



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016, 9:00 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

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

Sam Karr, Finance Director/Interim Town Manager
Julie Sherer, Accountant

ABSENT: J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Keith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave an invocation.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Bob Cameron to approve the agenda as amended adding consideration of Resolution No. 16-05-18 to the agenda. Commissioner Stephen Webber seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-18: A RESOLUTION
DECLARING JUNE 9th, 2016,
LAKE LURE CLASSICAL ACADEMY SENIOR'S DAY**

Commissioner Stephen Webber made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-05-18 as presented. Commissioner Bob Cameron seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-05-18
A RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 9th, 2016,
LAKE LURE CLASSICAL ACADEMY SENIOR'S DAY

WHEREAS, the last school in Lake Lure closed back in the early 1960's; the community lost a critical piece of its economic vitality.

WHEREAS, that the Town of Lake Lure has donated 34 acres of property for a new campus for Lake Lure Classical Academy.

WHEREAS, the Lake Lure Town Council continues to help grow and help evolve the Lake Lure Classical Academy.

WHEREAS, the high school program at Lake Lure Classical Academy offers a rigorous college preparatory classical curriculum that prepares students for a lifetime of critical thinking, self-motivated learning and active citizenship.

WHEREAS, the Lake Lure Classical Academy, that opened in fall of 2010, had originally K-7th grades.

WHEREAS, the original 7th graders are the first High School graduating class of the Lake Lure Classical Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE that the Town designates June 9th, 2016, Lake Lure Classical Academy Senior's Day to our first high school graduating class:

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| Caleb Clary | Gwyn Rhodes | Skyler Allen | Sarah Scholes |
| Michaela Steele | Timothy Freeman | Haley Roach | Kaytie Johnson |
| Taylor Horton | Reed Willett | Allessandre Ponzini | Colin Gillie |
| Benjamin Walker | Jacob Lyda | Sabrina Ridings | Nicholas Riley |
| Noah Thompson | Wyatt Jones | Tristan Morse | Avery Sherrill |
| Victoria Anderson | Michaela Cotellesse | Skyler Martinez | Orlie Blalock |
| Morgan Papesh | Jodie Karr | | |

Adopted this date, May 18, 2016 at Lake Lure, North Carolina.

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| BUDGET WORKSHOP |
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Council members were provided copies of the draft budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Finance Director/Interim Town Manager Sam Karr gave an overview of the proposed

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budget and stated that a one penny tax increase would generate \$85,277.

Mr. Karr pointed out that the proposed budget does not include a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for employees and stated that each 1% increase in employee salaries would add \$18,282 to expenses. Council suggested that a 2% COLA for town employees be added to the proposed budget.

Fire Chef Ron Morgan reviewed and answered questions relating to the proposed fire department budget. Council discussed the proposed fire budget. Council members showed general support for funding a pickup truck.

Chef Morgan explained that two of fire department employees have put in resignations and asked for permission to replace those employees. Council members agreed to replace the employees and discussed potential incentives for firefighters and potential ways to retain fire department employees.

Valerie Hoffman answered questions relating to the proposed budget for the economic development department. Mrs. Hoffman explained that her position has evolved over the past few years. Council discussed a need to determine if Ms. Hoffman is a better classified as a contract employee or a part time employee. Ms. Hoffman distributed copies of a chart outlining the ideal flow of communications and requested that a scope of work and title for her position be created for 2016-2017.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Melodie Potter reviewed and answered questions relating to the proposed Parks and Recreation Department budget and discussed moving a current part-time employee up to a full-time, 32 hour per week, position. Council discussed the proposal and agreed to change the part-time parks and recreation employee to a full time employee who will work 32 hours per week (except working 40 hours during the summer months, when school is out). Council agreed to add a new riding lawn mower to the budget for the current fiscal year (2015-2016).

Public Works Director Tony Hennessee and Street Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Ammacher reviewed and answered questions relating to the proposed public works and water department budgets. Council agreed to add \$25,000 to the proposed hydro budget for a 60KW generator.

Hydroelectric/Wastewater Collections System Supervisor Donnie McCraw reviewed the water, sewer, and hydro budgets. Mr. McCraw presented a list of proposed projects for his department. Council directed the finance department to add funding for several specified projects to the proposed budget and asked Mr. McCraw to put together a plan with a timeframe for completing the proposed projects.

Community Development Director Shannon Baldwin reviewed the proposed budget for

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the Community Development Department. Council suggested that, in an effort to reduce cost, concrete should be used instead of brick pavers for a proposed sidewalk extension for the old ABC store property to the new ABC store property and for a proposed sidewalk extension from Boys Camp Road to Chimney Rock Village.

Police Chief Sean Humphries answered questions relating to the police department budget.

Lake Operations Director Dean Givens answered questions relating to the proposed Lake Operations and Silt Removal budgets.

After review and discussion of the proposed budget, Interim Town Manager/Finance Director Sam Karr agreed to revise the proposed budget incorporating the recommended changes agreed upon by Council members.

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| ADJOURN THE MEETING |
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With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Bob Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stephen Webber seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:

Andrea Calvert
Town Clerk

Mayor Bob Keith