due to several circumstances. Mr. Washburn requested to be able to put the course back in operation. It would be used by approximately twelve participants during non-peak times in the early morning or late afternoon, Tuesdays through Thursdays, and only experienced drivers would be pulling the skiers through the course. The course is located in the area of Buffalo Bay adjacent to the undeveloped shoreline on the northwest side of the bay. The line is approximately 2,000 feet long and is fully submerged when not in use. All of the slalom course equipment is currently supervised by Bob Washburn and kept at his home.

Commissioner Schichtel moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to approve the request of Bob Washburn to place the slalom course back on the lake as outlined. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Mayor Lehner requested, for the record, that Mr. Washburn write a letter to Council as a follow-up for future purposes and that a letter of approval from the Town would in turn be submitted to him.

There were no further items discussed under Audience of Citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, May 14, 1996 regular meeting session and the minutes of the Tuesday, May 14, 1996 closed meeting session as written and presented by the Town Clerk. The vote of approval was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Acceptance of Chapel Point Road as a Public Street

At the May 14, 1996 regular Council meeting, a request was submitted that the Town accept Chapel Point as a public street. However, because of a lack of signatures on the petition being submitted, this item was tabled.

At this time, all signatures have been placed on the petition and submitted. The Zoning Administrator has reexamined and feels that all is in order.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, that the Town accept the offer of public dedication of Chapel Point Road as a public street. The vote of approval was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

**b. Discuss Options of an Appeal Process Regarding Decisions
of the Lake Structures Appeals Board**

Town Attorney Chris Callahan presented a letter to Council in regard to options for an appeal process regarding decisions of the Lake Structures Appeals Board. Council requested that the Town Attorney place all the options in writing so that they may review them before making a decision.

It was the consensus of Council to table this item until the options are written out for their review.

OLD BUSINESS:

c. Review Information Regarding Clear Cutting of Trees

Town Attorney Chris Callahan presented a letter to Council regarding the clear cutting of trees. Attorney Callahan stated that there are many legal issues on this matter to study. Therefore, this item was tabled until he could contact the Institute of Government and League of Municipalities for further information.

OLD BUSINESS:

d. Board Appointment -- Planning & Zoning Board

Council received a letter of resignation dated May 23, 1996, from Jim Hinkle, regular member of the Lake Lure Zoning and Planning Board. Mr. Hinkle stated that due to increased business demands it has become necessary that he tender his resignation effective immediately.

Commissioner Bud Schichtel moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to nominate Tom Hough to complete the term of Jim Hinkle as a regular member to the Zoning and Planning Board. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Cobb recommended that all persons interested in serving on a particular Board should come into Town Hall and fill out the application form for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

e. Other Old Business

Council discussed a proposal which was submitted from the Lake Advisory Committee dated April 9, 1996, regarding closing the public ramp at the Lake Lure Marina at night to reduce the Town's liability risk. The Committee felt this should be done for safety purposes while the dredge is located at the mouth of the bay in which the marina is located.

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Town Attorney Callahan expressed concern about blocking persons from leaving the lake.

Town Manager Strutner agreed to contact the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and research to see if they would be willing to provide lighted buoys around the shallows in the main channel at the mouth of the Broad River and around the dredge site and other areas of danger. If the Wildlife Commission refuses then the Town will proceed with these items.

Mayor Lehner stated that an article could be placed in the newsletter by the Lake Patrol Officer notifying persons of the safety hazards in the lake.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Request from Camp Care to Waive the Boat Fee

Ms. Donna Creasey, Board Chairman for Camp Care, submitted a written request to Council requesting that their weekly boat permit fee in the amount of \$150 for the week June 9-15, 1996, be waived as was last year. Camp Care is a non-profit, all volunteer group for children with cancer. It is estimated that approximately 116 kids and 55 staff members will attend.

Commissioner Schichtel moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to approve the request submitted by Camp Care to waive the weekly boat permit fee in the amount of \$150 during the week June 9-15, 1996. The vote of approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

b. Authorize Town Manager to Sign Contract with Cardinal Energy Services, Inc.

Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by commissioner Cobb, to authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract agreement with Cardinal Energy Services, Inc., based on their proposal. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Bush requested that Andy Givens, President of Cardinal

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Energy Services, Inc., provide a schedule of the phases described in Cardinal's proposal.

NEW BUSINESS: c. Other New Business

There were no further items of new business for discussion.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Lehner announced that a budget workshop will be held June 11th at the Municipal Center. The workshop will be held after the regular meeting which is scheduled at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Cobb announced, at the suggestion of Commissioner Schichtel, that she is receiving quotes for a 4 x 6 display of the Town's logo as another alternative to the quilted wall hanging for which a price was quoted at the April 9, 1996 regular meeting.

Mayor Lehner announced that the Town seal framing which is currently located in the Council chambers will be redone. The framing is too dark, and the glass has a glare. Since we ordered a lighter frame and a non-glare glass, the frame shop that originally did the framing has agreed to redo it at no additional charge.

CLOSED SESSION Attorney/Client Matters

Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to enter

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into closed session for the purpose of discussing confidential information (G.S. 143-318.11) and legal matters with Town Attorney Callahan. The vote of approval was unanimous.

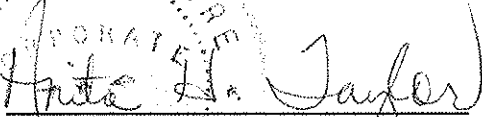
After discussion within closed session, Commissioner Schichtel moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to come out of the closed session and re-enter the regular session of the meeting. The vote of approval was unanimous.


ADJOURNMENT

Council discussed a brief overview of the draft budget estimates submitted by the Finance Director and Town Manager.

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to adjourn the meeting. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Anita H. Taylor, CMC/AAE
Deputy Town Clerk


Mayor Max E. Lehner