



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022, 9:00 A.M. AT THE LAKE LURE
MUNICIPAL CENTER**

PRESENT: Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Scott Doster

William Hank Perkins, Jr., Town Manager
Stephen Ford, Finance Director
Dean Lindsey, Public Services Director

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio
Commissioner Jim Proctor

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Scott Doster seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

III. BUDGET AMENDMENT # 345A – DRAWDOWN EQUIPMENT

Finance Director Stephen Ford noted that the amendment was originally for the purpose of adding an additional \$400,000 for drawdown equipment and materials. Director Ford explained that upon further review, an additional \$50,000 for a hammer attachment and forks is proposed to be added to amendment #345A. Public Services Director Dean Lindsey noted all proposed fund additions are for the sewer project and can be reimbursed through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Commissioner Doster expressed concern regarding the abundance of changes from Ruby-Collins, but noted that equipment can be used for the entirety of the project moving forward.

Mayor Pritchett asked if Ruby-Collins has their own equipment. Director Lindsey noted that Ruby-Collins could have rented their own equipment, but the Town would have been billed for the cost of the equipment, so it was determined to be more fiscally responsible for the Town to purchase the equipment.

Town Manager Hank Perkins expressed disappointment regarding Ruby-Collins forecasting and Council members agreed.

Director Lindsey noted that when the project manager is on-boarded, he will be reviewing and taking note of all operations and expenses by Ruby-Collins.

Manager Perkins noted that following the completion of the upcoming drawdown, it will be clearer what will be needed moving forward.

Commissioner Doster asked if the forks are for the forklift and Director Lindsey confirmed. It was noted that Ruby-Collins should have projected the need for such equipment. Mayor Pritchett expressed that if the equipment is needed the Town will obtain it, but Rub-Collins needs to plan and forecast better in the future. Mayor Pritchett noted that it is an issue due to the nature of a Design-Build project.

Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #345A for Drawdown Equipment, with the inclusion of an additional \$50,000. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 a.m. Commissioner Doster seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:



Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk



Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

