

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013, 7:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL
CENTER**

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Keith
Commissioner John W. Moore
Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey
Commissioner Bob Cameron

Christopher Braund, Town Manager
J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Commissioner Diane Barrett

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Keith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Attorney Chris Callahan gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Commissioner Bob Cameron made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Bob Keith invited the audience to speak on any non-agenda items and/or consent agenda topics. No one requested to speak.

STAFF REPORTS

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Town Manager Chris Braund presented the town manager's report dated January 8, 2013. (Copy of the town manager's report is attached.)

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS & COMMENTS

Town Manager Chris Braund reported on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Commissioner John Moore reported on the activities of the Zoning/Planning Board.

Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey reported on the activities of the Lake Lure ABC Board and the Lake Advisory Board.

Commissioner Bob Cameron reported on the activities of the Lake Lure Board of Adjustment/Lake Structures Appeal Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bob Keith presented the consent agenda and asked if any items should be removed before calling for action.

Commissioner John Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Therefore, the consent agenda incorporating the following items was unanimously approved:

- a. minutes of the December 11, 2012 Regular Meeting

End of Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no other unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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| a. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REQUEST REGARDING RESERVATION OF THE TOWN GAZEBO FOR 25 SPECIFIED DATES IN 2014 SUBMITTED BY LAKE LURE PROPERTIES, LLC. ALSO, CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED PAYMENT PLAN FOR THESE RENTALS |
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Patrick Bryant, Lake Lure Inn & Spa's events and catering department manager, presented information pertaining to a request submitted by Lake Lure Properties, LLC asking to reserve the Town Gazebo for use as a venue for wedding ceremonies on the following dates in 2014:

May: 10, 17, 24, 25, 31
June: 7, 14, 21, 28
August: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 31
September: 13, 20, 27
October: 4, 12, 18, 25
November: 1, 8, 15

Mr. Bryant also presented a request on behalf of Lake Lure Properties, LLC asking Town Council to approve a plan to allow the Inn to pay 50% of the total rents by June 30, 2013 and pay the remaining 50% of the total rents by January 1, 2014 for these 2014 Gazebo rentals.

After discussion, Commissioner John Moore made a motion to raise the gazebo rental rate for 2014 to \$500 per event and approve the 2014 rental request and payment plan submitted by Lake Lure Inn. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Mr. Bryant stated that the Lake Lure Inn has already rented two dates in 2014 and requested that the Inn be charged the current rate of \$400 per event for the two dates in 2014 that they have already rented and paid for. Council agreed to allow the Inn to rent the gazebo for the current rate for the two dates already reserved and paid for in 2014. (November 1, 2014 and May 30, 2014)

NEW BUSINESS:

**b. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RENOVATION PLANS PRESENTED BY THE
RUTHERFORD COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE
LAKE LURE AND THE BLUE RIDGE FOOTHILLS WELCOME CENTER**

Zoning Administrator Sheila Spicer gave an overview of a memo she presented to town council members regarding a request for approval of plans for the Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Foothills Welcome Center presented by the Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority. Michelle Whitaker and Vic Knight presented renderings of the proposed building on behalf of the TDA board. Mr. Knight stated that, due to height restrictions, the sign cupola in the rendering is not part of the proposed plan at this time. Mr. Knight further explained that a request for approval of signage for the building will be presented to council at a later date.

Council members discussed signage options for the building. Paula Jordan, chair of the

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Town of Lake Lure Zoning and Planning Board, suggested that council wait until later phases in the project to consider signage options for the proposed building.

After discussion, Commissioner Bob Cameron stated that he had been asked to potentially work on the electrical part of the project and asked town attorney Chris Callahan if he should recuse himself from voting on this topic. Attorney Callahan advised Commissioner Cameron to ask to be excused from voting on the matter.

Council agreed to excuse Commissioner Cameron from voting on the matter.

Commissioner John Moore made a motion to approve the renovation plans for the Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Foothills Welcome Center presented by the Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority as presented. Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous. (Copy of approved plans attached.)

NEW BUSINESS:

**c. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM TOWN STAFF
REGARDING A VACANT POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

Police Chief Eric Hester presented a request asking council to allow a vacant police officer position to be filled.

Chief Hester explained that it is necessary to fill the position in order to have two officers on duty most of the time. Chief Hester further explained that having two officers on duty is necessary for safety reasons and agreed to do make an extra effort to find a well-suited and qualified officer for the position.

Commissioner John Moore made a motion to allow Chief Hester to hire an officer to fill the police department's vacant position. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

**d. and e. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE NO. 13-01-08
REGARDING BUFFALO CREEK PARK AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE
BUFFALO CREEK PARK TRAIL DYNAMICS CONTRACT**

Town Manager Chris Braund gave a brief overview of proposed Grant Project Ordinance No. 13-01-08 and the Buffalo Creek Park Trail Dynamics Contract.

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Commissioner John Moore made a motion to adopted Grant Project Ordinance No. 13-01-08 regarding Buffalo Creek Park and approve the Buffalo Creek Park Trail Dynamics Contract as presented. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-01-08

**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Lake Lure, which, pursuant to Section 13.2(a)(2) of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Buffalo Creek Trail System to help financed in part by revenues received from PARTF and Recreational Trails Program.

Section 2. The officers of the Town of Lake Lure are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the council's resolution, grant documents and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amounts were appropriated for the project:

Type 1 Trail	\$ 24,000	Contractor/ Town				
Type 2 and Type 3 Trails	106,508	Contractor				
Picnic Tables	480	Town				
Kiosk	250	Town				
Graveled Parking Area	1,900					
1 Bridges for Creek Crossing	25,000	Contractor				
Picnic Grills	600					
Contingency	11,968					
Construction Management, Planning, etc	16,250	Paid \$2,500 in FY 2010-11 and \$7,000 in FY 2011-12				
Total Appropriations	\$ 186,956					

Section 4. The following revenues are available for this project:

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NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	\$ 93,478						
Recreational Trails Program	75,000						
Transfer from General Fund (Town Funds)	18,478	Paid \$2,500 in FY 2010-11, \$7,000 in FY 2011-12 services, \$11,500 budgeted in FY 2012-13					
Total Revenues	\$ 186,956						

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project Fund sufficient detailed accounting records related to the project.

Section 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to Town Council, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted and approved by vote of (for 3) (against 0) this the 8th day of January 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

f. SUMMITS TRAIL EXTENSION POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Town Manager Chris Braund presented a Power Point presentation outlining the plans for the Buffalo Creek Park and the Summits Trail extension.

NEW BUSINESS:

g. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE SUMMITS TRAIL EXTENSION

Ed Dittmer of 1136 Memorial Highway, chairman of the Town of Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Board, stated that the Parks and Recreation Board has discussed the Summits Trail Extension and they support the project. Mr. Dittmer also expressed his support for the Buffalo Creek Park project and commended the town's planner, Suzy Smoyer, for her work on the project. Mr. Dittmer stated that he feels the proposed trail system will be an asset to town residents and as well as visitors.

NEW BUSINESS:

**h. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-08
REGARDING THE SUMMITS TRAIL EXTENSION**

Town Manager Chris Braund gave an overview of proposed Resolution No. 13-01-08 and explained that a 25% local match is required if the grant is awarded. Mr. Braund further explained that town staff is working with Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy on a strategy in which CMLC would give the town land that abuts the town's property. The acquisition of this property would qualify as the local match for the project.

Commissioner Bob Cameron made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13-01-08. Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

TOWN OF LAKE LURE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-08

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM- SUMMITS TRAIL EAGLE ROCK EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Recreational Trails Program has reviewed a pre-application for the Summits Trail Eagle Rock Extension and has invited the Town of Lake Lure to submit a formal application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Lure needs assistance in financing the construction of the Summits Trail Eagle Rock Extension; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Lure intends to request grant assistance for the Summits Trail Eagle Rock Extension from the Recreational Trails Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE:

That the Town of Lake Lure supports funding a 25% match to complete the proposed project.

That upon being awarded the Recreational Trails Program Grant, the Town of Lake Lure is committed to completing the project within two years.

That Chris Braund, Town Manager and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application for the Summits Trail Eagle Rock Extension on behalf of Town of Lake.

That Suzy Smoyer, Planner or Chris Braund, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Recreational Trails Program may request in connection with an application or with the project proposed; to make assurances as contained in the application; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

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That the Town of Lake Lure has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this date, January 8, 2013 at Lake Lure, North Carolina.

NEW BUSINESS:

i. APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS/LAKE STRUCTURE APPEALS BOARD, LAKE LURE ZONING/PLANNING BOARD, LAKE ADVISORY BOARD, LAKE LURE ABC BOARD, & PARKS/RECREATION BOARD

Council members voted by ballot and Town Manager Chris Braund announced the following results:

John Kilby was reappointed to serve as a regular member of the Board of Adjustment/Lake Structures Appeals Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2015. Lance Johnson was reappointed to serve as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment/Lake Structure Appeals Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2015.

Bruce Barrett was reappointed to serve on the Lake Lure Zoning and Planning Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2015. Charlie Ellis was also appointed to serve on the Zoning and Planning Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2015.

Martyn Watts and Todd Dunnuck were reappointed to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board with terms expiring on December 31, 2015 and Jonathan Hinkle was appointed to fill the remainder of Chuck Watkins' term on the Parks and Recreation Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2013.

William Keller was reappointed to serve on the Lake Lure ABC Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2015.

Bill Ashman was reappointed to serve on the Lake Advisory Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2015. Dan Breneman, Derek Papesch and Joseph Pritchett were also appointed to serve on the Lake Advisory Board with a terms expiring on December 31, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

j. DISCUSSION REGARDING METHODOLOGY, DATES AND POTENTIAL TOPICAL AREAS FOR A GOAL SETTING OFFSITE COUNCIL MEETING

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Mayor Bob Keith asked council members what they would like to achieve at the upcoming council workshop.

Council members discussed a need to set financial priorities. Commissioner John Moore stated that he would like to spread the budget process out to allow more time to review each department's budget.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Bob Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

Andrea H. Calvert
Town Clerk

Mayor Bob Keith

