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# Town of Lake Lure

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2002, 9:00 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jim Proctor  
Commissioner Blaine Cox  
Commissioner Lea Hullender  
Commissioner Dick McCallum  
Commissioner George Pressley

**ABSENT:** N/A

### Call to Order

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

### Invocation

Commissioner McCallum gave the invocation.

### Request from Vicki Smith on Behalf of the Vulcan Rider's Group to Suspend the Town's Peddling Ordinance from May 1-6, 2002 in Order to Allow Vendors Associated with this Group to Sell their Products in the Back Yard of the Geneva Riverside Property

Vicki Smith, owner of the Geneva Riverside, submitted a letter of April 22, 2002 requesting on behalf of the Vulcan Rider's Group to suspend the town's peddling ordinance from May 1-6, 2002 in order to allow vendors associated with this group to sell their products in the back yard of the Geneva Riverside property. (Copy of letter attached).

A motion was made by Commissioner Cox to approve the request from Vicki Smith on behalf of the Vulcan Rider's Group to suspend the town's peddling ordinance from May 1-6, 2002 in order to allow vendors associated with this group to sell their products in the back yard of the Geneva Riverside property only. Commissioner McCallum seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

### Workshop with Town Staff Members Regarding the Capital Improvements Program

1. Golf Course - Chris Shute, Golf Course Manager

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Town Manager Place and Council members gave their condolences to Golf Course Manager Chris Shute on the death of his ten month old grandson.

Mr. Shute reported that the cart lease agreement will be up for renewal in three years and he expects a \$2,500 increase over the original \$11,000 lease agreement.

Council members agreed to place \$10,000 into the budget for paving cart paths.

Mr. Shute said the golf course is in need of an adequate aerator. He suggested that the town look into purchasing a good used one since the golf course is not very large. Mr. Shute said a good aerator would improve the turf quality.

After discussion, Council members agreed to place \$7,000 into the budget towards the purchase of an aerator.

There was a discussion about upgrading the existing golf course facility for storage of equipment and clubhouse renovations. Items for the golf course will be considered on a need basis. Some items will be budgeted next year.

Mr. Shute reported on the conditions of the mowers currently being used at the golf course. After discussion, Council members agreed to budget for one mower in fiscal year 2004-2005 and another mower in fiscal year 2005-2006.

### **2. Police Department - Mike Bustle, Police Chief**

Police Chief Mike Bustle stated that the police department has been replacing two vehicles per year which seems to be keeping maintenance cost at a minimum. Chief Bustle informed Council members that the police department will be getting new 2003 vehicles at the price of 2002 vehicles. Chief Bustle agreed to furnish the total cost of these vehicles to Finance Director Sam Karr.

In addition, the police department is planning to purchase approximately eleven patrol rifles, one for each officer and one for a standby. The carriers are not included in the total cost of these rifles. If there is not enough money to cover the cost of these carriers, they will be budgeted next year. Chief Bustle estimated the life of these rifles to be about eight years.

The building for public safety training will be considered during fiscal year 2003-2004 budget.

### **3. Utilities - William Grimes, Utilities Director and Hydro Plant Operator**

Mr. Grimes answered questions regarding utilities.

Town Manager Place reported that the town is receiving a 55% STAG grant in the amount

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of \$228,360 with the town's portion \$186,400 for a total cost in the amount of \$415,200 for the fiscal year 2002-2003 budget. He said the town is also receiving a 55% grant in the amount of \$19,525 with the town's portion \$15,975 for a total cost in the amount of \$35,500 to be used towards a sulfur dioxide feed system.

Mr. Grimes informed Council members that the sewer line along US highway 64/74A needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$36,200. This was budgeted in the current year but the funds will not be spent. He said the sewer trunk line repairs are made every other year and they will be considered during fiscal year 2003-2004 budget. The belt filter press will be considered during the fiscal year 2005-2006 budget. The golf course irrigation reuse system will be considered during the 2007-2008 budget.

Mr. Grimes suggested that Council members consider dropping the lake level this year for the purpose of locating and repairing sewer lines in the lake.

Town Manager Place recommended improvements to the hydro plant including enclosing the control room, relocating the control panel, and repairing the roof at the powerhouse. He said these items needed to be budgeted in fiscal year 2002-2003.

#### **4. Public Works Department - Toney Hennessee, Public Works Director**

Public Works Director Tony Hennessee answered questions regarding the public works department.

Council members agreed to place \$50,000 in the budget for the fiscal year 2002-2003 to purchase property adjacent to the public works building.

Council members requested that extra police vehicles be parked at the public works facility or somewhere other than behind the Lake Lure Municipal Center.

A new four wheel drive work truck for the public works department was placed in the budget for consideration at an estimated cost of \$22,500.

#### **5. Fire Department - Ron Morgan, Fire and Emergency Coordinator**

Mr. Morgan answered questions regarding the fire department.

After discussion, Council members agreed to leave \$100,000 in the budget for the building addition and \$126,759 for the fire boat for now. The also suggested that Mr. Morgan consider fund raisers to help assist with the fire boat purchase.

#### **6. Administration - H. M. Place III, Town Manager**

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Mr. Place reviewed items proposed in the CIP for administration. Council members agreed to budget \$12,000 for replacing old computers.

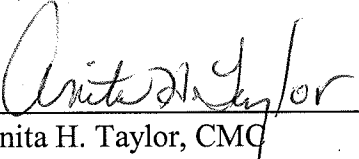
Commissioner McCallum brought up the topic of the new county property revaluation program and its impact on tax revenues. Commissioner McCallum indicated that he would like to know what tax rate it would take to keep the revenue at the same level as last year. He believes that the rate will need to be decreased to remain revenue neutral. He also asked for the county-wide percentage changes in value based on this years revaluation.

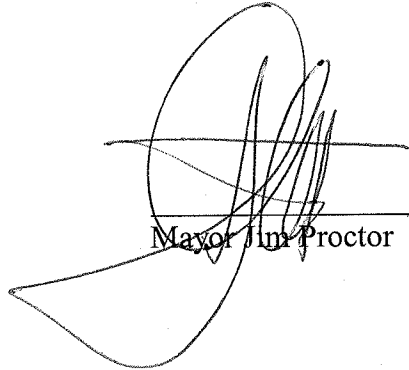
Mr. Place reminded council members that they have kept the tax rate low for the past several years anticipating this revaluation and, while the rate will probably go down, it may be imprudent to roll it back to the same revenue level as last year.

Mayor Proctor announced there were 120 participants who toured the Lake Lure Parade of Homes, sponsored by the Town of Lake Lure Diamond Jubilee Committee.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Pressley seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

  
Anita H. Taylor, CMC  
Deputy Town Clerk

  
Mayor Jim Proctor