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MINUTES OF THE RECESSED SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 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

H. M. Place III, Town Manager
Sam Karr, Finance Director
William Grimes, Hydro-Electric Plant Operator

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Cobb gave the invocation.

DISCUSS PRELIMINARY BUDGET ITEMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

The purpose of this meeting was to continue a discussion regarding preliminary budget items for fiscal year 1999-2000.

Town Manager Place asked Williams Grimes, Hydro-Electric Plant Operator, to give a report on the damage sustained to the transformers at the Hydro-Electric Plant. Mr. Grimes was also asked to advise Town Council what needed to be budgeted in his department. Commissioner Cobb asked Mr. Grimes what could be done about the trash accumulated near the dam.

Councilmembers briefly discussed a proposal regarding negotiations with Duke Power. After discussion, Councilmembers agreed by consensus to table making a decision on the proposal until further study has been done.

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Mayor Powell requested that Town Manager Place contact Andrew Givens with Cardinal Energy Service, Inc., about attending a Special Town Council meeting for the purpose of discussing hydro-electric sales negotiations with Duke Power.

Councilmembers talked about increasing the land disturbance permit fee. Town Manager Place recommended not increasing the fee until he could talk with the Town attorney about the proposed rate.

Town Manager Place announced that Linda Ward, former Golf Course employee, has been transferred to work in the Administration Department. Therefore, the Golf Course will be hiring someone to replace her position at the Golf Course.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rose to transfer enough money from the General Fund Balance to cover expenditures exceeding a proposed increase of one cent ad valorem tax rate on property from its current level of \$0.31 per \$100 valuation to \$0.32. Commissioner Cobb seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Cobb made a motion to approve a 10% increase in town water rates effective July 1, 1999 and Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. 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.

Town Manager Place informed Councilmembers about a grant he was pursuing with the help of Isothermal Planning Commission for monies to be used for a new water reservoir.

Councilmembers agreed to leave \$152,900 in the budget for a hydro-electric transformer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rose to approve a transfer of \$100,000 from the Hydro-Electric Fund to the Reserve for Silt Removal Fund for the year ending June 30, 2000. Commissioner Cobb seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Town Manager Place asked Councilmembers to consider purchasing a used boat from the Lake Lure Tours. Mr. Place said he had received a proposal from Rick Coley, LLT President offering to sell a pontoon boat (1988 Tri-toon 220) to the town for \$6,000. This boat requires an engine overhaul estimated to cost approximately \$1,800. The boat is in excellent condition, otherwise. Mr. Place said Lake Lure Tours is willing to have repairs made to this boat and sell it to the town for \$7,800. He explained the town needs a boat that can be used by the Deputy Zoning Administrator in order to make inspections of structures on the lake and be use for other town needs. Mr. Place said the town could buy the boat at no additional expense and simply subtract the cost of the boat from the monthly concession fees.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Cobb to purchase a used boat from the Lake Lure Tours with a provision the Town Manager negotiate a better price/warranty. Commissioner Stanier seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

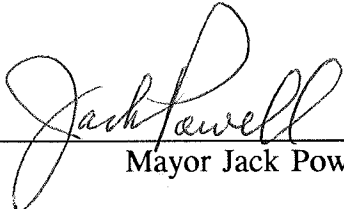
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stanier moved, seconded by Commissioner Sheffield, to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.



ATTEST:


Mary A. Flack, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk


Mayor Jack Powell