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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1997, 7:30 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Beth Rose

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Town Attorney Callahan gave the invocation.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

No persons requested to speak under audience of citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lehner presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed before calling for action. There being no requests for removal, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to approve the consent agenda and each item presented. Therefore, the consent agenda, incorporating the following item(s) was unanimously approved:

- a. **Approved Minutes of March 25, 1997 (Regular and Closed Session) and April 15, 1997 (Budget Workshop).**

End of Consent Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

a. Final Report from Engineer on Silt Removal Project

Gary Davis, McGill Associates Engineer, gave a final report on the Town of Lake Lure silt-removal project. He informed Council that the silt-removal portion of the project had been completed by Glover Construction Company, on budget and ahead of schedule. Mr. Davis stated that although the final figures are not yet available, he estimates that approximately 200,000 cubic yards of silt was removed. Restoration of access areas and disposal sites will continue.

Councilmembers and the audience applauded Mr. Davis and Town Manager Strutner for the excellent administrative effort by each of them on this \$1.2 million silt-removal project.

Mayor Lehner said that a Certificate of Appreciation is forthcoming for Glover Construction in appreciation for a job well done.

OLD BUSINESS

b. Other Old Business

There was no other old business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Request Permission to Rent the Lake Lure Pavilion Area on Each Saturday for Performing a Contemporary Gospel Singing

Mr. Butch Kelly requested permission to rent the pavilion area each Saturday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. beginning May 31st, 1997 and ending on August 30, 1997 for performing a contemporary gospel singing. Mr. Kelly said that he had checked with staff at Town Hall about the calendar on rentals for the pavilion and most of the events ended around 6:00 p.m. Therefore, his request would not be conflicting with other rentals. He explained that they will pay the fee of \$25 each Saturday and will provide cleanup after each event. This event is a non-profit organization supported by Chimney Rock and Bat Cave Churches. Plans are to begin setting up around 6:30 p.m. A small amplification system will be used facing away from public use areas. Mr. Kelly stated that this same type event was held in the mid to early 1980's in the Lake Lure Community Center area and lasted for approximately three years. There was no complaints in regard to loud music or that type of music. The performers are Western North Carolina professional gospel groups. He also told Councilmembers that there would be no admission charge for the gospel concerts.

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Town Manager Strutner questioned the problem of restroom facilities and parking problems if another event is scheduled at that same time.

After discussion, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to approve the following:

1. **Approve Mr. Butch Kelly's request to hold gospel concerts at the Lake Lure Pavilion on "Point Park" on Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. beginning May 31st, 1997 and ending on August 30, 1997 for this year, without any obligation for subsequent years.**
2. **Stipulation that if Council should need the use of the Pavilion for another event on a Saturday night, this would take precedence over the gospel concert event.**
3. **Restrooms at the Marina will be available for this event if requested by Mr. Kelly, with the stipulation that they be cleaned up immediately after each event (Mr. Kelly has agreed to undertake this responsibility). Notify the Town Manager in advance if restrooms are needed for this event.**

The vote of approval was unanimous.

<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS: b. Other New Business</p>
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There was no other new business for discussion.

<p style="text-align: center;">STAFF REPORTS</p>

Town Manager Strutner reported that final repairs to the hydroelectric equipment at the dam are also near completion, and it is estimated that the lake will be back to full pond early next month.

<p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL COMMENTS</p>
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Mayor Lehner announced that the North Carolina Public Television Station (Channel 33) would feature the Hickory Nut Gorge and Lake Lure in its regular Monday evening show of April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor Lehner said that he had received a letter from the International Institute of Municipal Clerk announcing that Anita Taylor, Deputy Town Clerk has qualified for "*First Sustaining Membership in the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education*".

Mayor Lehner read aloud a letter received from Ms. Vicki Smith commending the Lake Lure Police Department for their assistance in returning stolen items retrieved from a recent robbery at the Geneva Motor Court.

CLOSED SESSION

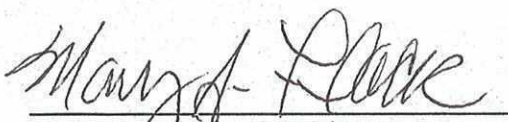
Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing Attorney Client Privilege/Legal Matters (G.S. 143-318.11(a) 3) involving the Pamer/Breen case. The vote of approval was unanimous.

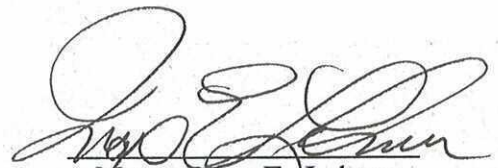
With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Schichtel, to come out of closed session and re-enter the regular session of the meeting. The vote of approval was unanimous. No action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Schichtel, to adjourn the Town meeting at 8:30 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.




Mary A. Flack, CMC/AEE
Town Clerk


Mayor Max E. Lehner