

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
January 18, 2016 6:00 pm
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Steve Corriher, Commissioners: Jessica Almond, Daphne Beck, KC Smith, Brad Waller and Town Clerk John Chandler

Mayor Steve Corriher called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Clerk John Chandler

Peyton Corriher and Henry Corriher led in the Pledge to the US Flag.

Visitors were welcomed.

The Mayor deleted item #9 Junk Car Ordinance from the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to remove item #9.

Seconded by Commissioner Beck

Vote was unanimous

In the Financial Report the Town Clerk elaborated on the Sales Tax Distribution method. The Town Board was emailed this information. Davie County is considering one of the two ways of distribution of sales tax collected. The County Commissioners have the authority to decide to distribute in one of two ways, Ad Valorem or Per Capita method. At this time, and since 1971 distribution was done using the Per Capita method. If the County decides to change to the Ad Valorem method it would be a significant drop in Revenue to the Town of Cooleemee, Mocksville and Bermuda Run. Cooleemee could stand to loose approximately \$ 150,000.00 per year. This is about 35% of the Towns revenue. A meeting will be held on Monday, February 1, 2016 by the County Commissioners regular meeting, of which this item will be on the agenda. All are welcome to attend and this would be an opportunity to speak for 3 minutes on the subject.

Public Comment: Richard Carter of Advance came to speak to the Board on the upcoming election for Davie County School Board. He is running for office and stated his opinions.

The Mayor introduced the Town's Attorney to the Board and asked him to give the Town a few comments.

Jeff Morris said he was very glad to have served the Cooleemee Town Board over the past few years. He asked that if any commissioner should contact the Mayor or Town Clerk before assigning him to any duties. He said his fees would remain the same for the year 2016/2017 as was this year. The Board welcomed him and looked forward to working with him.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck that the Town Board appoint Len Ruffner to a two year term left vacant when Cathy Decess had to resign early.

Seconded by Commissioner Brad Waller.

Vote was unanimous.

Clerk Chandler will inform Mr. Ruffner

The Mayor appointed the following people to serve as liaison's to the following divisions of labor.

Public Safety	Daphne Beck
Public Works	Brad Waller
Community Relations	KC Smith
Zoning & Planning	Jessica Almond

Discussion began on the position of Recreation Job Description. The Mayor said he did not feel that the Recreation Department should be working on Town Events, such as July 4th, Easter, and Christmas. Various suggestions were bounced around on the duties of the Director and types of recreational activities. All seemed to agree that a volunteer group needed to be established.

Mayor Corriher made a recommendation that Daphne Beck be considered as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion made by Commissioner Smith to approve Daphne Beck as Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Commissioner Almond. Vote was unanimous

Annual meeting dates for the Regular Town Board meetings were set for the third Monday of each month unless otherwise posted. Other special meeting dates were set. March 3rd has been set for a Board Work Session, of which Erin Burris of Benchmark will be attending to give a presentation on Benchmark and their job description. February 1, 2016 at 4:00 is scheduled for a Board Work Session.

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to set a meeting date of February 1, 2016 at 4:00 for a Special Called Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Beck. Vote was unanimous.

The clerk stated that in order for various topics to be discussed at the February 1st meeting it would be best to call it a Work Session instead of a Called Meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Almond that the February 1, 2016 meeting be changed from a Called Meeting to a Board Work Session. Seconded by Commissioner Beck. Vote was unanimous

Motion made by Commissioner Beck to hold a Work Session on Thursday March 3, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith that the Town Boards regular meetings remain the way they are now, which is the 3rd Monday of each month. Seconded by Commissioner Waller. Vote was unanimous.

Board Comments:

The Mayor welcomed Liberty Tax business to Cooleemee. They will office their headquarters in the old SunTrust Bank.

He also mentioned that everyone on the Board needs to sign "signature papers" at BB&T

The Attorney made mention to emails. He said that the Clerk needs to be copied on all internal emails. This could save a lot of trouble later.

Commissioner Waller says he felt the Board has made a good start and looks forward to all working together to make things better.

Commissioner Almond was looking forward to looking into a Recreation Director and projects and events for the year and the forthcoming meetings that have been scheduled.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Almond

Vote was unanimous

Mayor, Steve Corriher

Clerk, John Chandler