

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
November 15, 2021 6:00 pm
Minutes

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

Motion was made by to add Commissioner Cover E) Town Attorney to new business.
Seconded by Commissioner Reavis, motion carried (4-0)

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adopt the agenda and the Consent Agenda along with the Financial Report and the Minutes from the Oct. 18, 2021 regular meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner Cover, motion carried (4-0)

Public Comment: 1 sign up

Carolyn Overcash of Davie St.

Mrs. Overcash came to the board to talk about the issues her and her husband has at the election. Her main reason was about the sign for the election. She was asking if the town could place a sign up on 801 at Midway saying voting this way pointing to Midway st. Mayor Almond thanked Mrs. Overcash for telling her concern to the town board and said the board would talk about it at a later time about getting a sign for the area.

Updates:

Town Clerk Aaron gave an update on town hall and code over the last month. The river park found out that a right away is listed in Rowan Co. that is going from the gate down to the river. That is currently the hold up on the gate house. River park is also returning to hybrid meeting. Aaron stated that by spring Main st will start seeing lot construction traffic with the start of the new Cooleemee water treatment plant. Once the job is completed Main St will get resurface. The park bathroom are back working now after find items in the line. Powell Bill is officially completed and approved by the state. The new to the town cop cars are officially in the town's now. Far as code its very slow with a few fence violations.

Old Business:

New Business:

Aaron went over the election status and any updates as of 11/15/21. He said that there was a hearing on Monday Nov. 8th to talk about the protest with the Cooleemee election. They found the reason to have a court recoded hearing on Nov. 16th at 6:00pm to determent the actions need to finalize the town's election.

Commissioner Reavis asked that we go over the speed bumps for Hickory st. After looking at the area he told the board that two were needed for Hickory St and one for Neely Rd at Hickory st where the basketball court is. Also replace the one on the section of Davie St that is starting to come apart. In all four speed bumps would be needed. Aaron had found four different place that the speed bumps could have come from in the past. Mayor Almond asked if this would fall under the Powell Bill and both Aaron and Reavis said yes. After looking at the four print outs, Commissioner Reavis said that the Tree Top Productions are like the ones on Duke St. Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to spend up to \$1,600 of Powell Bill fund on four speed bump with two going to Hickory St, one going at the basketball court on Neely Rd and to replace one on Davie St.

Seconded by Commissioner Cover, motion carried (4-0)

The police department started the year off not wanting to work right. Aaron already had Barnette out to take a look. Aaron and Mayor Almond had talked about just getting the unit replace altogether but then Aaron found that money was stuck in area that wasn't used and decreased from the Capital Outlay Building to \$5,000. \$2,000 was placed in the Rec. Special Program.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to move \$2,000 form 10-600-50 Rec. Special Program to 10-510-75 Capital Outlay Building returning to \$7,000.

Seconded by Commissioner Taylor, motion carried (4-0)

Talk was then how may estimates was needed. Commissioner Reavis said go with two Barnette and Thermal Technology

Motion made by Commissioner Cover to replace the heat and air unit on the police dept. with a cap of \$7,000.

Seconded by Commissioner Taylor, motion carried (4-0)

Aaron started off by saying he wants to get meeting and event set before the next year started and found some issues with holidays and meetings. Mayor Almond said we go over the year then do one motion after finished to set all dates. The board agreed on waiting and doing one motion.

Aaron then started going over the calandar.

Jan. meeting fell on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and town hall close.

June was the next issue with monthly meeting and the new Juneteenth Holiday what would we do as far as town and Attorney Wendy Terry stated that it's a federal holiday we should observed a normal federal holiday.

Aaron Stated with how payroll is ran on Thursday normal but for the last one of June it be ran on Wednesday June 29th as the amount of extra reports due on last day of the fiscal year June 30th and the board understood.

July 4th parade would be at 10:00 on Monday the 4th.

Asked if 5:00pm on Halloween worked to do town hall candy again.

Last is to do the Christmas parade same as this year, the weekend before Christmas on Dec. 17th at 2:00 pm.

Commissioner White pointed out that Aaron forgot about the Easter egg hunt. Mayor Almond asked Chief Turrentine wife since she at the meeting when the church was doing their egg hunt, and stated they would be on vacation so she wasn't sure who would be doing it next year. Mayor Almond said it was normal at 10:00 am Saturday of Easter.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to move
Jan monthly meeting up a week to Jan 10th,
Easter egg hunt be Saturday April 16th at 10:00am,
Move June monthly meeting up a week to June 13th,
Close town hall June 20th for Juneteenth day and give Lt. Hill another paid holiday,
July 4th of July parade be at 10:00 am on Monday the 4th,
Town Hall Halloween be on the 31st at 5:00pm,
Cooleemee Christmas parade be Dec. 17th at 2:00 pm
Seconded by Commissioner White, motion carried (4-0)

Earlier on the Nov 15 (day of meeting) Attorney Wendy Terry called and talked to Aaron about few things and one was being that the contact for her service was out said Mayor Almond and Aaron both. Aaron ask if the amount as going to stay the same or go up, and she said she was going to keep the same rate for the town like the last contact before leaving.

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to keep Attorney Wendy Terry as the town attorney.
Seconded by Commissioner Reavis, motion carried (4-0)

Reminders:

Christmas parade is Dec. 18th at 2:00 pm and candy cane as in the office.

Board comments:

Commissioner Reavis said that there was a grant that Davie Co. Public Works to replace a good amount of the old water lines in the town.

Also said that two stop signs alone Cross st are gone or damaged. Aaron said he check the shed to see if we had any on hand to replace and would let Commissioner Reavis know.

Mayor Almond said that we swore in a new office on Nov. 11th

Chief Turrentine ended the night on a sad night. After three years as chief for the town I'm going home. 12/30/21 I'm resigning from the position as chief of police.

Motion made by Commissioner Reavis to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner Cover, motion carried (4-0)

60 minutes Meeting Time

Mayor, Jessica Almond

Clerk, Aaron Thies