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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1994, 9:30 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Max E. Lehner
Mayor Pro-tem Bud Schichtel
Commissioner Bill Bush
Commissioner Bill Church
Commissioner Jack Donovan

Tom Hord, Town Manager
Sam Karr, Finance Director

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lehner called the regular workshop meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

INVOCATION

Town Manager Hord gave the invocation.

PROPOSALS FOR SCENIC PASSENGER BOAT RIDE SERVICE

Russ Webb, operator of the Showboat presented to Town Council the following petition:

We the undersigned would like to request the commissioners of the Town of Lake Lure to continue Russ Webb's operation of the Lake Lure Showboats.

Russ is a resident of Lake Lure, a disabled Korean veteran and volunteer choir director at Chimney Rock Baptist Church. He has maintained the Lake Lure Showboats for the past six years at a profit. The loss of his small business operation to another out of town group, that the Town commissioners have already endorsed, will cause financial hardship which we feel should be given the utmost consideration. (Petition logged in as item #1 -- attached).

Town Manager Hord presented to Town Council a copy of the proposals received from the Lake Lure Amusement (Showboat) and Lotus Enterprises, Inc. in response to the advertisement requesting bids from owners/operators to provide scenic passenger boat ride service on Lake Lure operating out of two boat slips located at the Town Marina. Mr. Hord reported that there were only two proposals. (Proposals attached). In order to discuss each proposal, Mr. Hord had the information briefly summarized on a chart referred to as Tour Boat Proposals "A" and "B". The chart reads as follows:

TOUR BOAT PROPOSALS

	A	B
Revenue to Town	10% of Gross	7% of Gross
Charitable Donations	20% of Pre-Tax Profits -- 7 Organizations	\$2,100 Lake Lure Fire Dept.
Slip Rental *	\$1,200/Annum	\$1,200/Annum
Months of Operation	April -- November	Unspecified
Hours of Operation	9 A.M. -- 7 P.M.	Unspecified

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Insurance *	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Booth	5' X 10'	Unspecified
Retail Sales	"Lake Lure" ** Shirts/Sweat Shirts	Unspecified
Refreshments	Yes **	Unspecified
Financial Accounting	Daily Log. Monthly Report	Unspecified

*** Required by Town**

****10% of Gross to Town**

Mr. Hord explained to Town Council the differences between both proposals.

Mayor Lehner asked if anyone had additional comments in regards to the proposals presented.

Russ Webb explained the reasons why his proposal didn't have some items specified such as months of operation, hours of operation, booth size, retail sales, refreshments and financial accounting.

Other Lake Lure Citizens spoke on behalf of Russ Webb and said that he has been loyal to the town and deserves a chance to continue his business.

Larry Gillis, a resident of Lake Lure submitted an article from the Asheville Citizen--Times to Town Council for record in regards to Russ Webb's Showboat Tours. (Article logged in as item #2 -- attached).

Richard Coley, president of Lotus Enterprises, Inc., spoke on the reasons why he submitted his proposal. Mr. Coley said that it was a business opportunity for anybody and he would like to create something that presents the lake in a positive way.

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Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Schichtel, to accept proposal "A" and instruct the Town Manager to negotiate a contract with Lotus Enterprises, Inc. following the guidelines of their proposal. Commissioner Bush, Commissioner Schichtel, and Commissioner Donovan voted yes. Commissioner Church voted no. Therefore, the motion passed with a vote of three to one. The contract to provide the scenic passenger boat ride service was awarded to Lotus Enterprises, Inc.

**DIRECTIONAL SIGN REQUEST
FOR LODGE ON LAKE LURE**

Jack Stanier, owner of The Lodge on Lake Lure Bed and Breakfast Inn, requested that Town Council reconsider their previous decision in regards to the off-premise directional sign at the intersection of Charlotte Drive and Highway 64/74.

Mr. Stanier submitted a document of proof that the official name of his business is Lodge on Lake Lure Bed and Breakfast Inn. (Certificate of Assumed Name logged in as item #3 -- attached).

Commissioner Schichtel moved, seconded by Commissioner Church to accept the sign Lodge on Lake Lure Bed and Breakfast Inn as presented with the exception of changing the bottom line size of letters from 4 inch tall to a maximum of 2 1/2 inch tall. Commissioner Schichtel and Commissioner Church voted yes. Commissioner Bush and Commissioner Donovan voted no. Mayor Lehner voted yes breaking the tie. Therefore, the motion passed with a vote of three to two. (sign proposal attached).

PROCEDURE FOR AUDIT PROPOSALS

Sam Karr, Finance Director presented to Town Council a report listing six audit proposals for F. Y. 1994-1995 . The report reads as follows:

REVIEW OF AUDIT PROPOSALS 1994

1. **Hughs, Hughs, & Company, PA-Asheville.**
Preliminary field work in June. Completion of field work by Sept. 30

and issuance of the report by October 31. Include 6 hours of consultation time each year.

Fee \$9,250

- 2. F. Lee Thomas-Hendersonville**
Preliminary field work will begin prior to June 30. Report would be ready by October 31.
Fee \$9,840
- 3. Hanson, Johnson, Associates, P. A.-Hendersonville**
Preliminary field work and report would be ready by October 31.
Fee \$9,950
- 4. Robert C. Koone-Spindale**
Same as prior years.
Fee-Accountants \$40 per hour. Typists \$25 per hour.
- 5. Don Heath-Forest City**
Interim work will be completed between April 25 and June 24.
Audit will be submitted by October 31.
Fee \$8,400
- 6. Carland & Carland-Hendersonville**
Drafts for review by October 15. Audit and reports no later than October 31.
Fee \$11,000

All Auditors have experience with municipalities. They are comparable as far as procedures with the audit; "generally accepted auditing standards," management letter, filing state reports, etc.

It was the concensus of Council to direct the Town Manager and Finance Director to look through the six proposals and make a recommendation at the next regular Council meeting scheduled for March 22, 1994.

**PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FROM ZONING AND
PLANNING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS, LAKE
STRUCTURE APPEALS BOARD AND LAKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Town Manager Hord presented Town Council each a copy of the 1993 annual reports submitted by the Board of Adjustment, Lake Advisory Committee, Lake Structures Appeals Board, and the Zoning and Planning Board. Mr. Hord expressed his appreciation to all the boards for their hard work.

REVIEW FY 1994-95 BUDGET AGENDA

Sam Karr, Finance Director presented Town Council with a Budget Agenda for F. Y. 1994-95. The agenda reads as follows:

BUDGET AGENDA FOR F.Y. 1994-95

DEADLINE	BUDGET CALENDAR
March 2	Departmental notice for budget preparations. Budget materials distributed to department heads.
March 11	Outside agencies notified. Budget materials distributed.
April 15	Departmental budget requests due in budget office.
April 15- April 30	Preparation of draft budget.
May 3- May 24	Budget workshop with Governing Board.
May 24	Adoption at this date or at June 28 Town Meeting.
June 1	Estimated revenues, fund balances, and appropriations request for coming year reviewed and



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**adjusted. Budget balanced.
Last day to submit budget and message to Governing Board.
Make budget available to public and press.**

June 28 Hold public hearing on proposed budget. Adoption.

July 1 Last day for the Governing Board to adopt Budget Ordinance.

It was the consensus of Council to accept the Budget Agenda as presented. Commissioner Bush recommended that the town have representatives on the Lake Lure Volunteer Fire Department's board of directors and make it a prerequisite condition of receiving funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/PERSONNEL MATTERS

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to enter into executive session. The vote of approval was unanimous.

After extensive discussion, Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to come out of executive session and re-enter the regular business session of the meeting. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Mayor Lehner announced that Council took no action in executive session.

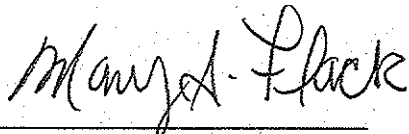
OTHER BUSINESS

It was the consensus of Council to appoint Commissioner Donovan and Commissioner Schichtel to a committee which will consider purchasing a used automatic sprinkler system for the Lake Lure Municipal Golf Course and have the committee give a full report at a future meeting.


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With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, to recess the regular workshop meeting to Tuesday, March 15, 1994, 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:



Mary A. Flack, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk



Mayor Max B. Lehner

