

**Regular Meeting**  
Town of Cooleemee  
July 20, 2015 6:00 pm  
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Lynn Rumley, Commissioners, Jean Snead, Brad Waller, Daphne Beck, Jim Szymanski 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 Szymanski to adopt the agenda which includes the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Snead

Vote was unanimous

Public Comment: Edith Issac asked if there was any progress in making the street she lives on, which is Yadkin, into a one way street. The Mayor asked if she had talked to more of her neighbors on this issue and said if Ms. Issac would get a petition from everyone on that street and present it, then said that would go a very long way to persuading the Board. The Mayor asked if she would have this by the next Board meeting.

Gene Lagle of 108 Ruffin Street spoke to the Board on his desire to have a sidewalk built on his property to connect 108 Ruffin Street down to his paved driveway. He said he was going to pay for this sidewalk himself. You will notice that the ditch along Gladstone Rd. is extremely close to the road, which leaves no shoulder for anyone to walk on. He said he may complete this project this winter or maybe not, weather will play into it. He said his purpose in speaking with the Board was to ask if the Town would take up to where he leaves off, connect to it and go up to Marginal Street. He knows that there are probably three trees that will need to be removed. He estimates the costs to the Town to extend this sidewalk to be in the range of \$15,000.00. He said the property owner will more than likely want some type of barrier along the walk to help with noise and privacy. He asked the Board that sometime in the future they would bring this up for discussion. He said he was going to go ahead and start his end whether it is finished or not.

Tronia Gibson of Junction Road suggested the Town provide a suggestion box placed in the Town for those who want to voice an opinion. The Mayor said this could be mandated rather quickly without a lot of red tape.

Police Chief Bobby West gave the Board his current progress reports. He also presented a check to the Town Board for \$10,000.00, to be spent by the Town for a new Police Department vehicle. Chief West took the initiative to solicit this gift from the Megan Elizabeth Howell Memorial Fund, a component fund of the North Carolina Community Foundation. He also gave a summary

report of crime statistics for the last year in Cooleemee showing continued improvement and how crime statistics, with some rise in drug problems.

Commissioner Beck introduced the new Fire Chief of the Cooleemee Volunteer Dept., Doug Arledge. Mr. Arledge gave a brief report on his department. He said one of his objectives is to help rebuild bridges between the Fire Dept. and the Town as well as any other entities within the Town. He said they have added 9 people to the Dept. recently. They have had over 180 calls so far this year. They have 30 members at this time with 5 juniors.

The Town Attorney has sent a revised Noise Ordinance. Copies were passed out. The attorney changed only things that were judicially incorrect. Saying "house of worship" instead of "church". The Mayor said the real problem was that the Ordinance Permit said only civic groups, companies and organizations could apply for the permit to have amplified sound. The Mayor said the attorney put in the Ordinance no loud noise permitted between 10:00pm and 8:00 am. She also said the attorney changed very little in the ordinance and only addressing "Constitutional Changes". The Mayor asked if the Board was ready to discuss it.

Commissioner Snead asked what was it they needed to discuss.

Motion made by Commissioner Snead that the Board adopt the changes made by the Attorney in the Noise Ordinance. (a copy of the new Noise Ordinance is attached to these minutes)

Second by Commissioner Szymanski

Vote was unanimous

It was decided that the Town attorney would redraw the Noise Permit application.

The Mayor provided the Board with a draft Division of Labor sheet used to make assignments in a pervious Board meeting, and presented this to the Board as a proposal. Commissioner Snead reminded the Board that no one is held completely responsible to a certain Division but the whole board should work together.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck that this be the current Division of Labor.

Seconded by Commissioner Snead.

Vote was unanimous.

The Chief of Police gave an example of how tickets are issued. He said as of now he can not write a Civil Summons until he has written 3 tickets. He stated that this needs to be changed that on the first offence it is \$50.00 citation or Criminal Summons. Chief West will check with the Town attorney on the legality of this change throughout our ordinances.

Commissioner Szymanski reported on the recent road repairs. The Town was asked by the Powell Bill Administrator to spend down some of the money that has been accumulated, and we could reach an amount that would prevent us from getting any more allocations.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to check into getting a Suggestion Box.

Commissioner Snead reported that the Fleming Project has been resolved. She also named all the newly appointed members to the Planning Board

Motion made by Commissioner Snead to adjourn.  
Seconded by Commissioner Szymanski  
Vote was unanimous

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Mayor, Lynn Rumley

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Clerk, John Chandler