

**Regular Meeting**  
Town of Cooleemee  
November 19, 2018 6:00 pm  
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Steve Corriher, Commissioners: Don Cover, KC Smith, Jessica Almond, Andy Reavis and Clerk John Chandler

Mayor Steve Corriher called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Clerk Chandler

Pledge to the US Flag.

Visitors were welcomed.

Motion made by Commissioner Cover to adopt the agenda

Seconded by Commissioner Reavis

Vote was unanimous

The Mayor and Board made a special recognition to the Cooleemee Elementary School. Those attending from the school were the Principal Stone, instructional facilitator Kelly Myers, reading specialist Amy Oaks, assistant principal Cam Brown, teacher's assistant Kaci Corriher. Miss Payton Corriher read the letter the Board sent to the school. Attached to these minutes is the letter of congratulations that was sent to the school.

The Board welcomed the Town Auditors to make their annual financial report after the audit has been done. Auditor Eddie Carrick handed out a "cheat sheet" to the Board giving figures of increase and decrease at a glance. (copy attached to these minutes)

He stated we were above average for a town our size in the required amount needed in Fund Balance. He said they appreciate the accuracy of the books and hospitality.

Doug Arledge, Cooleemee Fire Department Chief present the Board with a Fire Department Report. He said they have 22 volunteers and 17 of those are certified. Much technical information was given. The volunteers must complete so many hours of training in order to be a part of the fire department. All equipment must meet standards. The Chief reported that having a fire department helped keep Home Owners insurance drastically. He said that about 95% of the time they have someone posted at the department 24 hours per day.

Brando Emory made his Code Enforcement Report and also introduced the Board with his new employee Anna. She will come to Cooleemee often. Brandon will also will continue to have hands on here. He highlighted a few of the violations that have been a great concern to Board and citizens.

The Board addressed the problem of the pine tree that was damaged in the past hurricane. Commissioner Reavis received a quote from Modern Tree in the amount of \$1,500 to take the tree down, remove all brush and grind out the stump.

Motion made by Commissioner Cover to hire Modern Tree to take down the tree and grind the stump.

Seconded by Commissioner Reavis

Vote was unanimous.

Discussion was continued on the Tree Trimming of the Right-of-Ways. Commissioner Reavis received a quote from Modern Tree in the amount of \$25,000.00 Commissioner Reavis had quoted \$18,600.00 previously.

Commissioner Almond opened discussion on the possibility of storing all the mulch that would be created and selling it to the citizens. Several options was discussed.

Road repairs was discussed. Commissioner Reavis reported a repair on Erwin St. should cost around \$ 3,000. and the one on Yadkin and Cross around \$ 5,000. He also said on the corner of Church and Cross there was needed repair on edge of road.

Commissioner Smith reported her quote received on the broken slide. This quote is from Global Ind. in the amount of \$854.47.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith to purchase the replacement slide.

Seconded by Commissioner Almond.

Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith offered discussion on the possibility of installing one or two swings near the cook shack.

The Board discussed the upcoming Christmas Parade, finalizing the event. Most everything is set except for a Grand Marshall. Commissioner Smith suggested Landon Spry to be the Grand Marshall. The Board thought this was a great idea.

At the December regular meeting the Board will host a reception. The Town Attorney will be invited to this meeting.

Commissioner Reavis said the State suggested that the speed bumps be installed after the snow plows have finished.

Motion made to adjourn by Commissioner Smith

Seconded by Commissioner Cover

Vote was unanimous

Meeting duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes

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Mayor, Steve Corriher

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Clerk, John Chandler