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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE CHIMNEY ROCK COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998, 7:30 P. M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRESENT:

Mayor Jack Powell
Commissioner Carolyn Cobb
Commissioner Beth Rose
Commissioner Gene Sheffield
Commissioner Jack Stanier
Zoning Administrator Chuck Place, III

Chimney Rock Mayor Peter O'Leary
Chimney Rock Mayor Pro-tem Barbara Meliski
Chimney Rock Commissioner Bob Burns
Chimney Rock Commissioner Linda Thompson
Chimney Rock Village Clerk Steve Duncan
Michael Keys, Trustee of Chimney Rock Water Systems

ABSENT:

Chimney Rock Commissioner Don Johnston
Town Manager John R. Strutner

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Cobb gave the invocation.

JOINT MATTERS OF INTEREST (WATER/SEWER SYSTEMS)

Mayor Powell stated the purpose of holding the special meeting and welcomed everyone present. Both Mayor Powell and Mayor O'Leary introduced commissioners/staff present.

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Mayor O'Leary gave a brief background history of the Chimney Rock Water System. He said that the Chimney Rock Village had just recently purchased the Chimney Rock Water System and that improvements are currently being made. Mayor O'Leary explained that the Chimney Rock Village Water System currently serves approximately 100 customers and would like to look at ways to improve/expand their water system. He said that the Village Water System may be able to supply water to Lake Lure.

Mayor O'leary stated that the Chimney Rock Village was just inquiring to see if there's any interest in the Town of Lake Lure joining together on common matters regarding the water/sewer systems. He encouraged Lake Lure Town Council to consider regionalism and rationalized the advantages, such as: (1) receiving more points for regional systems which in-turn increases the position for state grant money; (2) Chimney Rock Village Water System could supply water to Lake Lure; and (3) merge the two existing systems together to become more cost effective.

Lake Lure Town Council and Chimney Rock Village Council discussed the pros/cons of becoming a regional district (operated by elected members) or an authority (operated by appointed members). In addition, Chimney Rock Village Clerk Steve Duncan stated that regardless of whether or not it's a district or an authority, each would have to maintain a balanced budget and be self-sustaining.

Keith Webb, consultant with McGill Associates, Inc., gave a brief report about the Chimney Rock Village Water System. Mr. Webb also answered questions concerning the debt of the Chimney Rock Water System improvement plans (Phase I, II, and III).

After much discussion, Lake Lure Town Council and Chimney Rock Village Council agreed to, let Mayor O'Leary contact the Isothermal Planning Development Commission inquiring about potential costs for a study of a joint water/sewer authority and then study the issue further. Mayor O'Leary said that he would contact Mayor Powell with the information obtained.

Mayor Powell stated that he would like to schedule another joint meeting in order to talk about other joint matters of interest including issues of "liquor by the drink" with regards to police coverage and the effects of clear cutting trees.

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| ADJOURNMENT |
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With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Stanier, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

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ATTEST:



Mary A. Flack

Mary A. Flack, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk

Jack Powell

Mayor Jack Powell