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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1993 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Thomas M. Hord, Town Manager

ABSENT N/A

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

The first item of discussion pertained to off-premise advertising signs. Mr. Hord read into the minutes the memorandum dated April 6, 1993 to the Town Council members from the Lake Lure Zoning and Planning Board. The memorandum read as follows:

The Town of Lake Lure Zoning and Planning Board has been considering the possibility of amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow for off-premise advertising. After much discussion and consideration, the Board has concluded that such amendments are not necessary nor are they desirable. The Zoning and Planning Board recommends that the Zoning Ordinance not be amended in regard to off-premise advertising signs.

However, the Board is disposed to further explore the possibility of refining the ordinance in regard to directional signs and will

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continue to discuss this topic over the next few months.

Mr. Hord then read into the minutes the letter from Frankie Queen to the Town Council members which was faxed into the Town Office Friday, April 9, 1993. The letter read as follows:

This is a request in regard to keeping the Kiosk Sign for Queen Realty located at the corner of U.S. Highway 64/74 (Chimney Rock Township, Tax Map 504, Block 1, Lot 117). I request that this sign be kept in place as authorized by the previous state permit.

I realize I am disabled at the present time but my hope is to some day be able to continue on in Real Estate. As I am sure you are not aware, my medicine alone cost \$1,650 a month and more. I have applied and received some help to absorb some of the costs for the next year. After this year, I am unsure as to what or any help I will receive. I feel it is important for a community and its leaders to uphold disabled citizens to further their hopes of becoming self supporting.

I am very disappointed and question the legality of the kiosk signs being considered and voted on at a workshop meeting. I understood by the newspaper article that this would be addressed at the regular April meeting, which I have made special arrangements to attend. It is important for the public to be able to give their input on this type of decision since the past Board and Board of Adjustment approved the kiosk signs. It is an unreasonable, arbitrary, and unequal exercise of power to approve some and deny others. Since some have already been approved I think it only fair that they all be permitted for the same length of time.

Sincerely,

Frankie Queen

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Other interested parties who spoke in regard to the off-premise advertising signs were John Ficker, Owner of John Ficker Realty, Jack Stanier, Owner of Lodge on Lake Lure, Donald Piers and his attorney Beth Miller, representing Pierpoint.

Mr. Dick Washburn explained that members of the Planning and Zoning Board were divided on this matter, especially for the meals and lodging categories. Mr. Washburn, as Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board, still feels that some study should be made in regards to off-premise signs pertaining to restaurants and lodging. The Planning and Zoning Board has been

considering the possibility of amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow for off premise advertising. After much discussion and consideration, the Board has concluded that such amendments are not necessary nor are they desirable. The Zoning and Planning Board recommended to Council that the Zoning Ordinance not be amended in regard to off-premise signs. The Board, however, is disposed to further explore the possibility of refining the ordinance in regard to directional signs and agreed to discuss this topic over the next few months.

Commissioner Karr moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to renew the N. C. Department of Transportation permits on the three kiosk signs for one year. Commissioners Lehner and Donovan voted nay. Mayor Doyle had to break the tie and voted nay. Therefore the vote was three to two, with the motion to re-permit the kiosk signs being defeated.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Lehner, to recess for ten minutes. The vote of approval was unanimous.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 11:05 a.m. Council discussed future development in downtown Lake Lure.

Dick Washburn, Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board, suggested to Council that rerouting 64/74 in downtown Lake Lure and possibly building a causeway would significantly lessen congestion and parking problems. Mr. Washburn also suggested this idea should be studied and if it has any merit then be presented to the Department of Transportation. Commissioner Bush suggested that Luther Smith include in his planning an architectural drawing

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showing with and without a causeway.

Sam Karr, Finance Director, reported on the present status of the FY 93-94 budget.

Tom McKay, President of the Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce, requested permission from Council to hold as an event of the Dogwood Festival, a street shag beach music dance on Saturday, April 17, 1993 at the Lake Lure Beach. The dance will begin at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 11:00 p.m. Mr. McKay also requested to be permitted to sell beer during this event. Insurance will be provided by the Chamber of Commerce which agreed to hold the Town harmless against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability and expense in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to the property.

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Lehner moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to allow the Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce to use Town property for the use of the Dogwood Festival and to allow the selling of beer on Saturday, April 17, 1993 from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of the Dogwood Festival dance. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Jim Hook, representative of the Dogwood Festival, requested that Council ride in the parade of the festival Saturday at noon. The parade will start at the Post Office and proceed west. It was the consensus of Council to participate in the parade.

A brief report was given on the recent marina slip drawing. Approximately 7 slips were available for rent this year. A drawing was held Tuesday, April 6, 1993 at the Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. Persons present were Commissioner Jack Donovan, Paul Wilson, Public Works Supervisor, and Anita Taylor, Town Clerk.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to approve the beach rates as follows:

Adults will pay \$3 to enter the beach. Children under 12 shall pay \$1.

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Lake Lure residents and property owners shall receive, upon request at Town Hall, a free pass to enter the beach for immediate family members. If the pass is used for others not authorized, the pass will be revoked for one year.

Mr. Hord reported that the manhole repairs are continuing. A major break has been located on Charlotte drive and the engineers are working on determining how to challenge.

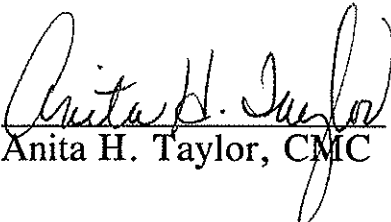
The small generator was down for approximately three to four days for minor repair work.

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to adjourn. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:



Mayor Priscilla Doyle



Anita H. Taylor, CMC

Frankie Queen
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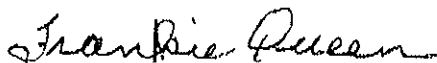
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