

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
October 17, 2016 6:00 pm
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Steve Corriher, Commissioners: Jessica Almond, Daphne Beck, KC Smith, 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.

Mayor Corriher announced the absence of Commissioner Waller for tonight's meeting. The Mayor was informed by Commissioner Waller of his plans to resign from the Cooleemee Town Board. A letter of resignation will be sent to the Town Hall later this week.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to move the Pickle ball discussion to 6.a. on the agenda.
Seconded by Commissioner Beck.

Vote was unanimous

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to accept the adjusted agenda, which includes the consent agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Beck

Vote was unanimous

Public Comments:

Hellen Daywalt spoke on several topics that she said are questions from various people in the community: friends, neighbors, and myself. She said the people in the town think you are spending too much time and money on recreation and not enough time on things that need to be taken care of. They don't see any change and think the town is getting worse. The older people want more police protection at night. More work needs to be done on our streets, drainage and repairs and not just doing everything on Marginal St. They feel everyone on the Board needs to have a say-so and not just a couple of people. They also think you should keep the Port-a-John as you are asking for trouble if you open the bathrooms at the Pool House. They also think the old park signs were all right. With the school coming over you should be concerned about all the bad things written on the tables, the broken gates and mulch. They are concerned about what you are paying out for Code. They also don't want the tennis courts done away with. Pickle ball is a fad and tennis has been around for a long time. They think the code guy should stay with code enforcement and stay away from recreation. If you need a recreation director you should hire one. People should take care of their own property. If you help one, everyone else will feel you need to help them also. (a copy of this report was added to these minutes)

Edith Isaac

Who made the decision that people don't have to mow their back yards. You need to get rid of the drugs, and fix up the town. Get behind the landlords and see that they keep it cleaned up and mowed. We need to raise the rent and get better people in these houses.

Sue Correll

She asked that some gossip be cleared up. She attested to the fact she complained about the back-alleys and the mess they are in.

She supplied the mayor with a Spencer article that shows they have shortened the time a violation must be abated.

She said someone got their back up about the Halloween festivities at the shopping center was not a Town event and that the Town could not supply the candy. She said they never intended to use the Town's money for the candy. She presented two checks to the Town as a reimbursement for the candy that was originally bought with the Town credit card.

Commissioner Smith spoke to the Board on pickle ball. She has asked Chris Shepherd to come and give a brief summary on the pickle ball sport. It is much like table tennis, but played on a court as tennis is. He thinks this would be a good program for the Town of Cooleemee, as it has caught on very well in other towns as it brings recreation and revenues.

Discussion continued as to whether adding pickle ball courts would be an advantage to the Town.

The Mayor said he felt the board should finish with the outdoor basketball court before stepping into a decision on pickle ball.

Commissioner Smith said the volunteers will begin work on the out-door basketball court this Wednesday.

Options were discussed on how to incorporate pickle ball courts onto the tennis courts.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to table the discussion on Pickle Ball

Seconded by Commissioner Beck

Vote was unanimous

Code Enforcement officer Brandon Emory gave the board a current Code Enforcement Report. He specified that some cases have been abated and new cases have been opened.

Mr. Emory did a report on his findings of "alleyways" inside the Town limits. He found that there has been some buildings have been built there, there was piles of brush and some had fences built there. He said it would be the Town Board's decision as to what they want to do with the alleyways.

The Board will decide what to do about alleyways at the next meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Almond that we allow the changes to the ordinance on parking and recycling

Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Vote was unanimous (ordinance changes are attached to these minutes).

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to appoint Michael White to the Planning Board.
Seconded by Commissioner Smith
Vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to appoint Bobby Rycroft to the Planning Board
This motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck to appoint Karen Trexler to the Planning Board.
Seconded by Commissioner Almond
Vote was 2 in favor (Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Almond)
1 opposed (Commissioner Smith)
Motion passed.

The Clerk will contact Bob Phillips to get a meeting set up with the current Planning Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Almond that the Planning Board members will earn \$ 50.00 per meeting, and that the alternate cannot hold a position on the board, and the alternate gets paid only if filling in for an excused member, and that the Board meets twice per year.
Seconded by Commissioner Beck
Vote was unanimous

The Mayor asked if the board was interested in holding a Chicken Stew for a town event. Commissioner Almond said she thought we needed to check on who would be the volunteers and who will cook the stew. The Mayor said he has no problem getting someone to cook the stew and that he could even cook it. He said the only time he could be there would be November 12th.

Motion made by Commissioner Beck that the Town sponsor a chicken stew set for November 12th.
Seconded by Commissioner Smith
Vote was unanimous.

The time set for the stew sales was 5:00pm. The clerk will be responsible for the flyers.

The Mayor announced that the clerk checked with DOT about some potholes that are still in need of being fixed. The clerk said that the DOT was aware and have planned on coming back to fix them.

The Mayor said he had a call from the Police Dept. that the state put times on the school signs. He said he would take care of getting this done.

Commissioner Beck reported that the Fish Fry conducted by the RiverPark Board was a success. The Mayor said the Town Board needs to look for two members to serve on the RiverPark Board. He asked the board to be considering this for the November agenda. Also the Board is going to have to make an appointment to the Town Board in November.

Commissioner Smith reminded the Board that the Ole Timers Softball games will be this coming Saturday. Hot dogs and drinks will be for sale.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn
Seconded by Commissioner Beck
Vote was unanimous

Meeting duration: 1:44

Mayor, Steve Corriher

Clerk, John Chandler