



Town of Lake Lure

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MINUTES OF THE RECESSED REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1996, 9:30 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Max E. Lehner
Commissioner Bill Bush
Commissioner Carolyn Cobb
Commissioner Beth Rose
Commissioner Bud Schichtel

John R. Strutner, Town Manager
Sam Karr, Finance Director

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Lehner requested that two additional items be added to the agenda under New Business. Therefore, by unanimous consent of Council, a review of Fire Department contracts, and Closed Session (G.S. 143-318.11) regarding personnel matters was added to the agenda.

DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET ITEMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

Mayor Lehner invited citizens to speak regarding the proposed budget. The following persons requested to speak:

1. Cindy Sims, owner of Lake Side Pizza, presented Town Council with a petition asking the Town of Lake Lure to match the State and Federal Grants already approved for the purpose of improving the Lake Lure Park playground equipment. (Copy of petition attached).

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2. Jack Powell, a Lake Lure resident, presented Council members with a memorandum dated June 12, 1996 regarding the proposed Town budget for Fiscal Year 1996-97.
3. Nancy McNary, a Lake Lure resident, stated that she agreed with the concept of charging user fees for services being provided by the Town.
4. Bob Washburn, a Lake Lure resident and Chairman of the Lake Advisory Committee, requested that Council amend the boat rates adopted on June 11, 1996 at the Regular Council meeting and increase the rates by the same percentage across the board. Mr. Washburn said that it was unfair to increase the boat fees for residents (motorized) from \$30.00 to \$100.00.
5. Marsha Hardy, a Lake Lure resident, said that the Town should look at the possibility of charging a resort tax on hotels and house rentals.

Commissioner Bush suggested that Council look into the Town's liability insurance regarding the Lake Lure Park playground.

Finance Director Sam Karr presented Council members with revised summary sheets of revenues and expenditures for the current Budget Fiscal Year 1996-97 for their review.

Town Manager Strutner reviewed his memorandum of June 12, 1996 presented to Council members in regards to directives provided during the budget workshop held June 11, 1996. Mr. Strutner reported that the entire Golf Course account has been decreased to a total of \$155,000.

Commissioner Rose asked Council members to reevaluate the boat rate increase adopted on June 11, 1996.

After discussion, Commissioner Schichtel moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to set the annual boat permit fee from \$400.00 to \$500.00 (motorized) for non-residents of Lake Lure effective as of January 1, 1997. Commissioner Schichtel and Commissioner Bush voted yes. Commissioner Rose and Commissioner Cobb voted no. Mayor Lehner voted no breaking the tie. Therefore, the motion did not pass with a vote of 3 to 1.

The annual boat permit fee of \$400.00 (motorized) for non-residents will therefore remain at the same rate.

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Commissioner Schichtel moved to set the annual boat permit fee from \$400.00 to \$450.00 (motorized) for non-residents effective as of January 1, 1997. The motion did not pass due to a lack of a second to the motion and a vote.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to set the annual boat permit fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00 (motorized) for residents of Lake Lure effective as of January 1, 1997. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to set the annual boat permit fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00 (non-motorized) for residents and non-residents of Lake Lure effective as of January 1, 1997. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to increase the Lake Lure ad valorem tax rate from .26 to .30 per \$100 of valuation for 1996-97, and balance the budget from reserve funds (28% from water/sewer and 72% from electric). The vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Schichtel, to set the date to hold a public hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 1996-97 budget on Tuesday, June 25, 1996, 7:30 p.m. or thereafter at the Lake Lure Municipal Center.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Other New Business

Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to approve three Fire Department Contracts (Fairfield Mountains, Bill's Creek, and Chimney Rock) as presented by Fire Coordinator Ron Morgan. The vote of approval was unanimous.

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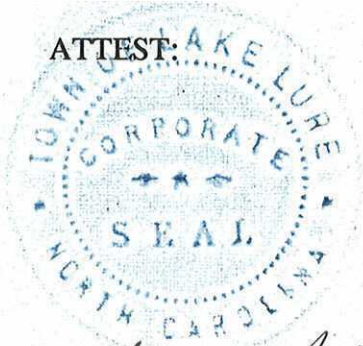
PERSONNEL MATTERS (G.S. 143-318.11)

Commissioner Bush moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters (G.S. 143-318.11). The vote of approval was unanimous.

After discussion within closed session, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to come out of the closed session and re-enter the regular session of the meeting. The vote of approval was unanimous. No action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Rose, to adjourn the meeting. The vote of approval was unanimous.



Mary A. Flack
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Town Clerk

Max E. Lehner
Mayor Max E. Lehner