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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2000, 7:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRESENT: Mayor Jim Proctor
Commissioner Blaine Cox
Commissioner Dick McCallum
Commissioner George Pressley
Commissioner Jack Stanier

H. M. "Chuck" Place, III, Town Manager
J. Christopher Callahan, Town Attorney

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Proctor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Attorney Callahan gave the invocation

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Proctor invited the audience to speak on any non-agenda item. No one requested to speak during public forum.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Commissioner Cox made a motion to add an item to the agenda under new business as item 6 e. to consider a request from the Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Board to allow live entertainment at the Lake Lure town pavilion area on Friday nights during the month of October 2000. Commissioner McCallum seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Proctor presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed before calling for action. With no items being removed, Commissioner McCallum made a motion to approve the following consent agenda as presented and Commissioner Pressley seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

- a. Approved Minutes -- July 11, 2000 (regular meeting) & July 20, 2000 (special meeting).
- b. Approved a request from Stanley Long to: (1) hold an annual "Run to Rock" truck show on town property adjacent to the Lake Lure community center on September 15-17, 2000; (2) provide a Mayor's choice trophy at the town's expense; (3) suspend the town's peddling ordinance, section 61.01 of the Town Code of Ordinances in order that food, t-shirts, truck parts, and other items may be sold on site during the truck show; and (4) suspend section 63.01 of the Town Code of Ordinances in order to serve beer at a Friday evening cookout on September 15, 2000.
- c. Approved budget amendments for the police vehicle grant as submitted by the Finance Director. Increased police vehicle grant from \$49,599 to \$63,685 and increased expenditures in the police department by \$18,781 which \$4,695 will come from contingency to offset the extra expense.

End of Consent Agenda

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Budget Amendment Regarding Boat Dock at Town Hall

Town Manager Place reported that Jerry Nelon had completed the town dock located behind town hall. He explained that \$11,170 was the amount originally approved in the budget which was based on a bid from another contractor for an 80' long dock including rip-rap shore stabilization and a small handicapped accessible ramp to be done by the town maintenance crew. Mr. Place stated that Mr. Nelon had agreed to build a 100' dock, including rip-rap, for the same total price.

Mr. Place said during the course of construction, it was determined that the handicapped accessible ramp would work better constructed of wood parallel to rather than excavated perpendicular to the dock. Also, Mr. Nelon added a dry stack rock wall and seawall instead of rip-rap. Mr. Place mentioned that Mr. Nelon had indicated to him the final cost was more than

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his original bid because of the handicapped access ramp length and size of the wall. Mr. Place said Mr. Nelon understood that he was bound to the town by his original bid. However, Mr. Nelon requests that Council members consider increasing his final payment based on the higher cost.

Mr. Place presented an invoice of \$12,957 submitted by Mr. Nelon which reflected an increase of \$1,787 above the amount budgeted. He said the dock constructed by Mr. Nelon is very well built with sturdier and longer lasting material than originally proposed by another contractor.

Commissioner Pressley asked to be excused from voting on this topic. A motion was made by Commissioner Cox to excuse Commissioner Pressley from voting on Mr. Nelon's request and Commissioner McCallum seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCallum to approve the budget amendment of \$1,787 for costs of a new town hall dock not covered in the original bid as requested by Town Manager Place and Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four to zero.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Request from Pediatric Brain Tumor Association Regarding "Ride for Kids" Event on August 26, 2001

Allen Hughes, National Ride for Kids Manager, submitted a letter of July 12, 2000 on behalf of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the United States Ride for Kids. He explained that they were in the process of planning an Asheville Ride for Kids event Sunday, August 26, 2001. The funds raised by Ride for Kids events are used to support the search for the cause and cure of childhood brain tumors. Mr. Hughes indicated their needs for 2001 are similar to those of previous years listed below:

- * Space to set up a 60 ft. by 120 ft. tent with a stage and 500 chairs.
- * Space for 4-6 portable toilets.
- * Electrical power to operate a sound system and fans (they will supply extension cords).
- * Assistance with trash removal (in the past, they have placed all their trash in bags and put them behind Town Hall for removal by town personnel).
- * Assistance with traffic control to allow motorcyclists safe entry into the parking area.

The motorcyclists plan to leave the Asheville Biltmore Square Mall at 9:00 a.m. and will travel with a police escort to Lake Lure. They anticipate that the motorcyclists will arrive in

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Lake Lure at approximately 10:15 a.m. A light lunch will be served including a one hour "Celebration of Life" and then, premiums will be distributed. Some of these riders will likely be leaving in small groups around noon. Mr. Hughes anticipates the tents, chairs and stage will be set up on Thursday, August 23, 2001 or Friday, August 24, 2001 and will be removed on Monday, August 27, 2001. The portable toilets are expected to arrive Friday, August 24, 2001.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Pressley made a motion to approve the Pediatric Brain Tumor Association's request as outlined in Mr. Hughes letter. Commissioner McCallum seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

- b. North Carolina League of Municipalities Request Execution of Ballot by Governing Board Regarding Amendment to IRFFNC Interlocal Agreement**

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Risk Management Services Board of Trustees for the Interlocal Risk Financing Fund of North Carolina (IRFFNC, providing property and liability coverage), the Board of Directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities at their June 20, 2000 meeting amended the interlocal agreement subject to approval by Council, the current participants who have previously executed the interlocal agreement. This amendment allows the fund to operate under the interlocal cooperation statutes for local governments, and not under the insurance law.

The Executive Committee requested that Council execute a ballot considering the amendment to the interlocal agreement for a Interlocal Risk Financing Fund of North Carolina.

After discussion, Commissioner Cox moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallum, authorizing the Mayor to execute the ballot approving the amendment to reform the fund under the interlocal cooperation statutes, G.S. 160A-460 through 464. The vote of approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

- c. Street Signs**

Town Manager Place asked Council members to establish a policy on maintaining street signs which are erected within privately maintained roads. He explained that the town initially paid for the installation of street signs on both private and public roads in order to comply with Rutherford County's Emergency 911 system. Since that time, there have been questions about who is responsible for signs needing to be replaced. In addition, Mr. Place reported that

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approximately one dozen signs in the Fairfield Community have been stolen or vandalized within the last six months. He said replacing these signs would cost approximately \$100 each.

Commissioner Pressley recommended that the town maintain standardized signs to facilitate public services for emergency personnel, medical, police, and fire departments.

Riley Hardy, a resident of Lake Lure, stated that it is unfair for other taxpayers to maintain street signs for private gated communities which are not open to everyone.

After discussion, Commissioner McCallum made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stanier, to approve the replacement of damaged or missing street signs on private roads for a period of six months. At the end of the six month period, Council will review data and determine whether or not to continue maintaining these signs. The motion passed with a vote of three to two. Commissioners McCallum and Stanier voted yes. Commissioners Cox and Pressley voted no. The Mayor voted yes breaking the tie.

NEW BUSINESS:

d. Budget Amendment Regarding the Golf Course

Town Manager Place announced he hired Chris Shute of Lake Lure as the town's new golf course manager. He said Mr. Shute will begin work August 14. Mr. Place asked Council members to provide Mr. Shute with a car allowance because the amount of travel which will be required of him by the town.

In addition, Mr. Place suggested that the Town lease some or all of Mr. Shute's personal turf equipment in order to help maintain the course. He said most of Mr. Shute's equipment is newer and in better condition than the towns. Mr. Shute also owns additional equipment which the town does not own. Mr. Place said this will reduce the need for replacement the town's older equipment and provide a savings in the long run.

After discussion, Commissioner Pressley moved, seconded by Commissioner Cox, to approve budget amendments in the golf course budget to provide \$1,100 per year travel allowance for the golf course manager and a maximum of \$2,000 to fund the leasing of golf course equipment. The vote of approval was unanimous.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

e. Request from the Parks and Recreation Board

Hal Hermann, Chairman of the Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Board, submitted a request asking Council members to consider allowing them to provide live entertainment at the

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Lake Lure town pavilion area located on Memorial Point on Friday nights during the month of October, 2000 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The admission fee is estimated at a cost of \$5.00 per person, and the admission fee for children would be less.

Mr. Hermann also asked Council members to allocate \$3,000 to the Parks and Recreation Board to fund this music event.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Cox moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallum, to approve the allocation of \$3,000 to the Parks and Recreation Board to fund a new music event at the Lake Lure town pavilion located on Memorial Point each Friday night during the month of October, 2000. The vote of approval was unanimous.

STAFF REPORTS

Town Manager Place announced that the town is applying to the state for a water and sewer fund grant and the application deadline is Tuesday, August 15, 2000. He said plans have been drawn up and are ready to be mailed.

Mr. Place gave a brief report on the progress of the golf course. He said plans for a food concession stand at the golf course have been delayed because of public health standards not being met. Mr. Place explained that in order to meet these standards, the town is required to install a 1,500 gallon septic tank (the lowest bid received at this time is approximately \$14,500) and the golf course facility must be made handicapped accessible. He said the town may consider installing a new septic tank some time in future, if the golf course revenues increase enough to justify the cost. Mr. Place mentioned that a vending company has agreed to place hot and cold sandwiches into a machine at golf course, however, the town would have to collect the money.

Mr. Place briefed Council members about the chimney separating from the golf course building. Council members agreed by consensus to instruct the Town Manager to proceed with getting estimates on the cost of repairing the chimney.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Commissioner Jack Stanier commented on the work which had been conducted along the river bank behind the Lake Lure Municipal Center. He commended Hal Hermann and the Parks and Recreation Board, along with the public works crew for their hard work beautifying this area.

