

Regular Meeting

Town of Cooleemee

OCT 17, 2022 6:00 pm

Minutes

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

Mayor Jessica Almond called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Commissioner Reavis

Pledge to the US Flag led by The Mayor

Visitors are welcomed.

Motion to add Police department roof and town's mowing contract to news business as e & f.
Commissioner Reavis Second by Commissioner Almond Favor 4-0

Motion to adopt agenda and consent agenda of the financial report and Sept 19th meeting by
Commissioner Reavis Second by Commissioner Taylor Favor 4-0

Public comments:3

Hellen Daywalt came to address the dogs that are barking in her neighborhood and being left out tethered up. She was wanting to know what else the town could do to handle the issue going on.

Sue Correll came to the board in questioning the rumor that the land next to the Dollar General is now going to have apartments built on there and feels like that's not allowed. Second, she feels that the mule that is riding around town shouldn't be allowed that Aaron said was ok and that President Trump allowed it to happen.

Mayor Almond asked Aaron if he wanted to address either item. Aaron said the apartment part was on his list to talk about in the town hall updates and far as the mule goes Aaron said it was a ruling that Governor Cooper signed in to allow them on the road long as it was street legal and Aaron ask Chief Poteat if he had anything to add to the matter.

Chief Poteat said long as it was street legal it was good and nothing wrong with it.

David Jordan came to the board to see if the town would be interested in taking control over the Civitan's building and land if they would fold. He said they are trying to get an action plan together if something would to happen. Also, he invited the board to come to the 11/7/22 meeting thanksgiving dinner and for Mayor Almond to speak about what's going on in the town.

Mayor Almond said that we be in talks on the plan of the building and land if something would happen. Also, thank David for the invite to the meeting and dinner.

Updates

Police: Chief Poteat gave an update on the department. GovDeals is up and running and items are selling. Cars are fully up to date with our requirements. Signs need to be purchased that have

phase no 3 axles or more allowed on street. Also been in talked with Jockey to let the driver know they need to follow the double yellow roads in town.

Town Hall: Aaron gave an update on the town hall's general business. The interest of \$13.00 on the ARAP money is not restricted funds. The audit is approved by the state. Powell bill first half came in at \$14,889.49. Issues with some people trying to live in the bathroom were taken care of. Flags are removed and new ones are ordered after being damaged in the tropical storm.

Took advantage of the sale of some items at Dollar General and got water balloons at a decent price to have for next year's 4th of July. Thank a vet starts on 11/1 at the register of deeds office, Davie county health and human service are having an opioid crisis event on 11/15, and 4-H of Davie Co. has started a new club that is based at the river park. Leaf pick-up starts 11/1.

Code update: Calls on dogs have been on a rise in the office all over the town. Building installed on Marginal st. did not have a building permit with the town.

Apartments next to Dollar General are allowed under the code zoning for the area. The new owner is wanting to split off the old journal from the main property to do other needs out of the building like air BnB or rental property.

River Park: The mule is still missing and still not gatehouse.

Old Business

Aaron provided an update on the new play set since the old one is now gone. Been about a month and still not at the warehouse looking like could be around thanksgiving time frame to the first part of December. The cost of the other two sets is in and they are \$15,181.95 and \$6,868.93 for those. The guy with New World Playgrounds said to hold off on placing the order for the two smaller sets so wouldn't interfere with the one already ordered. Commissioner Reavis said he still working on quotes for tree removal in the park.

New Business

Mayor Almond stated that there had been some issues with the pathway from Joyner St to the shopping center where people ride their golf carts over. The property owner is blocking the path and Aaron added that some people have been calling the office saying they are being yelled at wanting to know what to do. Mayor Almond address the board that she would like the area survey to have the property lines known and maybe have the road replaced to the shopping center like it once was. Aaron said that the survey can fall under Powell bill if we go will reinstalling the road into the system.

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to have the land at Cross st & Joyner St to the shopping center surveyed for better understanding of right of way. Second by Commissioner White 4-0

Aaron said that at the last meeting with the other towns and the county the topic of a paving agreement came up the three towns worked together on the same base contract with a paving service.

The idea is to try and get a lower rate and someone to commit to paving in the town limits. Questions Mocksville town manager had was how much 2023 linear feet or square feet needed paved. Also, the splitting of the deal such as Mocksville 60%, Bermuda Run 30%, and Cooleemee 10% needs to be paved. Commissioner Reavis and Aaron both said the two areas needing paving next would be the end of Cross st from Main st to the end and Westview Ave.

Aaron said it didn't see any benefit for the town based on the amount the town needed paved. All board members were on the same page about it best Cooleemee handles their paving.

Also while at the meeting the topic of All American City came up but instead it has the county. The current County Manger has already been part of an All American County in the past. Mocksville was going to apply but thought he would offer it to be a full county involvement. The theme for 2023 is focused on youth involvement in the community. Aaron said this would get the spotlight on the county as a whole for its involvement with youth in the area. Aaron requested that commissioner Taylor help with the project, and she said that she is good to help. Motion by Commissioner Reavis to be a part of the All American City project. Second by Commissioner White 4-0

Aaron presents to the board a request by Jimmy R. Lynch & Son, Inc which is in the running for the water plant in town to use the town land for storage. They are wanting to cut all the trees down but a line that will divide the houses on Main St. and the storage area. After the project is complete they would replant the land in grass and grade it down. Aaron said that the land in question is listed as Hill Top Park on the national historical registry when the town was placed on the registry. The land is also deeded as the Town of Cooleemee(Riverpark) for use of the growth to the Davie Co. side of the park. The land is tied up in the original NC Park & Rec. grant the town received back in early 2000 that a state park must remain a park for up to "X" amount of years. One of the issues is items stored in the area could harm the land or get into the river in the runoff. Commissioner Taylor quickly said no to the request as well Commissioner Reavis & White. Commissioner Almond said that any harm they do to the land they would be held responsible for any cleanup, not the town. Motion to deny the request by Commissioner Taylor Second by Commissioner White Vote 3-1 With Commissioner Almond voting against the motion.

Aaron said in the packet you will find quotes for roof repair in the front room of the police department. Questions coming from the board included warranty on quotes that were missing and ones that have additional charges that may occur if more damage is found. Board decided to table roof replacement till the November meeting.

The last new business is the town mowing contact.

During the audit, the question of posting and getting quotes for the town's mowing took place during the last fiscal year. Aaron said that it's not been posted since taking over the office. Areas to be covered are 2 properties on Riverside Dr. basketball court at Hickory St., end Watt and 801, along the road on Davie st. and the grounds of the Zachary House. \$1,000,000.00 insurance policy is required.

The next question is whether to keep mowing and leaf together or split it out. Commissioner Reavis said to split it up so that if someone doesn't have the equipment to pick up leaves can still bid on the mowing part. Aaron said since we are in leaf season and it last till mid-January that February is the best starting point. Commissioners agree to start in February and run till the end of January.

Motion to post the town's mowing and award in January made by Commissioner Taylor. Second by Commissioner Almond 4-0.

Before going into the close session reminder of Halloween on Halloween night starting at 5 pm and the Christmas parade is on December 17th at 2 pm

Motion to inter close section at 7:19 by Commissioner Reavis
Second by Commissioner White

Motion to end close section at 7:36 by Commissioner Almond
Second by Commissioner Reavis

Motion to renew attorney contract by Commissioner Reavis
Second by Commissioner White 4-0

Motion to end meeting at 7:45 by Commissioner Almond
Second by Commissioner Reavis 4-0

1 hour 45 minutes Meeting Time

Mayor, Jessica Almond

Clerk, Aaron Thies