

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
February 15, 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

Pledge to the US Flag.

Visitors were welcomed.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to change the agenda to add Doug Arledge, Chief of the Cooleemee Volunteer Fire Department so he may speak to the Board

Seconded by Commissioner Waller.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Waller to adopt the agenda that includes the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Beck

Vote was unanimous.

No one had signed up to speak during the Public Comment period.

Commissioner Beck gave a report from the RiverPark at Cooleemee Falls.

Approximately \$7500.00 was raised by the RiverPark. Expenses were about \$3600 for a well pump and a storage pod for about \$2500.00. A work day has been scheduled for March, and installation is planned for a grill to be placed beside the shelter. They are looking into installing playground equipment and will look for grants to fund this. The Duck Race is being planned for June this year as well as a Fish Fry in October.

Commissioner Smith asked if the RiverPark Board meetings are open to the public as

Commissioner Beck responded yes. The Board meets every month on the second Thursday at the Zachary House at 4:30pm. Commissioner Beck said the expected income to the RiverPark in the upcoming year to be approximately \$ 21,750.00 and expenses to be approximately \$21, 456.00. At this point there is about \$30,000.00 in the bank.

Doug Arledge came to speak to the Board tonight and give an update on the Cooleemee Volunteer Fire Department. He told the Board of some recent changes in personnel and it seems the Fire Department is working closely together. He said the roster includes about 35 members. Recently some renovations have taken place in the kitchen and meeting area. They would love to have more volunteers. Davie County had asked them of their needs. Mr. Arledge said they asked for more money for coverage on the weekends. Volunteer service is dying out. Employers are not wanting their employees to leave for emergency calls. He said they have thought of putting in bedrooms for firefighters to stay, rent free, and would be readily available

for service. Fund raising events are being discussed, number one to raise money, but number two to build community.

Commissioner Smith said an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 26th the Saturday before Easter Sunday. Lots of thought is being put into the event that would maybe broaden it a little. She is thinking of food or refreshments, and maybe games before the actual hunt. Various ideas were discussed. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Almond have agreed to work on this event.

Commissioner Waller brought discussion on the Cooleemee Pool Project. He said he would like to see the pool come back to life. He questioned as the get the Pool Committee back together again. Commissioner Waller plans on contacting Sandra Ferrell as she was very instrumental in gathering information in the past. Most thought that organizing a new committee and having the pool checked out to see what was wrong with it. Commissioner Smith asked for a date to organize this committee. Commissioner Waller said he would want to get with Sandra Ferrell first as she has lots of knowledge about the pool.

Mayor Corriher told the board that the Resolution of the Sales Tax Distribution would be sent to the Davie County Board of Commissioners this Wednesday. He said everyone needs to communicate by letter or phone calls to Davie County. The Mayor along with Mocksville and Bermuda Run's Mayors will be sending a letter to the editor, along with a letter from Finance Officer, John Chandler, that everyone received a copy of.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck to accept the listed Divisions of Labor.

Seconded by Commissioner Almond

Vote was unanimous. (copy of Divisions of Labor attached to these minutes)

The Mayor said he did not feel comfortable hiring a Recreation Director when we are discussion of what Cooleemee would do if we lose a great deal of revenue. Commissioner Smith said she felt it would be all the more important that we reach for the things that will keep our community together. The Board made clear that Town Events were not to be included in the Recreation Directors Job Description. A copy of the Current Job Description will be sent to each Board member.

The Mayor said that everyone is looking forward to meeting with Erin Burriss from Benchmark.

Commissioner Smith said that while she was doing a private project with the store owners at the shopping center, one of those owners was upset with the way signs have been approved. This person told Smith that he was told he could only use a certain size sign and yet another business had one larger. The business owner asked Smith to check on this. Commissioner Smith asked if there was any laws written on signage.

The Mayor told the Board that we would be placing a quarter page entry into the Progressive Davie, a publication on growth in Davie Co. This is an insert once a year in the Davie County Enterprise.

Motion made by Commissioner Waller to adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner Beck
Vote was unanimous

Mayor, Steve Corriher

Clerk, John Chandler