

Regular Monthly Meeting

Town of Cooleemee

July 21, 2014 6:00 pm

Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Lynn Rumley, Commissioners Jean Snead, Brad Waller, Scott Vogler, Tommy Daywalt and Clerk John Chandler

Mayor Lynn Rumley called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Clerk Chandler

Mayor led us all in the Pledge to the US Flag.

Motion made by Commissioner Snead to adopt the Agenda which includes the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Daywalt

Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment:

1. Jane McAllister, Director of the Davie Co. Public Library

Ms. McAllister introduced a proposal from the Library to change library hours. She expressed appreciation to the Town Board for its continued support. A flyer will be posted on the Town Board asking for response from the citizens on these proposed hours. A decision from the Library will come later.

Commissioner Vogler reported a dead tree inside the playground area. He is asking the Board for their advice. Vogler said he would begin getting estimates on removing the tree. Many tree people were mentioned as to who to call.

Motion made by Commissioner Daywalt to notify the Davie County office for an arborist to look at the tree.

Seconded by Commissioner Snead.

Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Waller brought up discussion on the status of the Cooleemee Swimming Pool. He said the PARTIF grant was still in need, and without it, it would be very detrimental to the project. Mayor Rumley said there was grant money that came from the Helping North Carolinians Grant in about a million dollars. This money went to "greenways" and the Mayor would like for the County to take a second look at this. The Board expressed interest in the current Pool Committee to keep up their efforts to explore the possibilities of opening the pool. General consensus was to work on this for another year.

Motion made by Commissioner Waller to continue with the efforts of re-opening the pool campaign.

Seconded by Commissioner Snead.

Vote was unanimous.

Code Enforcement officer, George Madeja passed out a sample ordinance for "fences". There is currently a moratorium on the building of any fences in the Town of Cooleemee until August 19th. Madeja asked that the Fence Ordinance have input from the Town Attorney.

Madeja said as far as the front yard and front porch restrictions he has broken it down into three sections. 1. maintenance of the house, paint, torn screens etc. 2. storage on front porches. What should go on the front porch or not. He said the ordinance was very vague as to what you can put on your front porch. You can dictate to property owners what they can have on their front porches. He suggested to the Board to be specific on items you can and cannot have. Madeja said you can do something but you must be very careful.

Mayor Rumley said she would like the Board to have a workshop on fences and yard and porch ordinances. The general consensus was to have a workshop on both subjects. Most see the problem of front porches and yards was a priority. The Mayor said she felt the Town attorney be present at the workshop, but Code Enforcement Office thought this may be a bad idea due to his costs and the time that could be spent on the workshop. The Mayor said she would be calling the attorney to field some of her questions.

August 4th at 3:00 was set for the workshop. The clerk will post notice to the public.

Commissioner Vogler introduced two of our local firemen to the board. Shane, one of the gentlemen present, rose to speak on a recent call to the RiverPark and Cooleemee Volunteer Fire Dept. was not notified to respond. The way the jurisdiction is set up Cooleemee VFD cannot respond on the Rowan side of the river. Because CVFD has someone manned at the department they can respond to a call within 30 seconds of a call. Woodleaf could take from 6 to 7 minutes before a volunteer would show up. As of now Woodleaf does not have a Mutual Aid Agreement with the CVFD. Shane was hoping the Town of Cooleemee could do something to get Mutual Aid with Woodleaf. When it took Rowan Co. 11 to 12 minutes to respond to the RiverPark situation, Cooleemee could have been there in 2 minutes.

Commissioner Daywalt said the overgrowth on the bank behind the Shopping Center is the responsibility of the Shopping Center owners. Daywalt said they are spraying to kill weeds. Commissioner Daywalt said locals were complaining on the looks of the community building at the Church of God.

He also said a citizen was afraid making this a Historic District would dictate to the home owner the color they can paint their house. The Mayor said she would like the name of the person to explain their misconception.

Commissioner Daywalt wanted to know how many of the events, that the Recreational Director handed out, is the Town paying for.

Clerk Chandler brought up the fact that Chief West wants to be paid 12 hours for holiday instead of 8 hours. Commissioner Daywalt said he would get with the Chief on his request.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Waller Seconded by Commission Daywalt/ Unanimous.

Mayor, Lynn Rumley

Clerk, John Chandler