

Regular Meeting
Town of Cooleemee
March 21, 2022 6:00 pm
Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Jessica Almond, Commissioners: Almond, Taylor, Reavis, Town Clerk Aaron Thies, Attorney Wendy Terry Absent Commissioner White

Mayor Jessica Almond called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Commissioner Reavis

Pledge to the US Flag led by The Mayor

Visitors were welcomed.

Motion to adopt agenda and consent agenda of financial report and Feb 21st. monthly meeting, and Special call March 8th meeting minutes by Commissioner Almond Second by Commissioner Reavis Favor 3-0

Public comments

Updates

Police updates - Act Chief Shuping just stated he was working to get everything for new coming chief set up. Also asked when the set group could meet to go over the fire ordinance from the county.

Town hall - Aaron gave a quick update on town hall. First off told board that the agenda format had been changed to include a close section of meeting if needed or not. ARAP reporting starts in April and been getting all the information together to report. The ad of the upcoming newspaper was pasted around. Also the bathrooms at the park are reopen. Total of 64 code violations have been sent out with 87% of them dealing with trash cans.

Old Business

Aaron stated that three bids were submitted to for the charger. Aaron opened each bid and read the date, time, and the amount of each bid. Highest bid was \$1200.00.

New Business

Aaron present the audit contract for the 21/22 year. Aaron said that it was the same contract as before just different dates. No increase in fees to perform the audit.

Motion to approve the 21/22 audit by Eddie Carrick CPA made by Commissioner Reavis Second by Commissioner Almond (3-0)

Mayor Almond asked Johnny Lambert of Davie Co. Public Work and David Snider with Professional Property Service to speak on the requested easement. Mr. Lambert thank the board for chance to talk with them. He gave some brief detail about the water plant status and the why they needed the easement. Attorney Wendy Terry asked how they come up with the amount that they pay out for the easements. Mr. Lambert said it was a calculation of a percentage of the land tax value. Wendy said we would talk more in a close section.

Aaron then presented an idea to the board to do an equipment loan out during the summer at the last monthly meeting. The revise copy was presented to the board. Aaron said the deposit amount is left to voted on by the board. Mayor Almond asked if a log book would be set up and Aaron said yes. This will help keep track of who has rented items and not returned items not allowing them to rent again. Commissioner Almond ask what would be a good flat deposit that \$10.00 see high but needs to be a even rate. Commissioner Taylor said why not just do \$5.00. Motion was made to approve the Cooleemee Rec. Equipment loan agreement with a deposit of \$5.00 by Commissioner Reavis
Second by Commissioner Almond (3-0)

Aaron gave a breakdown of the 2022/2023 budget as of March. During the reading of the revenue Aaron did say that the tax collection for the upcoming year was an estimation at this time and that two new revenues were added with one splitting up zoning fees. Also the citation fees had been increased. Then a breakdown of east department was read over. Aaron said that he would let chief look over the police department budget once he's on board. One item Aaron said he left blank was the newsletter section since it really hasn't been used over the last two years. Commissioner Almond asked what that would be used for and Mayor Almond and Commissioner Reavis explain. Commissioner Reavis said to add round \$200.00 to \$250 as a pack up for the printer expense with printing flyers for events. The board like that idea. After each section Aaron asked if anyone had questions. Aaron finished with saying we do have a contingent section back in this budget.

Motion to enter close section at 6:55 pm by Commissioner Reavis
Second by Commissioner Taylor 3-0

Motion to end close section at 7:15 by Commissioner Almond
Second by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

Motion to end meeting at 7:26 by Commissioner Reavis
Second by Commissioner Taylor 3-0

1 hour 22 minutes Meeting Time

Mayor, Jessica Almond

Clerk, Aaron Thies

