



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020, 5:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT** Mayor Carol C. Pritchett  
**VIA ZOOM:** Mayor Pro Tem John W. Moore  
Commissioner Patrick Bryant  
Commissioner David DiOrio  
Commissioner John Kilby

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney  
Shannon Baldwin, Town Manager

**ABSENT:** N/A

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Commissioner John Moore made a motion to approve the Agenda, as presented. Commissioner John Kilby seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**III. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no Mayor Communications to report.

**IV. TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

- Town Manager Shannon Baldwin reported on recent activities. The amphitheater in Morse Park now has grass and the area will continue to be maintained and cared for. The Labor Day Fireworks Event was held and Mr. Baldwin thanked everyone who participated and helped to make that event successful. A postcard from the Mayor was recently sent out to residents conveying the importance of completing the 2020 Census. A lake patrol schedule was created for the reserve officers that will be patrolling the Lake. The tainter gate lighting has been installed and completed. Lastly, Mr. Baldwin reported that he, Commissioner Kilby, and Commissioner Moore met with The Policy Group last week, a firm

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that will be representing the Town lobby for money from the NC General Assembly. Commissioner Kilby provided additional background. He mentioned that he spoke with Walter Dalton, who was previously the president of ICC, a state senator and Lieutenant Governor, who provided his perspective expressing that the County could be an asset to the Town in possibly being a financial backer but felt that the County may not understand how much of an economic impact the Town and the Gorge has. Mr. Baldwin noted that Steve Metcalf with The Policy Group has worked with the County Manager, Steve Garrison, for a number of years and also with Scott Dadson, Director of IPDC. He stated that he would reach out to those chief appointed officials in their perspective organizations and make conversation to gather information and would bring back suggestions about how the Town can continue to work with them. He explained that a catastrophic event would have negative impacts on the Town as well as the entire County because Lake Lure is such a large part of the sales tax generated, tourism, and tax base. He stated that a one page message, with 5-6 key bullet points listed, would be provided to The Policy Group to take to the NC General Assembly on behalf of the Town.

### **V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS & COMMENTS**

Commissioner DiOrio reported the activities of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Utilities Advisory Board.

Commissioner John Kilby reported that the ABC Board and the Lake Advisory Board did not meet last month.

Commissioner John Moore reported that the Zoning and Planning Board did not meet last month.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant reported that the Board of Adjustment and the Lake Structure Appeals Board did not meet last month.

### **VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett invited the audience to speak (via Zoom) and no one requested to speak at this time.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett presented the Consent Agenda and asked if any other items should be removed before calling for action. Commissioner DiOrio asked to move the 2020-2021 Dredging Plan agenda item from Consent to Unfinished Business.

Commissioner John Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Commissioner John Kilby seconded. Therefore, the Consent Agenda incorporating the following items was unanimously approved and adopted:

- A. Adopt the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 30, 2020 Special Work Session Minutes
- B. Adopt Ordinance No. 20-10-13 Capital Project Ordinance for Phase 1 Sewer Upgrades

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-10-13  
CAPITAL 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 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

**Sewer Upgrades Phase I**

**Section 1.** The project includes the installation of a sewer access valve in the Lake Lure hydroelectric dam, the installation of a section of the gravity/pump HDPE perimeter sanitary sewer system, the rehabilitation of the existing perimeter manholes, the installation of a grit removal system, the rehabilitation of the fine screen, and the demolition and replacement of the existing digester at the Lake Lure Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

**Section 3.** The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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| Construction       | \$11,000,000 |
| Design/Engineering | \$1,500,000  |
| Contingency        | \$80,261     |

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$12,580,261</b> |
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**Section 4.** The following revenues are available for this project:  
 Loan from North Carolina Dept. of Environmental Quality-  
 Division of Water Infrastructure- Clean Water State  
 Revolving Fund

**Total** **\$12,580,261**

**Section 5.** The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund, sufficient detailed accounting records related to the project.

**Section 6.** The finance officer is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in section 3.

**Section 7.** The budget officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this capital project in every budget submission made to this board.

**Section 8.** Copies of this capital 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 4) (against 0) this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

- C. Revise BA#282-Acknowledge High Hazard Potential Dam Funds as a General Fund expense rather than Hydro-Electric Fund expense.
- D. Amendment to the Lake Lure Tours and Beach, Marina, and Tour Boat Concession Agreements
- E. Disposal of Surplus Equipment – Fire Department
- F. Request from Lake Lure Tours and the Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber to Waive the Peddling Ordinance, the Alcohol Ordinance, and the Noise Ordinance for a New Year's Eve Fireworks Event on the Lake Lure Beach and to Authorize a Tree Lighting Event on November 27<sup>th</sup> on Town Property

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

### A. 2020-2021 DREDGING PLAN

Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director Dean Givens provided an overview of the 2020-2021 Dredging Plan and referenced the maps included in the packet. He explained that there has been an ongoing project to try and locate where the sewer lines are in the river and the Lake. He proposed dredging down to a depth of 8' in an area that has been previously dredged at a depth

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of 10'. Town Engineer Kurt Wright agreed with this method. When the Lake is lowered in January, dredging will then be moved out by barge and excavator to the area of the silt shelf. When the Lake is at full pond, dredging will be moved back to the previous area. He stated that while the Lake is down, they will be trying to locate sewer lines in the river channel and explained how that process works. Mr. Wright added that he will meet with Mr. Givens, Public Works Director David Arrowood, and Tim Edwards, dredging contractor, tomorrow about the possibility of doing a soft or hard dig to try and locate pipes. If pipes can be uncovered in Morse Park, they can set a manhole there which can be ingress/egress for other tools/equipment. They want to use previous knowledge to begin a point base to identify where the pipes are. Mr. Wright stated that he approves of the Dredging Plan being proposed.

Commissioner David DiOrio made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Lake Lure Dredging Plan. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

There were no New Business items to discuss.

### **X. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to enter into Closed Session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of discussing attorney client privilege or legal claims and with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Commissioner David DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Council also invited Assistant Community Development Director Mitchell Anderson.

While in Closed Session, Town Manager Shannon Baldwin reported on a legal matter.

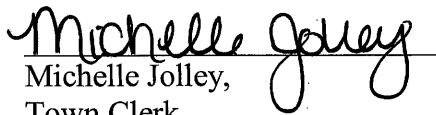
Mr. Baldwin then reported on a personnel matter.

Commissioner David DiOrio made a motion to leave Closed Session and return to open session. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

With no further business, Commissioner John Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Commissioner John Kilby seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

  
Michelle Jolley,  
Town Clerk

  
Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

