

Regular Meeting

Town of Cooleemee

Sept 19, 2022 6:00 pm

Minutes

In attendance were Mayor Jessica Almond, Commissioners: Almond, Taylor, Reavis, White Town Clerk Aaron Thies, Absent Attorney Wendy Terry & Commissioners 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 the financial report and Aug 15th meeting and special call Aug 31st. by Commissioner Reavis Second by Commissioner Taylor Favor 3-0

Public comments:

David Carroll came to the meeting to give some information on the service the LMT is providing to the town resident that doesn't have a car. The service is run out of The Bridge and will take people to Mocksville and doctor's appointments. They recently switch over to more gas-saving cars to be able to better afford the cost of taking people where they need to go.

Sue Correll came to the board to tell them about an upcoming event with ems and stated she was still waiting on a call.

Updates

Old Business

Aaron said the new set is ordered and has a turnaround time of 8 to 10 weeks.

Mayor Almond present to the board the idea to add two more play sets with the ARAP funds that fix to other age groups. Aaron had printed out a few sets that could be added to the playground area. Mayor Almond pointed out the two she felt would best serve the playground without adding another set with similar items.

The board agreed with two the mayor on the two she picked out.

Motion to use ARAP funding to purchase the Asheville and Happy Hollow play set to add to the playground by Commissioner Taylor Second by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

The next topic in the playground is mulch and Mayor Almond asked Commissioner Reavis if he received any more quotes for the mulch. Commissioner Reavis said he didn't have any more quotes but did talk to the O'Neals and said they would be interested they thought the town was wanting it next month is why originally didn't do a quote. At the same time, Commissioner Reavis said he had talked to the pallets company on Needmore Rd and they would donate 200 yards just to have to pay to have it spread out after delivery. We can get an addition at a discounted cost if more is needed. Mayor Almond said since this is on the table we need quotes to spread the mulch out.

Commissioner Reavis said he would work on getting quotes to spread the mulch.

Commissioner Reavis said something about removing the hickory tree in the middle of the park for the safety of the equipment. All board members agree that the removal of the tree would be safe for the park.

Commissioner Reavis said he would look at quotes for the tree as well.

New Business

Aaron went over the findings from the recent audit. A rundown of the 12 red flags changes was given such as an increase in FICA and state retirement, to issues with the check Davie Co. sent in error. Other items were the increase in code enforcement revenue to the decrease of money in the actual code enforcement section. Another issue found is that the recent gift of two cop cars from the county had to be counted as revenue to the town.

When it comes to the capital outlay the only way it falls under outlay is if it's new. All the work for the cop cars was outlay but stuff like the replacement of the HVAC unit in the police department would be just regular building maintenance. Aaron requested a motion to add line items where capital outlay is located and move 75% of the funds over to the line in a budget amendment.

Motion to create new line items and move the fund to new line items by Commissioner Reavis.
Second by Commissioner Taylor 3-0

Aaron presented a request from Jordan Grant on the vacant lot on Ruffin st at Halifax Lane. split into two lots for the current owner to build two new houses. In the attached documents Aaron said you see the email requesting more details for the land usage. Also are the minimum requirements for lots. Ruffin st. is R-S with 10,000sq.ft lot area and width of 70ft. with the minimum yard requirement. The plat map shows the lot being divided and meeting the requirements.

Motion to divide lot on Ruffin st into two lots by Commissioner Almond
Second by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

Motion to inter close section at 7:14by Commissioner Almond
Second by Commissioner Taylor

Motion to end close section at 7:34 by Commissioner Reavis
Second by Commissioner Almond

Motion to approve add and posting for full-time and part-time by Commissioner Almond
Second by Commissioner Reavis 3-0

Motion to end meeting at 7:56 by Commissioner Reavis
Second by Commissioner Taylor 3-0

1 hour 56 minutes Meeting Time

Mayor, Jessica Almond

Clerk, Aaron Thies

Close

Chief Poteat presented the ad to the board for approval to hire new full-time and new part-time officers. A quick rundown of the ad gives details about the job needs and what you get as a full time. Commissioner Reavis and Commissioner Almond had both been looking over the budget to confirm that money was in the budget to cover the increase before the meeting. Aaron confirm that the money is in the budget for all other items such as state retirement and 401k.