

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
September 21, 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 in the Pledge to the US Flag.

Visitors were welcomed.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck to adopt the Agenda which includes the consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Waller. (The Consent Agenda included the Financial Report and the Minutes of the August 17, 2015 Regular Meeting)

Vote was unanimous

Public Comment:

Hellen Daywalt spoke against putting in a sidewalk on Center Street and spoke for others on Center St.

Walter Ferrell spoke to Commissioner Szymanski that he had a problem with drainage onto his property at Center Street. He also spoke on how disappointed he was in the people in the Town. Much complaining but they never do anything to help.

Sue S. Correll spoke on the problems we still have in Town that have been addressed time and time again. She asked that the Town Board take care in seeing that all people in Town are treated equally.

The Mayor asked Mrs. Correll to bring some specifics to the next Town Board Meeting.

The Cooleemee ABC Board and Staff were recognized for their excellent work. Kris Howell, Manager of the ABC Store and most of her staff were present. The store was presented a framed statement of Gratitude and Appreciation for their outstanding accomplishments.

Officer Brent Cranford was presented a Letter of Commendation from Chief Bobby West and the Town Board. Mr. Cranford received the commendation because of his good deeds and excellent work in reacting to a dog attack on Ms. Truesdale. The dog had just killed one person and was attacking Ms. Truesdale when officer Cranford came to the scene. Ms. Truesdale was present to publicly give her thanks to Officer Cranford for saving her.

Police Chief West spoke to the board about the need for more flexibility in penalties for civil offenses in our ordinances and proposed the following:

First offense-\$50.00 citation, payable within 15 days of the offense. After an additional 30 days, a criminal summons may be issued. N.c.g.s.15a-303/14-4

second offense-\$100.00 CITATION, payable within 15 days of the offense. After an additional 30 days, a criminal summons may be issued. N.c.g.s.15a-303/14-4

third offense-\$300.00 citation, with a criminal summons issued as per n.c. general statute 15a-303/14-4.

forth offense-\$400.00 citation, with a criminal summons issued as per n.c. general statute 15a-303. /14-4

fifth offense-\$500.00 citation, with a criminal summons issued as per n.c. general statute 15a-303/14-4.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck that the Board adopt the resolution on penalties and fines as presented,

Secoded by Commissioner Snead

Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Szymanski brought forward the question as to why the Employee Handbook included verbiage that an Employee may not run for political office. He said he wanted to look into it a little deeper. He thinks this may prevent someone who is qualified from being able to serve.

Commissioner Snead said she would have to look into it further.

Commissioner Waller and Commissioner Beck felt there would be a conflict of interest.

The Mayor felt very uncomfortable with giving so much power to one person, especially in the case of the employee being the town clerk or finance officer.

This may be discussed later.

Commissioner Waller said the newly placed "Suggestion Box" has over 20 suggestions that have been placed there. He will get those to the Board soon.

The Mayor said a group would like to be under that rubric of the Recreation Director and do something for the children for Halloween. This would be done outside the Zachary House. This event would be similar to "trunk or treat".

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

Mayor, Lynn Rumley

Clerk, John Chandler