

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

May 9, 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 April 11, 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 April, 2023. After discussion presented by Commissioners Bentley and Hailey dealing with the ability to track specific sources of income and the use of that income in the general fund as distinguished from restricted or dedicated funds, and upon motion of Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Valadez and unanimous vote of approval, the Financial Report was approved. A copy of the report is attached as Exhibit B hereto. 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 Bentley , seconded by Commissioner Leavengood and unanimous vote the budget as proposed was adopted upon second and final reading as Ordinance # 219, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C. She also advised that the Town’s banking relation with Pinnacle Bank had resulted in a higher interest rate upon balances maintained. Upon motion of Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Valadez and unanimous vote it was determined to maintain that relationship.

4. Departmental Reports:

Commissioner Bentley representing the Fire and Police Department reminded drivers of the increased presence of children on or near the roads and to be cautious so as to avoid injury during the school vacation period. He reviewed the continuing disruption caused by the upgrades to the Tennessee- American Water Company service tanks which may last until the end of the year. He reminded all of the restrictions contained in the noise ordinance and asked all to be mindful of and 85 pounds of controlled medications had been properly disposed of. their neighbors. Chief Schermerhon advised that the medication collection barrels had been collected by the TBI

Commissioner Hailey reported that the baseball season was ending this month and all-star selection was underway. Batting cages are being installed and bids for the lighting replacement are in and the bid to be selected soon.

Commissioner Leavengood reported for the Education Department and reported Ruth White, though retired , is still working to fill staff vacancies and to assist her replacement. She also noted that this year the school staff will include an Assistant-Principal for the first time.

Commissioner Valadez reported for the Public Works Department and advised brush pick-up was nearing an end, that pot hole repairs were next and that the fountain at Scenic Highway at the Town Common had been repaired and that Cory Evans had returned to full service.

5. Citizen's Input. Ann Brown and Elizabeth Jones appeared to discuss the need for RainSmart Certification as a way to deal with the problems of water run-off and encouraged all to participate. In an informational meeting and to have a property review to discover issues and suggest remedies.

6. Old Business. The only item of Old Business to be considered was the second reading of the Robert Clark variance request which was granted on first reading at the April 11 meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Leavengood, seconded by Commissioner Valadez and unanimous vote the Ordinance #220 was passed upon second and final reading. A copy is attached as Exhibit D hereto.

7. New Business. There were no items to be considered.

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 June 131, 2023 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.

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