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# Town of Lake Lure

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1998, 9:00 A. M. AT THE LAKE VIEW RESTAURANT, CONFERENCE ROOM A, FAIRFIELD MOUNTAINS

### PRESENT:

Mayor Jack Powell  
Commissioner Carolyn Cobb  
Commissioner Beth Rose  
Commissioner Gene Sheffield  
Commissioner Jack Stanier

John R. Strutner, Town Manager  
Sam A. Karr, Finance Director  
J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney

### ABSENT:

N/A

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Commissioner Cobb gave the invocation.

### BUDGET PLANNING PRESENTATION

Mayor Powell gave a presentation on the goals/objectives of Council in budget planning process.

### DISCUSSION ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET ITEMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999

Finance Director Sam Karr answered questions regarding the financial reports presented to Town Council.

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Mayor Powell stated that he was concerned about the repayment of the Town's long-term debt.

Council members were asked to list potential non-tax revenue sources. The following were listed:

1. Land transfer tax (General Assembly);
2. Fishing Permits (negligible);
3. Zoning fee increases (ask the Zoning Administrator to review);
4. Hard trash pickup fee;
5. Revisit non-compliance penalties (zoning);
6. Personal Property Tax (Institute of Government/General Assembly);
7. Fee for Commercial Enterprises on the Lake (Lake Advisory Committee); and
8. Selling assets

Town Manager Strutner briefly discussed the ATP (ability to pay) which is a measure developed by the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance and designed to allow for all units of general local government to compete on an equal basis for points awarded for locally committed funds in the community revitalization ratings process for the Community Development Block Grant Programs. It is a useful measure of a particular community's overall fiscal capacity to self-fund its programs and services.

After discussion, it was the consensus of Town Council to approve a \$20.00 fee charge (effective February 13, 1998) for any checks returned to the town because of non-sufficient funds.

Town Manager Strutner stated that there was a need for a written policy regarding raising/lowering the level of the lake.

Council agreed to continue setting aside monies for replacement of town waterlines.

Council requested that the Town Manger write a letter to the Lake Advisory Committee regarding dredging before the March meeting.

Commissioner Stanier suggested that the Council look into the possibility of leasing rather than purchasing vehicles for the police department and the Fire Coordinator.

Council agreed to include a three (3) percent COLA (cost of living) increase in the draft budget for the employees.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HICKORY NUT GORGE CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE LEASE/AGREEMENT**

Mayor Powell discussed informally with Council members about the existing lease agreement and Council agreed that the following changes needed to made:

1. Put the lease on a calendar year basis;
2. Grant the lease for one (1) year and nine (9) months (lease would expire December 31, 1999);
3. Add a clause that the lease would automatically renew on an annual basis, unless a 60 days notice was given by either party;
4. Require a 60 days notice by either party if the lease is to be amended; and
5. Consider the request by the Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce granting permission to install a drink machine with provisions stipulated regarding upkeep, beautification, additional charges for electricity.

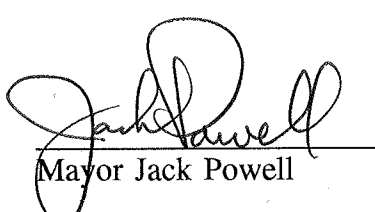
After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to place an item on the agenda regarding the Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce lease renewal at the next regular Council meeting of February 17, 1998.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

  
Mary A. Flack, CMC/AAE  
Town Clerk

  
Mayor Jack Powell