

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN**

April 11, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee met in regular session at the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., those being present being listed on Exhibit A hereto.

1. Call to order and Declaration of Quorum. Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum for the conduct of business. . Upon motion by Commissioner Bentley seconded by Commissioner Valadez, and unanimously approved the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners were approved and ordered to be entered in the Town’s minute book.

3. Financial Report: Jenifer Waycaster presented a discussion of the Financial Report through the month of March, 2023. After discussion and upon motion of Commissioner Valadez, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimous vote of approval, the Financial Report was approved. A copy of the report is attached as Exhibit B hereto. She then reviewed the proposal from the Town auditors for a contract for services for the upcoming year. Upon motion of Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Leavengood and unanimous vote of approval the Mayor was authorized to execute the agreement as proposed. Lastly , she reviewed in broad outline the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposal contains a 6.4% tax increase to \$2.15 per \$100 assessed value and a 3% salary increase, the tax increase resulting from the final phase-out of the state Hall Income tax and other revenue sharing decreases as well as the loss of revenue from the operation of the Lookout Mountain Incline. Upon motion of Commissioner Leavengood , seconded by Commissioner Valadez and unanimous vote the budget as proposed was adopted upon first reading

4. Departmental Reports:

Commissioner Bentley representing the Fire and Police Department reported that the National Park Service reports that their visitor traffic is back up to pre-pandemic levels. The Town’s parking revenues are down over 50% from pre-pandemic levels showing the effects of the loss from the Incline Railway

operations. Town Hall. Secondly, he requested that equipment from the newly retired fire engine be declared surplus equipment and if there is no market shown for the equipment that it be donated to the Marion County, Tennessee Volunteer Fire Department. Upon motion of Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Hailey and unanimous approval the measure was adopted. Chief Schermerhorn expressed thanks to the dispatch department for their work and reviewed the status of the Center For Domestic Preparedness and National Energy Conservation Week. declared the vehicle to be surplus property.

Commissioner Hailey reported that the new lighting for the ball fields was now ordered and that until installation the fields would be without night time availability.

Commissioner Leavengood reported for the Education Department and reported on the success of the fund raising event known as "Night Out For Lookout" and the upcoming schedule for the state mandated TCAP tests and the events scheduled for May 4, 9 and 23, being the new kindergarten tours, awards day and graduation

Commissioner Valadez reported for the Public Works Department and advised on the status of the new lift being installed on the garbage truck, a new generator and asked question on the enforcement of fireworks regulations to which Chief Schermerhorn replied that it was enforced as reported.

5. Citizen's Input. Resident Josiah McDaniels and his wife appeared to inquire as to the reason for regulation and prohibition of detached greenhouses and was advised that the prohibition was applicable to all detached structures and not limited to greenhouses.

Resident Diana Hennen appeared to inquire as to the practice of regulating the use of scooters and bicycles on the walking path at the Town Common. The matter is a lifestyle regulation and can be enforced by signage and complaint.

6. Old Business. The only matter of Old Business was the consideration on second and final reading of a zoning variance requested the owners of property at 241 west Brow Road. Upon motion by Commissioner Valadez, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimous vote of approval the matter was granted upon second and final reading..

7. New Business. The only matter of new business was the request of resident Robert Clark for the grant of a variance to the zoning ordinance for his property at 312 Laurel Lane to allow removal of an existing deck and construction of an addition in accord with the plans presented. Chief Schermerhorn stated that a

review of the property showed no interference with emergency fire and police issues and the affected neighbors have signified approval. Upon motion of Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Valadez and unanimous vote of approval the request was approved upon first reading.

8 Mayor's Report. Mayor Jones brought the Commission current on the Tennessee American Water Company project to upgrade the water tanks at the Bragg Avenue location. The project will cause disruption for several months.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until the April 11, 2023 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.

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