

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2003, 9:00 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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

Town Manager Chuck Place
Finance Director Sam Karr

ABSENT: Commissioner George Pressley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Jim Proctor.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Dick McCallum gave the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA

Town Manager Chuck Place requested that Town Council add an agenda item to the agenda to consider waiving the bid bond for the town fire boat. Commissioner Lea Hullender made a motion to approve the agenda as amended including an item to consider waiving the bid bond for the town fire boat. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

**APPROVE WAIVERS TO TOWN REGULATIONS TO ALLOW BOAT
MANUFACTURER'S EXHIBIT ON OCTOBER 6-8, 2003**

Council members reviewed a letter received from Jim Lancaster, Executive Director for Rutherford County Economic Development Commission asking the town to allow a boat

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manufacturer's exhibit on October 6- 8, 2003. This event will bring approximately 135 dealers from Maine to Texas, along with 15 overseas dealers. These boats would be displayed on shore as well as in the water. There will be approximately 17 crafts ranging in size from 17 to 32 feet in length. The dealers participating in this exhibit will need to test run their boats on the lake. It is anticipated that Lake Lure will house most of these participants contributing to the community businesses.

After discussion, Commissioner Dick McCallum made a motion to: (1) allow the boat manufacturer's exhibit to be held in Lake Lure on October 6-8, 2003; (2) waive the boat permit fees for participants in this event; (3) suspend the town's ordinance regulating boat length restrictions for participants in this event; and (4) authorize the Town Manager, Police Chief and the Chairman of the Lake Advisory Committee to set guidelines for this event. Commissioner Hullender seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

DISCUSS PRELIMINARY BUDGET ITEMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

Town Manager H. M. Place III and Finance Director Sam Karr reviewed and answered questions pertaining to budget items for fiscal year 2003-2004. Also, staff members including Public Works Director Tony Hennessee, Utilities Director William Grimes, Golf Course Manager Chris Shute, Fire and Emergency Coordinator Ron Morgan, and Police Chief Mike Bustle were present to answer questions about the proposed items in the budget for their departments.

After discussion, Council members agreed to change the town employees health insurance plan being carried through the North Carolina League of Municipalities Municipal Insurance Trust of North Carolina from CIGNA Health Plus plan to the Care Plus plan coverage.

Mayor Proctor requested that a list be obtained from Duke Power Company detailing what lights are being paid for by the town.

Council members agreed to increase the line item for street lights to \$8,500 in order to cover the cost of placing five additional security lights at Fairfield Mountains.

The Town Manager was asked by Council members to report to the Police Chief and the Wildlife Commission about the problem of ground hogs causing erosion around the town's dam area and find out what can be done to eliminate this problem.

Council members agreed to table budget items pertaining to the town's community center at a later date.

Town Manager Place presented a proposal from Rick Coley, President of Lake Lure Tours, Inc. asking the town to tear down the second beach house owned by the town because of termite damage and replace it with a larger building in the same area in order to expand activities at the

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beach. This new building would consist of two levels. The lower level would be used for retail space and restroom facilities. The upper level would provide for concessions and an eating area. This renovation would cost approximately \$281,000. Council members took no action on this request.

Commissioner McCallum made a motion to recess the meeting at 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m and Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Mayor Proctor called the meeting back to order at 1:30 p.m.

Council members agreed to reduce golf course budget expenditures from \$253,380 to \$217,880.

Council members reviewed a letter received from C. J. Sands, President of the Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce, asking the town permission and financial assistance for a fireworks display being held during July 4th. After discussion, Council members agreed to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$500 from this year's budget from the contingency fund.

Fire Coordinator Ron Morgan requested that Town Council consider waiving the bid bond for the purchase of a fire boat. Mr. Morgan explained that the state normally requires a bid bond. He said the town received only one bid and the North Carolina statute allows Council members to waive the bid bond per the town attorney approval. Commissioner Cox made a motion to waive the bid bond as requested by Fire Coordinator Morgan for the purchase of a fire boat. Commissioner McCallum seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner McCallum made a motion to authorize town staff members to proceed with the process of financing the proposal to renovate the town's fire department building and the purchase of a fire boat. Commissioner Hullender seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Council members agreed to budget \$100,000 for silt removal.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of trading the town's dredge with Lake Norman Dredge Company in exchange for additional boat slips being built at the town's marina. Council members took no action regarding this matter.

Council members talked about the feasibility of maintaining the youth center. There was discussion concerning who should pay for children who were not residents of Lake Lure. Finance Director Sam Karr said there was a sign-in and sign-out sheet maintained to keep track of the children visiting the Lake Lure youth center.

Commissioner Blaine Cox made a motion to discontinue funding the Lake Lure youth center during fiscal year 2003-2004. There was no second to the motion. Commissioner McCallum

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asked Commissioner Cox to come back at a later date with other monetary sources for further consideration.

Council members requested that Customer Service Supervisor Anita Taylor provide a memorandum regarding security deposits for use of town rental facilities for review at the next regular town council meeting, June 10, 2003.

After discussion, Council members agreed to increase the town manager's salary to \$59,000 effective July 1, 2003.

Council members agreed to increase the 401(K) contribution for town employees to 3.75% of salary. Law enforcement personnel will continue to receive a 5% 401(K) which is required by state law.

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Commissioner McCallum seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

Anita H. Taylor, MMC
Deputy Town Clerk

Mayor Jim Proctor