

**Regular Meeting**  
Town of Cooleemee  
November 24, 2014 6:00 pm  
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Lynn Rumley, Commissioners Jean Snead, Brad Waller, Tommy Daywalt, Scott Vogler and Town 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.

Visitors were welcomed

Motion made by Commissioner Daywalt to adopt the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Snead

The Mayor spoke to George Madeja about the line item Dog or Animal Waste. She asked the Town Board to make an amendment to remove this item from the Proposed Agenda due to lack of information on the subject.

Motion made by Commissioner Snead to remove the item from the agenda.

The Mayor asked Commissioner Daywalt if this motion was friendly to his motion to adopt.

Daywalt answered yes.

The original motion to adopt the agenda with said changes was approved unanimously.

The Mayor asked for Carl Smith, who had signed up to speak, to come forward.

Smith spoke on his favor of the Planning Board's decision on the Fence Ordinance.

Tronia Gibson spoke to the Board. She wanted to thank the Board and employees for their work. She reported that more Christmas Flags have been purchased.

Sharon Burge spoke to the Board. She gave a background of her education, and her time here in Cooleemee. She wanted the Board to be aware that she would like to participate in helping Cooleemee and volunteer. She said she wanted to be useful.

The Town's auditor, Eddie Carrick, gave his annual report to the Board concerning the 2013-2014 Audit. He was very appreciative to the Board for the opportunity. He said the Town had a pretty good year with continued progress. He said the Revenues was almost identical to last years. This indicates that Expenses are being better controlled. He said the Town was at 37% of what the annual expenses are. Basically this means if the Town received no more Revenues that the Town could operated for about three (3) months. The average for a town our size is about 65%.

He commended the Clerk/Finance Officer for his work.

Commissioner Waller presented a Cooleemee Recreation report. He said for the month of November the biggest thing was the Chicken Stew where quite a few people came out and had a

good time with horseshoes and cornhole. He reported that the Recreation Director works with the Cooleemee PE Club on Tuesdays. She makes multiple walks through the Playground picking up trash. Right now she is coordinating the Old Time Christmas event. She is scheduled to meet with the VFW on sponsorship for the RiverCamp. She has replaced the nets on the basketball court.

The Mayor gave her proposal on the Fence Ordinance discussion procedures. The Town Board has received two petitions on the Fence Ordinance in regards to chain linked fences in front yards. She said she would like to start off with Commissioner Snead reporting a recommendation from the Planning Board and then following, that the Board continue discussion on the debate of what is and is not allowed in the fence ordinance.

Commissioner Snead said the Planning Board met on October 27, 2014. She reported that the Planning Board carefully inspected a proposed ordinance provided to them.

The Planning Board presented the following suggestions to the Town Board:

1. That a fence no taller than four (4) feet in the front yard
2. No fence taller than 6 feet on the side and back yard
3. Fences shall be set back 12 inches from property line.
4. No animal fences be allowed such as hog wire, barbed wire, chicken wire be allowed
5. Acceptable material for all fences can be as listed below: black or white aluminum, brick, vinyl, wrought iron, treated wood, composite wood, or pickets of any color.

That a home owner may pick from any of the above at their choosing.

6. A chain linked fence may be allowed in the front yard with a limit of four (4) ft tall.
7. We will also not specify what color they are to choose for the fence. It is their property and not everyone's income is the same, everyone is different in our town and they should be allowed to purchase whatever is in their budget.

Jessica Almond made the motion to send this suggested ordinance to the Town Board for a vote.

Seconded by Lynn Vogler

Vote was unanimous.

The Mayor said these are the things that have been undecided with the Town Board.

1. to have a survey or not
2. the height of the fence on the sides and back
3. the setbacks, should it be 1 foot or 2 foot
4. to allow chain linked fences in front yard, yes or no.

The Board began discussion on the survey. George Madeja said he use of the word "survey" was misleading and he changed his opinion and called for a "plot map" which can be obtained from Davie County. The Board showed approval of a plot map but not a survey.

The Board discussed the height of the fence in side and rear yards. The consensus from the Board was to allow 8foot fences in these areas.

In the discussion of the chain linked fence all commissioners and mayor gave their approval of this type of fence in front yards with the opposition of Commissioner Vogler. The consensus from all others was to allow a 4foot chain linked fence in front yards.

The Mayor said she would be glad to draft a Fence Ordinance that would be short and concise. This would be sent to the Town Attorney. The Board would vote on it as a Proposal. The Board would allow 25 to 30 days after the vote on the Proposed Fence Ordinance and then post the Proposal on bulletin board and to put a notice in the Newspaper that the Proposal is available to be viewed at the Town Hall. Following this the Board would have a Public Hearing and then the Board would vote on the Fence Ordinance. The Attorney has already said this would require a Public Hearing.

The schedule for the Board would be to adopt the Proposed ordinance at the January meeting. Second the Public Hearing could be at the February Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vogler to lift the Fence Moratorium.

Seconded by Commissioner Daywalt

Vote was unanimous.

The Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION minutes were recorded in the first half of Executive Session but not in the second half. These minutes were kept by the Mayor onto a flash drive that will be sealed and kept in a safe place.

No disclosure was made publically to the people about the Closed Session.

The Mayor announced that Executive Session was closed.

Motion made by Commissioner Daywalt to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Waller

Vote was unanimous.

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Mayor, Lynn Rumley

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Clerk, John Chandler