



## MINUTES OF THE LAKE LURE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL BRIEFING

Monday, October 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

### LAKE LURE INN

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carol C. Pritchett  
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio  
Commissioner Patrick Bryant  
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 Bald  
Jennifer 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.

**Update from Dustin Waycaster (Fire-Chief):** An individual came to Town on Friday and he was threatening FEMA and the national guard. The individual said that FEMA went around and confiscated their generators at gun point and they wanted their equipment back. The police arrested him and he is out on bond right now. Chief Waycaster met with national guard and active airborne unit, they are leaving this week because they have been assigned to another location. The no flush order still in place. Individuals need Mayor Peter O'Leary's permission to get into Chimney Rock.

There is no private boat traffic allowed on the lake. Chief Waycaster is concern about the wind today and he has contact Duke Energy in case of a tree down, and also he advised that there should be no burning at this time.

**DOT:** Requested that D11 Dozer from caterpillar will delivered as a state order request. These vehicles take up the whole road and they need to watch the utility lines when they come in.

**AT&T:** Will come in to install a COW and the cell service should improve tremendously. They are going to be working on adding fiber optic when making repairs.

**Army Corp and Ashbritt:** Contractors that the Army Corp of Engineers works with is Ashbritt. The Governor asked for federal assistant and this lake is an upmost priority for the state. they are developing a plan to assist. They need access to the property across the street as it is the most feasible area for the debris to be removed from the lake. All current contractors working on lake debris will be brought in through the Army Corp contract. The Army Corp of Engineers should be approving the project soon. The lake will need be closed until it is safe to access. The Amry Corp will assist road debris as well.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to allow the town employees to authorize any work with the Engineers from Army Corp, Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded, and they all voted in favor.

**The NCLM** insurance is coming today to look at damages.

Senator Chuck Edwards called yesterday and he wanted a list of everything the Town lost to the storm.

**Olivia Stewman Updates:** Working on a draft agreement for the temporary housing for town hall staff to move into the Arcade Building. More equipment is being ordered for the water and sewer repairs.

**ADNS** is trying to setup VENMO and PAYPAL for the Town to receive donations. We received a check from Antique Boats for \$1,000.00 dollars today by regular mail hand delivered to the Mayor.

**Commissioner Scott Doster** asked if Lake lure Marine charging people to take their boats out. **Dana Bradley (P&R Director)** stated that the emergency haul outs were no charge to the owner, but if an individual is requesting the removal they must pay. It is possible that Army Corp will eventually removal other boats.

**Laura Krejci:** We were in the national news because of the Militia that was here. She asked that staff send her any progress photos for the website. Recommended setting up a meeting for local businesses. Mrs. Krejci asked if Army Corp could provide her with any updates that she could share with the public.

**Mayor Carol Fritchett and Dustin Waycaster** spoke to Peter O'Leary (Mayor of Chimney Rock) and he was concern about the check points. We are working with Chimney Rock to establish check point protocols.

**Sean Humphries (Chief of the LL Police): No updates.**

**Dana Bradley:** Lake Lure dock company is aware of what boats can be removed and they have the information on what an emergency boat is.

**Rumbling Bald** has been in contact with some companies to come in and clean out their marina.

**Dean Lindsey:** The water system is back online today from pool creek form the intersection of memorial HWY and boy's camp road, but a boil water advisory is in place. The downtown system and the firefly cove system should hopefully be back online by next week.

**Vacation Rental Ban:** Waiting on Attorney William Morgan to respond if council can vote on a temporary short-term rental ban. Kimberly Martin can send a letter to all vacation rental owners when we receive that information.

**Comprehensive List for the Army Corp:**

- Town Hall/Police Station
- Four Police Vehicles
- One Public works vehicle
- Fire truck
- Various parks facility
- Flooding boat dock
- Boys camp bridge
- Welcome center
- Old ABC Store
- Beach Marina Lower level had damaged
- Fueling Station
- Beach House 1 and 2
- Sewer replacement
- Fire Station
- Housing of the Hydro Plant
- Access Ramp of the Hydro Plant
- Complete access to the Hydro plant including the road
- All electricals in the plant
- Road access to the Hydro Plant
- Some of town Boats may be damaged
- Floating Marina
- Erosion on the right abutment
- Left abutment penetration due to the high levels

- Spotting on the concrete on the damn
- Repairs to new excessive seepage
- Restoration of access to the reservoir valve
- Relocation of the wastewater treatment plant preferably at in the flood plain
- Hunt Property for substation relocation
- Damn Repairs
- Road remediation
- New tenor gates due to stress, for future float capacity
- Remediate the current system and find ask for a new system
- Hurricane Helene Destroyed and mediated our current system to get it online
- Re-installation of the pump station
- Repair sewer line from under the damn
- Disable the chimney rock connection
- Replacement of whole water collection system including manhole
- Interconnection of water system and repair of water line that as located on memorial hwy and firefly bridge.
- Damn lost a boon
- All Bridges
- Dredging pipes, the whole system
- Lake debris removed
- New Boone in river
- Sedimentation removal system in river to replace former operation
- Gazebo retaining wall needs to be rebuild
- Countless repairs for Morse Park
- Repairing Buffalo Creek Park, trail system and
- Buis in the lake damaged to the boat ramps
- Repair freeman's ramp
- Deep water access assessment and structural repair
- Road assessment, they will deteriorate with all the equipment
- Replace the bridge on boy's camp road
- Flowering Bridge removal or possibly revive pedestrian access

**Things We Need:**

- Five generators for the well
- Two for the tenor gage system
- Total of 10 permanent generators and big ones in the offices. A

<b>II. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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The meeting was recessed until 10:00 am on October 16, 2024.

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to recess the meeting until Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Patrick Bryant seconded, and they all voted in favor. The Meeting ended at 1:33 p.m.

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Elba A. Willette, Town Clerk

  

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Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor