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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN
COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1992 AT THE LAKE
LURE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Priscilla Doyle
Commissioner Bill Bush
Commissioner Alex Karr
Commissioner Max Lehner

Thomas M. Hord, Town Manager
J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Commissioner Jack Donovan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Tom Hord, Town Manager, gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Karr pointed out a discrepancy in the minutes of the November 10, 1992 Recessed Town Meeting. On page two, third paragraph,

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the paragraph should read: No structure shall be placed in the water more than thirty (30) feet or one third (1/3) the distance to the opposite shore, whichever is less as measured to and from the "shoreline".

Mayor Doyle pointed out a discrepancy in the minutes of the October 27, 1992 Regular Council meeting. On page five, sixth paragraph, the paragraph should read: Mr. Hord also mentioned that the **Hickory Nut Gorge** Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring hay-rides for Halloween October 29-31 to begin in front of the Arcade Building from 7-9 p.m.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Lehner, to approve the minutes of the Thursday, October 22, 1992 Recessed Meeting, the minutes of the of the Tuesday, October 27, 1992 Regular Meeting, and the minutes of the Tuesday, November 10, 1992 Recessed Meeting as modified. The vote of approval was unanimous.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

No persons signed up to speak. However, Jim Hinkle announced that Ribs and Ale would provide a Thanksgiving meal Thursday, November 26, 1992 at 4:00 p.m. for anyone who is alone, lonely, etc. The restaurant is closed that day, but anyone interested in joining the festivity can enter through the back entrance of the restaurant.

Mayor Doyle announced that on Saturday, December 5, 1992, the Town would be lighting the Christmas lights in Town and also the 1st Annual Lake Lure Christmas Boat Lights Parade will begin at 6:00 p.m.

AUDIT REPORT FOR FY 1991-92

Ed Robinson, Town Auditor with Bolick, Ruppe, and Associates, reported

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Based on the facts that H & H Pump and Dredge Company had a more desirable offer over the other bids in which were obtained, Council instructed the Dredging Committee at the Tuesday, October 27, 1992 Regular Council meeting to negotiate with H & H Dredging Company to reduce the amount of their bid since said bid of \$156,905 exceeded the budgeted amount of \$150,000.

Paul Wilson, member of the Dredging Committee, negotiated with H & H Pump and Dredge in the amount of \$141,988.50 excluding sales tax. However, the sales tax would be refunded at the end of the year.

Commissioner Karr moved, seconded by Commissioner Lehner, that the Town Manager be directed to purchase the dredge and discharge pipes for a total of \$141,988, excluding sales tax. The vote of approval was unanimous.

<p>OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>

Jack Powell, member of the Lake Advisory Committee, gave a brief report on the status of the testing of the water of the lake. Hydrologic in Asheville is the only certified lab in the immediate area, and a proposal has been accepted from them to test the water in the lake. Testing will begin December 1, 1992. Mr. Powell also reported that he has been in contact with people all over the United States in trying to obtain knowledge about the Zebra Mussel. The Zebra Mussel can survive under certain conditions and therefore we must know the calcium content of the lake.

Articles and information on the Zebra Mussel and other mussels are being accumulated in Town Hall. Anyone wishing to review this information was invited to come into Town Hall. Mayor Doyle thanked Jack Powell for his time and help.

**REQUEST TO LIFT MORATORIUM RELATIVE TO
TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 801**

Mr. Donald Miller, owner of property on Highway 64/74 which is known as Carolina Mountain Merchants, requested that Council consider lifting the moratorium on Section 801 of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Miller has an opportunity to further develop the Carolina Mountain Merchants property. Because of time limits imposed upon this business proposition, Mr. Miller stated that he must commit to this project within the next few weeks. At this time, the Planning and Zoning Committee has not made their recommendation to Council concerning the future fate of Section 801.

Mr. Miller stated that no additions or outside changes would be made to the building, with the exception of a deck and a ramp for the handicapped. Carolina Merchants will remain in the building and Logan Realty will remain in their location.

Council felt that Mr. Miller's plan, which he had submitted, was a good plan, but the timing was unfortunate. Council felt uncomfortable lifting the moratorium at this time without the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Lehner, to deny approval of request relative to section 801 of the Zoning Ordinance. The vote of approval was unanimous.

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TO
REPLACE MR. JACK WAGNER**

Jack Wagner resigned his position as member of the Lake Lure Board of Adjustment, therefore administration recommended that Blaine Cox, alternate member of the Board of Adjustment be moved to a full member for the

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unexpired term of Jack Wagner which will expire December, 1993.

Administration recommended that Bill Church replace the position of Blaine Cox as alternate to the Board of Adjustment with his term expiring December, 1994.

Mary Ann Dotson's term as member of the Board of Adjustment expires December, 1992. Therefore, administration recommended that Ms. Dotson's term be renewed with a term expiring December, 1995.

Commissioner Lehner moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to approve these three appointments as recommended. The vote of approval was unanimous.

CONSIDER LONGEVITY PAY FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

Council discussed funding the longevity pay (Christmas Bonus) for Town employees. In the past, all full-time employees with at least one year service received \$100. All other full-time employees received \$50. As F.I.C.A. tax must be deducted from the check, Mr. Hord recommended the amount be such that once F.I.C.A. is deducted, the employee would receive the \$100 or \$50. All departments appear to have enough money in salaries to cover the expense or will have by year's end; therefore, no budget adjustments were recommended.

Commissioner Lehner moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to continue the tradition as in the past years and as outlined by the Town Manager by approving the longevity pay.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

The calendar year appointment of the Town Attorney will expire the end of December. Therefore, Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Karr, to reappoint Chris Callahan as Town Attorney for 1993 under the current financial arrangements. The vote of approval was unanimous.

CONSIDER BUDGET REQUEST FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM

Officer Scott Harris gave a report on alcohol and drug education.

The Town's Charter which regulates the operation of the ABC Store requires that the Town spend a sum of not less than 7% of the profits received from the Lake Lure ABC Board for education on the excessive use of alcoholic beverages and for the rehab of alcoholics. Officer Scott Harris previously briefed Council about a proposed alcohol and drug education program. A budget proposal totaling \$1,000 was presented to Council for the alcohol and drug education program for their consideration.

At the present time the Town has \$585 in the alcohol and drug education fund from the 1990-91 ABC funds and \$1,260 from the 1991-92 funds. This total of \$1,845 must be spent by the Town for alcohol and drug education and rehab activities. Staff recommended that Council authorize the budgeting of \$1,000 from the monies in the ABC account.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Lehner to authorize the budgeting of \$1,000 from the monies in the ABC account for alcohol and drug education as proposed by the Town Manager and Officer Scott Harris. The vote of approval was unanimous.

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Council commended Officer Harris for showing initiative in such a worthy cause.

RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET -- LINE ITEM 5100.0300 SALARIES

The amount of money budgeted for our part-time police officer to patrol the lake and other limited duties has been expended. Hours spent patrolling the lake were more than expected at budget time and the demand for services was also greater than anticipated. The original budgeted amount was \$3,947 (1 officer x 29 hours per week x 16 weeks x \$8.50 = \$3,947).

Staff recommended to Council a transfer \$5,000 from reserve for contingency to Police Department line item 5100.0300 salaries part-time. This transfer of funds would allow the continued employment of our part-time officer through June 30, 1992. This funding would allow approximately ten hours per week during the months of December, January and February, and thirty hours per week during the months of March, April, May and June.

Chief Gamble plans on Mike Souther continuing to fill the position as part-time officer.

Commissioner Lehner moved, seconded by Commissioner Karr, to allocate \$5,000 as outlined above by the Town Manager. The vote of approval was unanimous.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

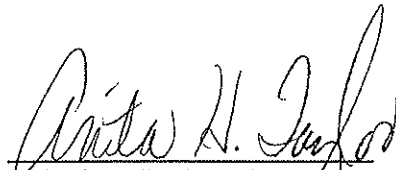
Mr. Hord reported on the status of the large generator at the Hydro-plant. From all indications, the generator is doing well, with a few minor adjustments to finish up. Hopefully, the generator will be back on line in a couple of days.

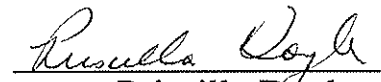
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Council was provided with a financial report and summary statement which was prepared by Sam Karr, Finance Director.

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Lehner moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to recess to Wednesday, December 2, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lake Lure Community Center to discuss the water/sewer rate survey. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:


Anita H. Taylor
Town Clerk


Priscilla Doyle
Mayor

