

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
January 21, 2019 6:00 pm
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Steve Corriher, Commissioners: Don Cover, KC Smith, Jessica Almond, Commissioner Andy Reavis was an excused absence. Clerk had retired.

Mayor Steve Corriher called the meeting to order.
Invocation: Commissioner Don Cover

Pledge to the US Flag led by The Mayor

Visitors were welcomed.

Mayor Corriher asked that the board consider adding a budget amendment to the consent agenda as item (C) to pay out of Powell Bill for the cost of the right a way trimming of \$25,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Cover to add item (C) as a budget amendment to the consent agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Almond, motion carried (3-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to adopt the agenda along with the full and updated consent agenda which included the Financial Report and Minutes from Dec 17, regular meeting as well as Jan. 3, Called Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Cover, motion carried (3-0)

No one had signed up for public comment.

Code Officer Brandon Emory gave an update on properties in need of cleaning up and others that were new to his list and some that had been abated. Mayor asked the question of what will it take to legally hire someone and allow them to come in a get these properties back within our ordinances. Mr. Emory stated he has looked into that and we are close to being able to do so since doesn't look as if these properties are willing to do the work themselves, nor do they really have funding to pay any fines so that would truly be wasting time in doing that. The properties can be cleaned by the Town and they can hold a lien toward the property to get payment back.

Mr. Emory also gave a presentation to the Town on he has hired a Zoning/Planner and gave a description of what they could offer the town, since the Town was in the market for a new zoning/ planning option.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to accept Mr. Emory's trial offer through June 30,2019 to work on zoning and planning issues that arise in Town with hopes of signing on with him on a regular basis in the new physical year. Seconded by Commissioner Almond motion carried (3-0)

The Mayor had worked briefly on a newsletter type paper to keep the town citizens aware of upcoming and ongoing things in town. Commissioner Smith stated she would like to be part of writing and typing this up being communications is part of her liaison duties.

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to move forward with the letter and post them in various places such as , the bulletin, drug store, etc and allow folks to pick up instead of mailing those out. Seconded by Commissioner Cover, motion carried (3-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Cover to have meeting dates and time remain the same third Monday each Month at 6 pm at Town Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Almond motion carried (3-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to keep liaison positions as are current, Cover (public safety) Smith (recreation, communication), Reavis (streets and right of ways) Almond (planning and zoning). Seconded by Commissioner Cover, motion carried (3-0)

Commissioner Smith gave the board an update on the upcoming Grant Proposal Davie County is requesting, stating the request needed to be submitted by Feb 15, 2019 so a time was set to have any and all ideas to Commissioner Smith no later than Jan 25, 2019. Then her and the Mayor could get together Friday Feb. 1, 2019 to finalize the forms and get them ready to be submitted.

The board discussed options on current cellular phones, we have 2 plus 2 broadband terminals for police use. The phones themselves are older phones and have little to no value so there should be no concern with that. However cheaper plans are currently available with unlimited talking minutes something the currently doesn't have in a plan. Mayor said he would look to see what's out there and see we could see if perhaps cellular phones are even needed as most folks have one and most folks have unlimited talking minutes.

Mayor gave an update to the board and public the Senior Games are coming back to Cooleemee, April 30, 2019 at 8:00am to play Horseshoes at the pits and shelter below the Zachary House.

Mayor stated budget time is upon us and requested to liaisons to have budget request into the board by Friday April 12, 2019 and perhaps we could hold our first Budget workshop Monday April 15, 2019 after our regular meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Almond to adjourn, Seconded by Commissioner Smith motion carried (3-0)

Minutes of meeting 1 hr 38 min.

Mayor, Steve Corriher

Clerk, Shirley Jacobs