

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
April 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

Pledge to the US Flag.

Visitors were welcomed.

Clerk/Finance Officer presented a Budget Amendment to the Town Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck that the Finance Officer make a Budget Amendment to transfer \$1,000. from the Contingency 10-99-01 line item to, Attorney 10-410-04.

Seconded by Commissioner Waller

Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith gave a Playground report. Commissioner Smith spoke with some of the children playing in the park. They walked around with Smith and showed her several things that needed repair. She said the water fountain needs to be turned on. The Mayor said he would take care of this. Smith said she would look into a resurfacing of the basketball court.

The Mayor said he spoke with Lynn Rumley and Tony Steele of the Cooleemee Historical Association concerning the CHA lease with the Town of Cooleemee. They told him they were not too concerned about a five year lease due to the fact they are not sure if they will even be operating there. Basically at the end of the current lease 2021 there will be no extending lease available. They were concerned how they might break the current lease if they could not continue. The Town Board consensus was to not create another lease agreement. Attached is the lease agreement the current Town Board would like to be signed by the CHA if they would like to continue after the next five years.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck to table this decision.

Seconded by Commissioner Smith

Vote was unanimous

George Madeja, Code Officer, addressed the Board on the Farm Animal Ordinance. Madeja presented the Board with a couple options on a re-write of the Farm Animal Ordinance.

1st Ordinance would delete the words "one acre" and replace with the words "two acres".

Motion made by Commissioner Almond that no farm animals may be kept on any lot less than two (2) acres of land, and they no party may be grandfathered.

Seconded by Commissioner Waller.

Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith said she felt that Economic Development discussions be held in "Closed Sessions".

The Mayor informed the Board that over the past few weeks he and the Clerk have been doing preliminaries with a company that Davie Economic Development has hired to do a retail study. In the near future all Boards of Cooleemee, Bermuda Run and Mocksville will come in on the study and receive a report from this company.

Commissioner Smith read a proposed example of a letter that could be sent to home owners encouraging them of their home improvement. This would be a focus on things that are going good in town as opposed to only seeing the negative.

The Board seemed to think this was a good idea. At this time no one took this as a project.

There was discussion on nuisance violations and the enforcement of. Most of the Board has seen code violations that are not being attended to. The discussion continued violations and the enforcement and who enforces. The Board attested to the fact they understand when a first time offender would get a warning violation, but if they violate again a ticket should be given.

Commissioner Smith suggested we get the police dept. and code enforcement along with the Town Board, to sit down and discuss these things.

Commissioner Smith asked one of the Town's police officers how fast a car needs to be going before he is pulled over. He told her that in a 25mph zone he will not pull over until they are going 35mph. Smith felt like we are telling the public we are not serious about our ordinances. Commissioner Almond said there were many other instances where warnings were given over and over. Smith asked that a name of the person be put down on his report sheets.

Mayor Corriher said he wanted to get the Code Enforcement officer and himself to ride around town looking for violations. He wants to begin with the Cooleemee Town Board's properties as he thinks the Board cannot enforce codes when the Board is in violation themselves. The rest of the Board said they wanted to be involved in this work.

The Board moved into a Budget Workshop Session

Clerk Chandler presented to the Board with the information received so far. All Revenue figures have been received. There are still a few Expenses that need to be inserted. Each line item was addressed.

A budget Workshop will be held on Monday May 9th at 6:00pm (to be verified by Finance Officer)

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to adjourn

Seconded by Commissioner Smith

Vote was unanimous 8:30pm adjourned

Mayor, Steve Corriher

Clerk, John Chandler