

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2008, 1:00 P.M., AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER**

PRESENT: Mayor Jim Proctor
Commissioner Wayne Hyatt
Commissioner Russ Pitts
Commissioner Jeanine Noble
Commissioner Linda Turner

Steve Wheeler, Town Manager

ABSENT: N/A

Call to Order

Mayor Proctor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Noble gave the invocation.

Approved the Agenda

After discussion, Commissioner Pitts made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Discussion Regarding Sewer Related Issues: Infiltration Investigation, Valve Project, Sewer Plant Project/Special Order of Consent Update, Hummingbird Cove Project, Policy Regarding manhole Easements for New Subdivisions, Prioritization of Future Town Capacity, Long-Term Plan, and Miscellaneous Topics

Town Manager Wheeler reviewed and answered questions relating to sewer issues including: a. infiltration investigation, b. valve project, c. sewer plant project/special order of consent update, d. Hummingbird Cove project, e. policy regarding manhole easements for new subdivisions, f. prioritization of future town capacity, g. long-term plan, and h. miscellaneous topics. Representatives Mike Waresak, and Randy Hintz with McGill Associates shared their input with regards the above mentioned sewer issues. William Grimes, Wastewater Treatment Operation, answered questions and shared his opinions relating to the sewer issues that were discussed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Grimes gave a status report on the pricing for hydro-phone equipment.

Council members held a brief discussion on the infiltration investigation of the sewer system.

Town Manager Wheeler and Mr. Grimes updated council on the status of the sewer valve project. Mike Waresak with McGill Associates agreed to look into the matter of the town being charged a mobilization and demobilization fee. Mr. Wheeler agreed to look into this matter. Mr. Wheeler said the town was not responsible for the delay of this project.

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Mr. Grimes reported that the tree removal project at the sewer plant had been partially completed. Mr. Grimes spoke about needed improvement for the sewer plant. The town manager and Mr. Grimes will work together on a back up plan for the wastewater treatment plant.

Town Manager Wheeler gave an update on the status of the special order of consent. Mr. Wheeler stated that he plans to talk to the North Carolina Health Department about the possibility of making an arrangement with them to allow construction of homes to continue without sewer connections. Mr. Wheeler agreed to report back to council on this matter.

Jeffrey Brown with Envision Associates, briefed council members on the Hummingbird Cove project.

Mr. Grimes recommended that town council not take over small sewer collection systems.

Council members discussed the need of a policy regarding manhole easements for new subdivisions.

Council members agreed to accept gravity systems into the sewer system.

Council members agreed that a sewer policy was needed for upland lots.

Town Manager Wheeler agreed to draft a policy prioritizing future town capacity for sewer connections including the recommendations mentioned by council members.

Mike Waresak, and Randy Hintz with McGill Associates talked about obtaining grant funding for expanding the town sewer system as a regional solution. Council members were in favor of the regional approach.

Council members authorized the town manager to set up meetings to pursue a regional approach for a sewer system.

Mayor Proctor invited citizens to speak on miscellaneous sewer topics. The following requested to speak.

1. Dick McCallum asked about the materials being used to repair leaking sewer lines.

Mr. Grimes explained that the material being used now has been improved and is different than what was used before.

2. John Bittle expressed the need for a long-term time table with regards to sewer connections.

Town Manager Wheeler agreed to contact Mr. Bittle after talking to the North Carolina Health Department about the possibility of making an arrangement with them to allow construction of homes to continue without sewer connections and let Mr. Bittle know their decision.

3. John Cloud expressed his disappointment with the town regarding sewer connections not being allowed at this time due to the special order of consent.

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4. Steven Webber mentioned that there were no manholes where he lived on Burnt Ridge Road.
5. Bill Hutchinson expressed his concern about his septic system passing inspection.
6. Bill Breen asked about the water quality in the river and the lake. Mr. Breen asked if the lake was safe for recreation.

Town Manager Wheeler and Lake Operations Administrator Dean Givens reported on the water quality of the lake.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator William Grimes reported that there had been a previous problem in the river caused by dead animals and the appropriate officials were aware of this problem.

Commissioner Pitts agreed to work with Mr. Givens to post water test results on the town website.

7. Mac Mckenzie encouraged citizens to report to town hall any water quality concerns.
8. Lynn Weaver expressed her concern about septic systems in the cove where she lives.


Council members thanked the audience for sharing their concerns.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

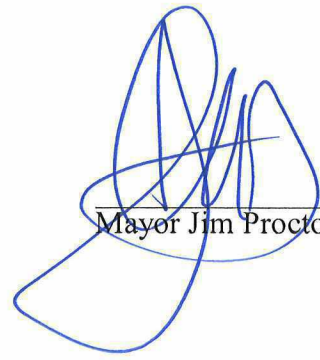
With no further items of discussion, Commissioner Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Commissioner Noble seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

ATTEST:





Mary A. Flack, MMC
Town Clerk



Mayor Jim Proctor