



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014, 6:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL  
CENTER**

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

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

**ABSENT:** N/A

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Bob Keith 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 Diane Barrett seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Nancy McNary of 189 Sunset Cove Road presented a petition and stated that the petition has been circulating around town and that the cover letter was signed by Commissioner Bob

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Cameron and Commissioner John Moore. Ms. McNary further stated that at the last meeting the mayor suggested that the Pitts' request be set aside, but that Commissioner Moore wanted to come to the general assembly with an opinion from Town Council. The council then voted to support the request for deannexation. Ms. McNary reviewed the portions of the petition and expressed her dissatisfaction with the petition and questioned the facts of the document claiming that important information is omitted from the document and that Commissioner Moore's statements impugned the integrity of the Pitts'. Ms. McNary pointed out that because 1/6 of the property is in town it creates confusion and the Pitts' have to defend the use of the entire parcel, even portions that are not in town limits. Ms. McNary cited instances in the past when the town and other nonprofits purchase property, taking it off the tax roll, and there were no complaints about lost tax revenue.

Melvin Owensby of 1808 Memorial Highway asked to speak concerning the Town's support of a request deannexation from Russ and Lynn Pitts. Mr. Owensby complained that he feels the town did not follow proper protocol for the request and that town citizens had no input in the decision to support deannexation of the property. Mr. Owensby reported that he had spoken with a house representative, and the he has spoken with Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Cameron and Mayor Keith, but no one can give has given him a satisfactory explanation as to why the property should be deannexed and how it benefits the town. Mr. Owensby cited an instance (in 1992) when he was given a letter from previous council member that stated that he could have chickens. Mr. Owensby stated that after he placed that chickens on his property the police gave him a choice to either remove the chickens or pay stiff fines. Mr. Owensby stated that if the Pitts' property is allowed to be deannexed for agricultural use, that his should be to.

Patricia Maringer of 1491 Memorial Highway stated that she is ashamed of the petition that is circulating and that if the people who signed the petition would come to the meetings each month and support the Town they would have a better understanding of what is going on. Ms. Maringer further stated that the mayor spends hours researching. Ms. Maringer also commended Commissioner Barrett for her research on the deannexation request last month, stating that the request met all of the state qualifications and that it would be a heavy financial burden on the town to fight the deannexation. Ms. Maringer thanked everyone who takes time to study what is best for all citizens.

Russ and Lynn Pitts, owners Eagle Camp, LLC Property, reviewed portions of the petition and stated that many of the concerns in the petition were addressed during the last meeting. Ms. Pitts stated that the state oversees the lake on their property and the commercial operations at Mystic Farms are on the portion of the property that is outside of town limits.

<b>STAFF REPORTS</b>
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Town Manager Chris Braund presented the town manager's report dated November 4, 2014. (Copy of the town manager's report is attached.)

<b>COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS &amp; COMMENTS</b>
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Commissioner John Moore reported the activities of the Zoning and Planning Board.

Bob Keith reported the activities of the dredging committee.

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

Commissioner Bob Cameron reported the activities of the Lake Lure Board of Adjustment/Lake Structures Appeal Board and asked that the Lake Advisory Board work on a recommendation concerning clarification of the procedure of acquiring a Vacation Rental Operating Permit and a Lake Commercial License for boating (the current procedure is unclear as to which should be obtained first.)

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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Mayor Bob Keith presented the consent agenda and asked if any items should be removed before calling for action.

Commissioner Diane Barrett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous. Therefore, the consent agenda incorporating the following item was unanimously approved:

- a. Minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting; and
- b. a budget amendment transferring \$80,000 from Hydro-electric Fund balance (Fund equity) to the Hydro-electric Capital Outlay dept (#590) presented b y Finance Director Sam Karr as outlined in his memo dated October 28, 2014 (Copy of memo attached).

**End of Consent Agenda.**

<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN IT SUPPORT CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN</b></li></ol> |
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Town Manager Chris Braund gave an update on the town staff's intent to switch IT service providers and asked for council's approval of a proposed contract.

After discussion, Commissioner Bob Cameron made a motion to approve an IT support contract with as presented and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Town. Commissioner Diane Barrett seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **b. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF THE DREDGING BUDGET**

Mayor Bob Keith reviewed figures recommended for allocation of the dredging budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. Town Manager Chris Braund stated that the budget may be adjusted throughout the year, but that the presented proposal provides direction for the dredging budget.

Commissioner Bob Cameron made motion to approve the allocation of the dredging budget as presented. Commissioner John Moore seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous. (Copy of the 2014-2015 dredging budget allocation attached.)

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **c. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STAFF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Town Manager Chris Braund reviewed his recommendations concerning staff compensation.

Commissioner Diane Barrett asked to clarify that the bonuses are proposed for this year only. Council agreed that the bonus would only be for this year and potential future bonuses may be considered by council in the future.

Commissioner Diane Barrett made motion to approve the staff compensation as presented. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **a. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE FLOWERING BRIDGE**

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Bill Miller member of the Friends of the Bridge committee came on behalf of the Friends of the Bridge and thanked council for their support.

Mr. Miller gave an update on the Bridge and presented a check for \$2500 to be deposited in the bridge preservation fund.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**b. BOY'S CAMP ROAD ASSESSMENT AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT  
DISCUSSION**

Town Manager stated that concerns about the state of Boy's Camp Road have been reported and that an engineer was hired to review the concerns on Boy's Camp. Mr. Braund presented the engineer's assessment and a proposed plan of improvement for Boy's Camp Road.

After discussion, Commissioner Diane Barrett made a motion to accept the report as written. Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

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

ATTEST:

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Andrea H. Calvert

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Mayor Bob Keith