



MINUTES OF THE LAKE LURE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL BRIEFING

Friday, October 18, 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
Rick Carpenter, Community Development
Director Laura Krejci, Communications Director –
Via Phone
Dustin Waycaster, Fire Chief
Chris Melton, Assistant Chief
Sean Humphries, Police Chief
Jeff Geisler, Rumbling Bald
Jennifer Duncan, HR Director
Dana Bradley, PR&L Director
Steve Ford, Finance Director
Lake Lure Marine and Lake Lure Dock.

ABSENT: N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Town Manager Announcement: Wright brothers will be mobilizing equipment from 12-1 today. The Arcade Building renovations will start November 4th and it will take 3 weeks to finish, this should give us more room for office spaces and cubicles.

Don Casey: TDA is very sympathetic and heartbroken about what Helene has caused our community and we had a meeting and the board voted to help Lake Lure and Chimney Rock. The budget that we had for this community will stay in place. TDA wants to start marketing lake lure when things are getting ready to open up again. TDA can work with the county and find out what our emergency management needs are and we can find someone who is an expert in disaster relief. The TDA is unsure how conditions might impact their budget.

Fire Department Updates: The department will be assisting the LLCA today. 82nd airborne is here and if there is anything pending that we need them to do, we need to submit the request. We could use them to assist with moving furniture from Town Hall to Connex that we are working on getting. Two helicopters are landing soon to bring materials for the Army Corp and supplies for Chimney Rock. Morgan Corp will work on the deepwater access. Frogco will be working. It was noted that we are using town resources to help the school with their sewer issues. Right now the Town is still in a state of emergency.

Public Works Updates: Mr. Lindsey called LLCA left a message and has not been able to talk to them, once they get their sewer pump replaced they should be operating as normal. Electrical is being installed at the WWTP and we are waiting on materials. Duke Energy is working on the substation. There will also need to be a permanent generator near the lift station in case this happens again. We need something in place to reconnect Chimney Rock to our sewer system and LaBella is working on a design for this. Public works are getting back to their normal routine on cleaning, and Mr. Lindsey giving the guys some time off to regenerate. The department picked up 27 truck loads of right of way debris. The no flush order is still in place because we only have one pump at this time. As soon as the sewer is restored, we will focus on the hydro plant.

Police Department Updates:

No updates.

Mayor Updates: We should get the lake and the river tested for e coli. Mrs. Krejci can put out a message to say no dumpsters on the road. The FEMA director at 2pm and the lieutenant governor will be here at 3:30pm to see what they can help with.

Town Manager Updates: Ms. Stewman will reach out to DEQ to see if they can assist with environmental testing. The Town will be sending a letter to vacation rental owners regarding storm updates. Engineering fees that we pay are reimbursable by FEMA. PayPal is in place and so far we have had \$29k dollars donated.

Commissioners Updates: Boat removal should be prioritized based on hazard level of the boats. Rumbling Bald is not interfering with any operation on the lake so they can get boats out now if they want. The army corp has done an assessment of the wastewater treatment plant. Any lake structure work can be done as long as it's done from land and not fro the lake. There is no lake access based on state of emergency.

Community Development Updates: The department is beginning to get a lot of calls regarding structure repairs and rebuilding. It was recommended to put an official moratorium on lake access.

Human Resources Updates: Wendy Terry has secured new phones at no cost and they are coming next week.

Parks and Recreation Updates: Barry Capps may help with the boat removals. A new rainbow bridge was delivered by a kind individual and it is temporarily placed on the green space property.

Communications Department Updates: The Christian Aid Ministry is leaving today. There are other non profit groups coming in the area to serve meals and assist residents as needed.

Finance Department Updates: FEMA can help us get advanced funding on certain category projects.

Rumbling Bald Updates: Mr. Geisler offered that the Town can use their property to remove boats if needed.

Lake Lure Marine and Lake Lure Dock: They can get 60% of the boats out of the Marina with the current lake level. The companies provide a list of permit numbers daily to Corbie Bradley.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner David DiOrio made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday morning at 10:00 am
Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded, and they all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 11:40 am.

Attest:

Elba A. Wilette, Town Clerk



Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor