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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:00 PM
The Anchor

Mayor Chase Moore called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Ramzi Malek
Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhoads

ABSENT: Sid Nelson

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chief Scott Kon
Tim Moore-Building Inspector
Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

1. Lisa Baker

Ms. Baker was not able to attend.

2. Update Martin Poles and Racks

Dr. George Fant sent an email explaining that the Martin poles and racks are rusted and weakened and that one broke last year. After researching, he recommended a pair of the Ultimate Deluxe K-12 Gourd Rack and a Worm Gear Break Winch. The current gourds can still be used. The cost for two would be \$1255.90.

3. Discuss Blount County 911 Service Contract

The contract is being reviewed by the Public Safety Committee.

4. Municipal Workers Compensation Fund Insurance Renewal

\$3,000 was budgeted for the renewal, but the price went up from \$2,881 last year to \$3,938 this year.

5. Other business items as determined by the Council

The committees were asked if they had any items to discuss.

Bill Rush, Chairman of the Lake Preservation Committee, thanked the Council on their quick response and getting the work done on the dam/spillway.

He also asked if there has been any further discussion on dredging equipment or an update on the fishing tournament. At this time, it was stated that no further discussion has occurred.

It was brought to the Council's attention that three people were assigned to the Lake Preservation Committee at the last meeting, and it should have just been two.

Maintenance hours were discussed. It was stated that maintenance was budgeted for five hours per week in the winter and fifteen hours per week in the summer. It was also mentioned that those hours may need to be more flexible because you can't always predict what will need to be done. It was explained that flexibility does not mean that those hours can be increased beyond the total budgeted hours for the year, just that they can be moved around if there is a valid reason to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore – Mayor