



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022, 5:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Scott Doster
Commissioner Jim Proctor

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney
William Hank Perkins, Jr., Town Manager

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Patrick Bryant led the invocation. Council members led the pledge of allegiance.

II. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to remove VI Item B Resolution No. 22-07-12 from the agenda. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion to amend the agenda and all voted in favor. Commissioner Proctor made a motion to approve, as amended. Commissioner DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

III. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pritchett noted that the 4th of July celebration went well and expressed appreciation for the community. Mayor Pritchett informed those in attendance that the Town is going to have multiple ribbon cuttings within the coming months and Communications Director Laura Krejci will announce dates and times on the Town website.

IV. TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hank Perkins noted that he on boarded with the Town on June 1. Mr. Perkins reported that paving and patching has been completed, Community Development staff has issues numerous permits and are working on communication tower, the Fire Department completed many hours of training and completed the emergency tabletop exercise on June 3, the Police Department pill drop box was utilized by the community a lot in June, the new Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department Office renovation was completed, and the Communications issued nine posts which reached of thousands of individuals which was a 10 percent increase of individuals reached via Town posts last year.

V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Scott Doster reported the activities of the Zoning and Planning Board and reported that the Utilities Advisory Board meeting did not meet and August will be the last UAB meeting before the Board disbands.

Commissioner David DiOrio reported the activities of the Lake Advisory Board and the Board of Adjustment / Lake Structure Appeals Board. Commissioner DiOrio noted for the record that there has been an uptick in violations from contractors not following what is permitted and reminded homeowners to be aware when working with contractors.

Commissioner Jim Proctor reported the activities of the ABC Board.

Commissioner Patrick Bryant reported the activities of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mayor Pritchett reported that the Lake Lure Steering Committee did not meet but will meet on July 28th.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. RUTHERFORD BOUND – DON CASON

Executive Director of the Rutherford County TDA, Don Cason, presented on Rutherford Bound. Mr. Cason explained that Rutherford Bound is an initiative to improve and connect communities in Rutherford County and provided an update on the Rutherford Bound Master Plan. Mr. Cason displayed a video that provided an overview of happenings in Rutherford Bound which can be found at <https://vimeo.com/704251378>. Mr. Cason recapped past projects in Lake Lure completed through Rutherford Bound and highlighted other projects such as Chimney Rock streetscape, Kiwanis Park in Rutherfordton, Spindale streetscape, Thermal Belt Rail Trail. Mr. Cason explained the process of TDA funding through occupancy tax and the allocation of funds, and noted state regulations the TDA has to follow in regards to the allocation of TDA funds. Mr. Cason presented phase 2 Rutherford Bound projects. Mr. Cason explained that the Rutherford County TDA has a goal of providing \$100,000 per year to each participating community in Rutherford County, with the inclusion of matching funds from each community. Mr. Cason noted

that he is working with the Lake Lure Steering Committee to enhance Morse Park. Mr. Cason announced that this year's budget includes an additional \$1 million for the TDA to allocate and Lake Lure will have an additionally \$225,000, along with an additional \$250,000 for trails. Mayor Pritchett asked Mr. Cason to explain that all projects that are currently in the works are in the process of finding funds with the help of the TDA, all are tax deductible, and communities need investors to partner with them for completion of projects. Mr. Cason reported that fourteen projects are planned, five completed, which includes about \$9 million in funding and contributions. Mr. Cason explained that Rutherford Bound completes internal marketing updates. Mr. Cason also noted that Rutherford Bound work on enhancing agri-tourism, has a Relocate to Rutherford Committee, and is involved in additional programs such as Keep Rutherford County Beautiful. Mr. Cason thanked the Town of Lake Lure for partnering with the Rutherford County TDA and Rutherford Bound.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett invited the audience to speak.

There were no comments from the public.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett presented the Consent Agenda and asked if any other items should be removed before calling for action.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded. Therefore, the Consent Agenda incorporating the following items was unanimously approved and adopted:

- A. Approval of the June 14, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, the June 22, 2022 Town Council Work Session Minutes, and the June 29, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Tree Removal from Within 995' Boundary Request – 143 Frady Inlet Rd. (Parcel #1655828)
- C. Budget Amendment #337 – Contracting Services for Garbage Collection
- D. Budget Amendment #338 – Police Department Salary Adjustment

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DRAWDOWN SCHEDULE

Commissioner DiOrio noted he worked with Town Manager and staff to determine that the lake drawdown will commence on New Year's Day (January 1, 2023) and will conclude on March 31, 2023.

Commissioner DiOrio provided a reminder that refilling the lake will starting in April, but the amount of time that it takes to get to full pond is weather dependent. Commissioner DiOrio noted that the lake levels can fluctuate based on contractor progress and needs.

Commissioner DiOrio explained that the Town will accomplish significant work for the backshore area preparing for sewer replacement including prepping boat houses near Sunset Cove. Commissioner DiOrio noted that dredging will be another project that will take place. DiOrio commented that private contractors for seawall replacements will be working during the drawdown and noted the importance of these contractors obtaining permits. Commissioner DiOrio mentioned that the Town would like for contractors to have all projects completed and no permits issued after March 15. DiOrio noted that other projects include dam maintenance and penstock inspection, sewer laterals review and improvements, upgrading of the substation at the dam by Duke Energy, and the construction of an access ramp at the dam.

Commissioner DiOrio explained that people need to prepare to move boats from the lake no later than the end of December. DiOrio stated that the Town will make announcements to Sunset Cove residents and ensure they prepare.

Human Resources/Customer Services Specialist Jennifer Duncan handed out the drawdown schedule to those in attendance and Communications Director Krejci will post on the schedule on the Town website.

Mayor Pritchett mentioned that there are many moving parts to the decision making process regarding lake drawdown and if all work is completed early, the lake will be filled earlier.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Drawdown Schedule, as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. 60" JET FLOW VALVE PROCUREMENT BID AWARD DECISION

Manager Perkins noted that the Town opened the rebids for the procurement of a 60" jet flow valve on July 6th and received two bids. Mr. Perkins explained that the low bidder, Steel Fabricators, is being recommended by Schnabel Engineering. Manager Perkins reported bid details. Mr. Perkins noted that Schnabel Engineering recommended that spare parts be optional and determined at a later date.

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Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to approve Schnabel Engineering's recommendations to award the bid for the procurement of the 60" jet flow valve to Steel Fabricators, Inc. and to allow for \$2,500 for spare parts be optional and determined at a later date. Commissioner Proctor seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

X. NEW BUSINESS


B. PETITION TO REMOVE HOUSE AT 177 TRYON BAY CIRCLE

Manager Perkins noted that the Town received a petition to remove a house at 177 Tryon Bay Circle. Perkins acknowledged that the Town will be addressing the issue when there has been additional time to review all information.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Proctor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Doster seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:


Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk


Mayor Carol C. Pritchett