



Town of Lake Lure

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MINUTES OF THE RECESSED SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1998, 9:30 A. M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Jack Powell
Commissioner Carolyn Cobb
Commissioner Beth Rose
Commissioner Gene Sheffield
Commissioner Jack Stanier

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

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Cobb gave the invocation.

DISCUSSION ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET ITEMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999

Town Council reviewed the preliminary budget estimates regarding revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

Mayor Powell recommended that Council members consider adopting an assessment policy designating Powell Bill monies for certain road maintenance.

Commissioner Stanier suggested setting aside a certain percentage of Powell Bill monies for identified roads needing maintenance.

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Council members agreed to look into the possibility of developing a road assessment policy requiring property owners to share the cost of maintaining their roads.

Council discussed the pros/cons of maintaining the town's dredge. It was suggested that the town consider contracting out the service of removing silt from the lake and sell the town-owned dredge. There was talk about not needing dredging for the remainder of this fiscal year. After discussion, Council agreed to eliminate the dredge operator's position out of the budget.

The part-time public works position was also eliminated with the stipulation that this position be paid out of contractual services based on per job rendered to the town.

Mayor Powell asked Town Manager Strutner to provide figures of mileage from the Public Works department vehicles that are being taken by employees to/from their homes.

After discussion, Commissioner Sheffield moved, to require that the public works vehicles be left in the Town city limits with the exception of using them for business. The motion did not pass due to a lack of a second to the motion.

Council recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Powell asked Commissioner Sheffield (liaison of the Lake Lure Golf Course Committee) to get input/feedback from the Golf Course Committee with regards to increasing golf fees at next Golf Committee meeting.

Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to reduce the amount budgeted for fish purchase from \$7,000 to \$4,000. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Council agreed to have the bridge at the Lake Lure beach area rebuilt using town employees for labor.

The Town Manager and Finance Director were asked to revise the budget figures to reflect an increase in the Marina salaries for more hours to cover weekend operation if the lake is left at full-pond this winter.

Commissioner Cobb moved, seconded by Commissioner Sheffield, to budget \$60,000 in the contingency line item. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Sheffield asked Finance Director Karr for a list of town-owned vehicles.

Mayor Powell asked Council members to decide whether or not the Town needs a 24-hour police protection. After discussion, Council concluded they definitely want 24-hour police protection.

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After discussion, Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Sheffield, to eliminate the position of Administrative Assistant out of the budget. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Council talked about looking into a method of renewing boat permits by mail.

Town Manager Strutner reported on the status of Manatron, Inc. with regards to the Town's computer system.

RECESS THE MEETING

With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Rose moved, seconded by Commissioner Cobb, to recess the meeting at 4:15 p.m. until Thursday, May 21, 1998, 10:00 a.m., at the Lake Lure Municipal Center. The vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:



Mary A. Flack, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk

Mayor Jack Powell