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MINUTES OF THE RECESSED SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1999, 9:00 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

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

Town Manager H. M. Place, III

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Sheffield gave the invocation.

REQUEST TO WAIVE SECTION 85.52, LAKE REGULATIONS, REGARDING MAXIMUM ALLOWED LENGTH OF 20 FEET, 11 INCHES, AND APPROVE A TEMPORARY BOAT PERMIT (ONE WEEK) FOR A 21 FOOT BOAT REGISTERED TO RICK PERROTA, CAMP CARE

During a regular meeting on May 11, 1999, Council received and granted a request from Camp Care to obtain a complimentary boat permit for the week of June 5-12, 1999. Camp Care is a non-profit/volunteer organization which accommodates between 100-138 children with cancer a camping experience.

A Camp Care representative came into the Municipal Center on Wednesday, May 26, 1999 to obtain a complimentary boat permit for June 5-12, 1999 and their request was denied because the boat (owned by Mr. Rick Perrota) which Camp Care was planning to use exceeded the town's ordinance length restriction by one inch. Mr. Rick Perrota requested that Council consider allowing his boat be used by Camp Care while their boat was undergoing repair.

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After discussion, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to deny Mr. Perrota's request to allow a 21 ft. ski boat to be used by Camp Care on Lake Lure because the boat exceeded the town's ordinance length restriction. The request was denied with a vote of 3 to 1. Commissioners Cobb, Rose, and Sheffield voted to deny the request. Commissioner Stanier voted to allow the request.

DISCUSS PRELIMINARY BUDGET ITEMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

Town Manager Chuck Place presented/reviewed his budget message for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. (Copy of 6/01/99 Budget Message attached).

Mr. Place stated that Rick Coley, President of Lake Lure Tours, informed him the Town Marina and Lake Lure Tours are doing better than projected. He said it was too early into the season to report on the beach at this time.

Commissioner Beth Rose asked that quarterly reports regarding the Town beach/marina be given to Council for review. She said these reports would enable Council to determine whether or not they made a wise decision leasing them.

In addition, Commissioner Beth Rose recommended the line item #104200.5600 (Capital outlay-computer upgrades) be reduced from \$23,000 to \$20,000 to be considered in the budget. Mayor Powell explained the \$23,000 budgeted for computer hardware/software was an estimated cost. He said Council may decide later they want to change the computer system.

After reviewing the Fire Coordinator's budget, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Stanier, to approve a part-time secretarial position for the Fire Coordinator; limit hours to no more than twenty per week; and budget \$10,000 for this position. The motion carried with a vote of 3 to 1. Commissioners Cobb, Rose, and Stanier voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Sheffield voted against the motion.

Councilmembers discussed the request of the Fire Coordinator to purchase a new vehicle. Following review, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to: (1) deny the Fire Coordinator's request to purchase a new vehicle, and (2) increase the Fire Coordinator's maintenance budget from \$500 to \$2,000. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Councilmembers recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Town Council began reviewing the budget for the Administration Department. Commissioner Sheffield made a motion to rescind a former motion made at a previous workshop meeting authorizing a full-time secretarial position on staff. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion did not carry with a vote of 1 to 3. Commissioner Sheffield voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Cobb, Rose and Stanier voted against the motion.

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After discussing the budget of the lake, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to increase all boat permit rates by 10% rounded to the nearest dollar amount effective January 1, 2000. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Councilmembers talked about implementing Lake Lure fishing permits and agreed by consensus not to take action at this time. Town Manager Place suggested that the town consider having a fishing tournament as a fund raiser and use those proceeds towards stocking the lake.

Mayor Powell suggested that the administrative charges from the General Fund to the Hydro-Electric Fund and the Water/Sewer Fund be increased from \$20,000 each annually to \$23,000 due to the increase in the Administrative Department budget.

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Stanier, to increase the line item administrative charge for water/sewer from \$20,000 to \$23,000. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to budget \$50,000 in the general fund for contingencies. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Councilmembers reviewed a fax received by the town regarding hydro-electric sales negotiations with Duke Power. The Mayor said Duke Power is now offering to the town a proposal that would produce approximately \$243,000 annually (based on past generation history) for power being generated during specified times. He also asked Town Manager Place to add this proposal for discussion on a future workshop meeting agenda.

Mayor Powell reminded Councilmembers about photos being made by him in the hallway of the Lake Lure Municipal Center's meeting room on Tuesday, June 15, 1999.

Councilmembers reviewed recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee's report that would effect the budget of Fiscal Year 1999-2000. They did not identify any additional budget items.

The issue of clear-cutting town property was discussed. Both Mayor Powell and Town Manager Place said Councilmembers should be completely sure of future plans before making any decisions to disturb and/or clear-cut town property.

Commissioner Cobb asked Town Manager Place to present information about selling a portion of town property (located off of highway #9) at the next regular Town Council meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 1999.

Mayor Powell requested that more explanation be included in the Town Council minutes regarding budget justifications since they are now being placed on the website.

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Following a discussion regarding the use of the town dredge, Town Manager Place agreed to investigate the feasibility of maintaining the dredge.

Town Manager Place announced the town has recently received E-911 centerline base maps from the Rutherford County Mapping Department. Mr. Place said town staff is currently making an inventory of street signs and he anticipates these signs will be installed sometime this summer. In addition, Mr. Place said Town Council will need to determine whether to have the Town install these street signs or ask Rutherford County to install them. He explained Rutherford County will be contracting the purchase of street signs/posts, and the services of installation. Rutherford County also guarantees the replacement of these street signs only twice in the case of damage.

Mr. Place reported that the town's new warning system (funded by FEMA) has now arrived. He also informed Councilmembers about Rutherford County holding an auction on Saturday, June 5, 1999, at the parking lot of the Rutherford County Annex Building including items from the Town of Lake Lure such as an old fire boat/motor.

Finance Director Sam Karr said that Town Council needs to pay \$12,760 to Attorney Butch Gudger, Alan Moore, John Haywood Moore and Martha Jane Powers. Mr. Karr recommended that these funds be taken from line item #308300.5500 (Capital outlay - lines) which currently has approximately \$27,000.

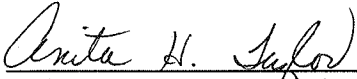
The Mayor suggested the Town set up a line item account for the "settlement" and transfer from that line to this account.

Commissioner Sheffield moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to transfer \$12,760 from line item #308300.5500 (Capital Outlay for replacement of lines) to a new line item #308300.5700 (settlement of Powers/Moore litigation). The vote of approval was unanimous.

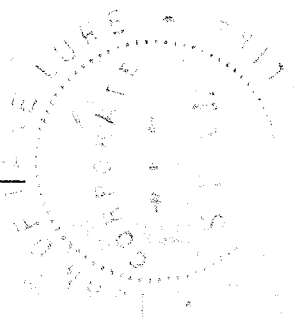
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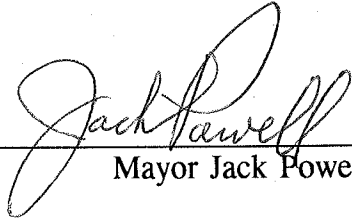
Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Sheffield, to recess the Budget Workshop Meeting to Tuesday, June 15, 1999, 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Lure Municipal Center. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:



Anita H. Taylor, CMC/AAE
Deputy Town Clerk





Mayor Jack Powell