

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 5:00pm
Lakeview Terrace at Rumbling Bald



Agenda

Roll Call:

Mayor, Carol C, Pritchett
Commissioner Dave DiOrio
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Scott Doster
Commissioner Jim Proctor

Town Manager, Olivia Stewman
William Morgan, Attorney
Laura Krejci, Communications Director
Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pritchett called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

II. Agenda Adoption

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made motion to approve agenda as presented. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

III. Mayor's Communication

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett began by thanking everyone for coming out this evening. Thank you to Rumbling Bald for allowing the Town to continue to use there space for these meetings. Also, a thank you to Town Manager, Olivia Stewman and all town staff for all they do. We continue to work with FEMA and finding funding to continue in our recovery. Thankful for the progress.

IV. Town Managers Communication

Town Manager Olivia Stewman gave an update on the projects the Town is currently working on.

This all has been on a learning experience and we are working to review our action review plan.

We are working with a new audit firm and wrapping up the 2024 audit. So far things are going well.

Comprehensive plan is moving forward. Will begin Public input in October through November.

A reminder that Flag day is June 13, 2025 at 9:00am and many July 4th events will be taken place. Please reach out to Rumbling Bald and Ridgeline for more details.

V. Public Hearing

A. Ordinance No. 25-06-10 Adopting Fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget

Oliva Provide the staff report for the budget for the upcoming Fiscal year. With the projected revenue impacts and other factors we were still able to reduce the budget to 8.1 million. This does include adding a new position for the CDD department and 3% cola for all employees. Increase fees will increase about \$1000. Commissioner Scott Doster thanked the staff for all their hard work and eliminating almost 1 million of the budget. Commissioner Jim Proctor was thankful for no tax increase. Council began discussion.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to leave Public Hearing and Commissioner Scott Doster seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Scot Doster seconded the motion and all were in favor.

VI. Council Liaison Reports and Comments

Commission Scott Doster advised there was no meeting this month for the Zoning and Planning board. The ABC board did meet and continues to do well. Mayor Carol C. Pritchett set in on this meeting and is impressed and thankful for all the hard work. The ABC board also went to Southern Distillery and picked out a barrel specifically for Lake Lure. Will update with when this will be released.

Commissioner Dave DiOrio advised there was no BOA meeting this month. LAB met is focusing on the health of the Lake. So far there is no negative impacts especially on wildlife. Steadily getting better.

Commissioner Jim Proctor with Parks and Rec advised there was a total of 212 volunteer hours. Saved around \$7,000. Most trails are open excluding Buffalo Creek and Weed Patch. A 50,000 grant has been received and will be used to help reopen those trails.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant advised that the short-term rental board was formed before storm. Hopeful to have first meeting soon. A thank you to Public Works for all their hard work and putting up flags for the upcoming holiday.

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dave DiOrio made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

VIII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

IX. New Business

A. Short Term Rental Board Appointment

There was 1 opening on the Short Term Rental Board. The council unanimously voted for Thomasina Coile for a 3 year appointment.

Commissioner Dave DiOrio made a motion to approve Thomasina Coile as new member of the short term rental board with a 3 year appointment. Commissioner Scott Doster seconded the motion and all were in favor.

B. Salary Grade Scale

Town manager, Olivia Stewman advised the proposed salary grade scale goes along with the budget including the 3% COLA and the increase in insurance.

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to approve the Salary Grade Scale as presented. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. FY 25-26 Fee Schedule

Town manager Olivia Stewman advised there were no changes to the fee schedule except to the utilities. This change is for any road cutting or boring under town roads will be at cost to the home owner.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to approve the FY 2026-2026 Fee schedule as presented. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

D. Ordinance 25-06-10A Amending the Town of Lake Lure Code of Ordinances to reenact a State of Emergency to be Codified as Chapter 33

Town manager, Olivia Stewman advised this ordinance was originally adopted in 1997. It has never been codified. A few minor changes made to meet state code. Will be changing to a class II misdemeanor. This includes a \$1000 fine and up to 60 days in jail.

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-06-10A amending the Town of Lake Lure code of ordinances to reenact a State of Emergency to be codified as chapter 33 as presented. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

E. Proclamation of Suspension of Lake Access

Town manager, Olivia Stewman stated there has been some issues with people accessing the lake either by boat, kayak, or foot. The lake is still unsafe and this will give us the ability to enforce. This would be considered a Class II misdemeanor if charge.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to approve the Proclamation of Suspension of Lake Access. Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded the motion and all were in favor.

F. Resolution No. 25-06-10 Support Dogwood Health Trust Grant Application

Communication's Director, Laura Krejci provided a statement with information for the grant. This grant is to help move forward with workforce housing allowing more people to live and work here in Lake Lure. The town will donate the land for this grant and the other portion would be for 450,000. The application is due this month.

Public asked where the location of the workforce housing will be located. There are several locations that will be considered. There is property across from Lake Lure classical academy, the green space and a few other locations. This has not been decided at this time, but is needed for the application and can change at a later date. Discussion ensued with council and the public.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-06-10 Support of Dogwood Health Trust Grant Application as written. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

At this time Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to amend the agenda and add storm recovery. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

G. Storm Recovery

Town manager, Olivia Stewman gave the storm updates for the town.

Lost vessel deadline is July 1, 2026. If not picked up will be auctioned.

West End Sewer project going well and still on schedule. Will be boring the sewer and water line this week. Completion is still expected for July 10, 2025.

Grant for playground pushed to October 2025. Will have a community input meeting on July 30, 2025. All are welcome to attend.

Army Corp's personal property debris removal program is planned to begin in a few weeks. We are moving forward full steam with the sediment removal. Currently this week 53,430 tons of sediment has been removed.

6 projects are being obligated and looking to receive funds in the amount of 6.4 million total. We continue to work with FEMA and work on additional funding options.

X. Public Comment

Darren Blum: 206 Yacht Island.


Looking for information on the Cell Towner that will be going up on Boys Camp Rd. Community Development will get that information sent to him.

No other Public Comments.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded the motion and all were in favor. Meeting closed at 5:50pm.

ATTEST:


Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk


Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor

