

**Regular Meeting**  
Town of Cooleemee  
October 18, 2021 6:00 pm  
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Jessica Almond, Commissioners: Don Cover, Jeannie Taylor, Andy Reavis, Town Clerk Aaron Thies, Absent Commissioner Michael White Attorney Wendy Terry.

Mayor Jessica Almond called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Commissioner Cover

Pledge to the US Flag led by The Mayor

Visitors were welcomed.

Additions made to agenda. None

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adopt the agenda and the Consent Agenda along with the Financial Report and the Minutes from the Sept. 20, 2021 regular meeting & Oct. 4, 2021 Special Call meeting.

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

Public Comment: 2 sign up

Rebecca Harris Duke St.

Came to the board about the park. Said that there as kids was up at the park with drugs and cussing. Ms. Harris did say she went over the police department to talk to someone, but the officer that was at the PD was an Rowan Co. officer and told her he couldn't help here. Mayor Almond as if Chief Turrentine had a comment to address the issue. Chief stated that LT. Hill was working the weekend and that it was a busy weekend in the town. Chief and Mayor both said to call the PD phone number that it goes to the PD's cell phone or Chief even said to call 911.

Mike Spry Midway St.

Mr. Spry came to the board upset that he received a code violation for his rental property on Midway st. He stated that he felt embarrassed to received a violation and that it was cause of the Cooleemee firefighter renter he had in the house being sorry and not taking care of the property. Mayor Almond stated that if it wasn't taken care of when Aaron was doing a code enforcement round, it would be violation and that the violation was only a warning and not a fee issues at the time. It was to only make you aware that the property needed to be taken care of before a fee was issue. Mr. Spry also try to make comment about someone else property that received a violation and Mayor Almond quickly shut it down stating that we would not be talking about someone else violation with him. He then went on to say that he wanted to work with the town to turn his land that is the trailer park into something that could help bring jobs and revenue to the town. Mayor Almond suggested to talk to the economic director for Davie Co. to see if his land could be used for any new business looking to move to the Davie Co. area.

## Updates:

Aaron gave an update on town hall. Went over some of the revenue that has come in so far for the month of Sept. since the town had collected most of the yearly revenue planed for. Also found the issue with the bank and the books being off by \$50.00. Aaron also said that the state had lost July and Aug. tax withholding payments and the notice was sent out week before the meeting. Was able to find previous fall clean up contactor to see if he would be interested in doing the clean up again but no response. Issues three permits for signs or buildings. Aaron said that he retype the handbook as there was not a copy on the computer and place in better flowing order. Replace a few boards on the front porch that was rotten out and had a light replace in the PD living room area. Aaron said that him and the mayor attended the grand opening of DK Lavish in the shopping center. Town had a fire inspection from the county fire marshal office. The town hall office was good, and the PD only need to add 2 fire extinguisher and get one service and get another surge protector. Carolina Fire System was conacted to come out and check out the extinguishers. Far as the House itself they were going to contact CHA about their side.

Aaron gave an update to the code for the town. Started off by saying that code had slowed down since the season has started to change and not as many yards were in violations. The empty lot on 801 next to the Dollar General falls under a stricter code since it's actually listed as highway business. The zoning ordinance states that the lot must have trees cut back and grass cannot get over the 10 in. Tax lien was paid off for house located on Watt St (\$450.00) that has been grown up and a new tax lien for property on the lower half of Davie St (\$3000.00) was sent off.

## Old Business:

### New Business:

Addison Davis President of River Park at Cooleemee Falls came to the board to get approval to build a gate house at the entrance of the park. Mr. Davis told the board of a successful year the park had with the start of collecting admission and how a gate house would make the operation run smooth rather than using a pop up tent. He stated that the funding to build the gate house was funded by the Rowan Co. Commissioners. Mr. Davis did state that he hopes to see a increase in visitors next year when park fully opens back up.

~Motion made by Commissioner Cover to approve the request for the permission to build a gate house on town property,

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

Mayor Almond asked if a type up latter and sign by her would be find and Mr. Davis said it would be fine. Aaron would type up a letter and get it singed and sent over.

Chief Turrentine went to Sheriff Hartman before Mocksville PD closed to see if he had any cars he be willing to let go and he set aside two cars for Cooleemee 2013 & 2016 Dodge Chargers. Aaron did the reach on cost and where the funds are to pay for the cars taxes and insurance. Aaron put together a small power point to show the break down for the cars. Aaron stated that all numbers were estimates Nov 1 and could change pending switch over. Before pro rates

coming into play looking round \$1,519.18 but with pro rates of what is already paid the insurance will go down. Tag and taxes for the cars are \$635.80. Aaron said no way around the amount of tag and taxes. The budget was for \$1,200.00 and only used \$1,053.31 leaving \$146.69 that can be used to cover the amounts of the new cars. With the end date set for Nov. 1 on the old ones and new one start date looking at a in \$181.18 needed total for the insurance with prorates. Aaron said we would need at least \$1,000 to be on the safe side for taxes titles tag and insurance fees. Once Aaron was finished with the financial side, Chief explained how the cars current are not police packaged cars that are not equipped with what is truly needed for the guys to perform their duties to the fullest. Aaron told the board that this was a 3 motion requirement, one for the cars, one for the funds, and last the selling of the old cars.

~Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to accept the 2013 & 2016 Dodge Charges from Davie Co. Sheriff to replace the 2007 & 2008 Dodge Charges.

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

~Motion made by Commissioner Cover to use up to \$2,000 from Nelsons calendar funds to cover cost to get the 2013 & 2016 Dodge Charges fees cover .

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

~Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to put the 2007 & 2008 Dodge Charges up to seal bids for a 2 weeks time period once cars are ready to be sold.

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

With the out dated alarm that CHA had installed in 1994 Aaron looked into updating the alarm system and splitting the cost with CHA and adding to the off on one system. Alarm Quest is the current system in the house and Yadtel was also checked on. Alarm Quest came back with \$1,996.71 to add and update the current system. Yadtel(Zirrus) came back with \$1,986.05 for the system they would install. With the extra money not in the budget the board decided to forgo installing a new system and splitting the cost. CHA will pay for the alarm on their side and can pay to update if they wish to.

Aaron said with Christmas coming up it was time to set the date for this year's parade. First was the talk of Saturday after Thanksgiving by Commissioner Reavis, but the Mayor Almond said she be out of town. Then Nov 20th was mention and Commissioner Taylor felt that was to early. Aaron inform the board that Mocksville was Dec. 4th and Advance was Dec. 11th so why not do Dec. 18 to have a parade every Saturday in the county leading up to Christmas the next Saturday. Board like the date of Dec. 18th for the date now it was set the time. Mayor Almond said the 4:00 start time was late to do the pictures with Santa afterwards. The Board came up with Dec. 18th at 2:00 pm for the 2021 Christmas parade as the final.

Reminders:

Aaron said that Oct 31st at 5:00pm the town hall trick or treat. Candy had be purchased.

Board comments:

Motion made by Commissioner Cover to adjourn the meeting.

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

96 minutes Meeting Time

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**Mayor, Jessica Almond**

**Clerk, Aaron Thies**