



MINUTES OF THE LAKE LURE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, October 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

LAKE LURE INN

PRESENT: Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Mayor Pro Tem David
DiOrio Patrick Bryant,
Commissioner
Commissioner Scott Doster
Commissioner Jim Proctor
Olivia Stewman, Town
Manager

Dean Lindsey, Public Services Director
Michael Williams, Community Development
Director Laura Krejci, Communications Director
Dustin Waycaster, Fire Chief
Police Officer
Jeff Geisler , Rumbling
BaldJennifer Duncan, HR
Director Dana Bradley, P&R
Director

ABSENT: N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 10:10 am – there was a motion to start meeting a continuation of the meeting from 10-09-2024.

Update from Dustin Waycaster: Mike, Olivia and he went out on the boat to identify other properties damaged. The assisting agencies have a boat that can pick up debris from shallow water. Only certified contractors and volunteer groups may clean up and fix houses, and they are being escorted by staff to maintain traffic control. Boys Camp Road and Firefly Cove have power now.

Debris: current dumping sites are Morse Park and the green space, they have different piles for different items that are being sorted. Public Works will pick up trash from the right of ways Laura every Friday until further notice.

Jim Proctor: Robin Proctor is calling DEQ to assist with concerns and comments from the LL Village Resort. It was noted that contractors should wear masks, so they don't breathe any dust or contamination in the water.

Olivia Stewman Updates: Dean Lindsey and Randy Rollins cannot be here today they are at the dam with FEMA. Wendy Terry has been checking the mail everyday and we have received \$51,175.00 in donations.

We are working on having someone clean the town hall and a restoration company will need come in soon because there is already mold.

ADNS: took our servers to Asheville for now

New Town Hall: The Chamber will be vacating their portion of the Arcade building and Town Hall staff will operate out of this area. The National Guard will be asked to help move town hall.

Army Corp: Ms. Stewman called USACE about the dredging, she is waiting for them to call her back and she will update council once she speaks to them.

Police: Rust Pitts has the place for them to work out of and they have been allowed to use the green space but is not very big and there is a lot of traffic coming in and out of the building. Police asked council if they can stay at the retreat in Rust Pitts for \$1.00 a month for 6 months – the contract will be presented to the board for review. Council allowed guidance of the town manager to decide and Ms. Stewman was in favor.

Mike Williams: Russ Pitts says he has a big generator out for Pangea and he said we can use it.

Commissioner David DiOrio: Noted that we need to track donations and set up a protocol. Finance Director Steve Ford needs to decide how to designate the funds and he can talk to the auditors to make sure we are following all guidelines. Ms. Stewman checked with Steve and said PayPal and Venmo donations are fine if they specify what they are giving us money for. Checks should state LL Storm recovery. The Finance Department will be overseeing donations. Mayor Pritchett wants to hand write the thank you notes.

Dana Bradley: the lake clean up is going great and she has been working with Stott Construction.

Social media: Attorney William Morgan said we need to update our social media policy and make changes regarding the hateful emails and comments.

Rumbling Bald: Expressed that they understand there is a no flush order and they just want to make sure they are not going to add problems to the system. The units that have septic are fine. Jeff Giesler asked the council if they are in favor of have a ban on the vacation rentals while the no flush order is in place. Ms. Stewman will speak with the Town attorney to see if a temporary ban is allowed.

Chimney Rock Council Meeting: Chimney Rock has a dependent sewer and they discussed a new sewer beginning in Bat Cave. They spoke with DOT they are going work on getting the highway open. Mike Hager their lobbyist is going to get them secured funds to help recovery. They are concerned with lost revenues. They are going to implement a system for allowing people in the Village and those people will have badges, Laura Duncan will be their PR person.

Ms. Stewman had to step out to speak to Michelle Morton, the owner of the property regarding the easement needed for the Boys Camp Road Bridge. Ms. Morton wants to talk to the engineer and she doesn't think the temporary bridge needs to go on her side, she is against an easement.

Hazmat: hazmat booms were installed yesterday.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday morning at 10:00 am Proctor seconded and they all voted in favor. The Meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.

Attest:

Elba A. Willette, Town Clerk



Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor