

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
April 19, 2021 6:00 pm
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Jessica Almond, Commissioners: Don Cover, Jeannie Taylor, and Commissioner Reavis, Town Clerk Aaron Thies, absent were Michael White, and Attorney Wendy Terry (excused by Mayor).

Mayor Jessica Almond called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Commissioner Cover

Pledge to the US Flag led by The Mayor

Visitors were welcomed.

Motion made by Commissioner Cover to additions or deletion to the agenda, to add update 8A Fire department updates and 8B Town Hall updates to the nightly agenda.
Seconded by Commissioner Reavis, motion carried (3-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adopt the agenda and the Consent Agenda along with the Financial Report and the Minutes from the March 15, 2021 regular meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner Taylor, motion carried (3-0)

No one signed up for Public Comment

Doug updated the board on his finding of grants for the town's police department to replace one of the current units. He said he been in touch with representative of the area at the state level about donations or funding at the state level.

In addition to the grant he also updated on few items of the fire department. He stated that they ran around 350 called last year with most of them being medical calls. They are currently testing the fire hydrants in the town and the annual ISO inspection is coming up. The current rating for the department is a 5.9.

Burn permits for the county and the town can be picked up at the fire department now.

Doug stated he has been in talk with the fire marshal office in regards to the old supermarket being used as storage. The supermarket is zone as business and not storage.

Aaron gave an update on what's been going on in town hall since taking over. First on the list was getting in touch with the bank to get updated signature cards in place. Aaron has been checking on replacing or switching to a new service for the police departments phone and hot spots for the cars. As of right now the best deal is with Yadtel with new iPhone and two updated hotspot with service being close to \$100 month and this would eliminate one of the monthly bills, as it will be added to current bill with Yadtel. Also be lowering the bill for the service by switching over. Reach out to NC DMV to get Nelson a new tag for his car and waiting to hear back. Once they reach out, the tag work can be done at Salisbury's DMV office.

Budget Amendment

Finance Office Aaron prepared a budget amendment for police department utilities and state retirement for town clerk for remaining 2020/2021 year.

The funds are coming from the contingency expense for total of \$2,500 being moved. \$1,500 will be move to finish out the state retirement for the year. \$1,000 will be moved to the police department utilities to offset the utilities they had over the last year and high gas bill increase.

Motion made by Commissioner Cover to accept the budget amendment as stated by the Mayor and prepared by the Finance Officer

Seconded by Commissioner Reavis, motion carried (3-0).

The Finance Officer had already begun preparing the 21/22 budget and had those printed off for board viewing. Steve was nice and gave reason behind each area as he had worked up the budget for the new year before Aaron started the job.

Governing Body which includes Town Board, Planning Board, Attorney, State Audit, and Elections will see an increase of about \$4700 mainly due to it being an election year.

Town Hall total budget looks to increase \$21,000 total mainly due to the combining of Salary, FICA, State Retirement, for Clerk/Finance/and Code Officer all into one item. Code Enforcement looks to decrease \$17,600 total due again to the combining of salaries etc.

Law Enforcement stayed just about the same as there was a slight overall decrease in their total budget.

Powell Bill again we simply budget for what comes in each year, then make budget amendments when they are need from the Powell Bill fund account.

Recreation will stay the same, Mulch will be required during the year.

Library funding according to our 3year 2019-2022 local agreement with Davie County each serves can go up as much as 3% each year so the \$205 increase will cover that if it is the case.

Contingency funds have been place inside the budget already to help not have budget amendment in the year. Steve added the fund to area that was close this year.

Reminders

Mayor Almond reminded everyone we will have the 4th of July parade on Monday July 5th this year

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Cover, motion carried (3-0)

60 minutes Meeting Time

Mayor, Jessica Almond

Clerk, Aaron Thies